

## NEWS IN BRIEF

CENTRE RECEIVES  
AIR FORCEPROPOSAL TO BUY  
114 'MADE IN  
INDIA' RAFALE  
JETS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Defence Ministry has received and started discussions on the proposal from the Indian Air Force for acquiring 114 'Made in India' Rafale fighter jets, which would be built by the French firm Dassault Aviation involving Indian aerospace firms. The proposal, expected to be worth over Rs 2 lakh crore, including the indigenous content of more than 60 per cent, is expected to be taken up for discussion by the Defence Procurement Board headed by the Defence Secretary in the next few weeks. The defence project, once completed, would be the biggest ever defence deal to have been signed by the Indian government.

"The Statement of Case (SoC) or the proposal for the 114 Rafale jets prepared by the Indian Air Force was received by the Defence Ministry a few days ago and is under consideration of the different wings under it, including Defence Finance.

"STOOPING TO  
NEW LOWS": BJP  
ON AI VIDEO OF  
PM'S MOTHER,  
CONGRESS

**DOUBLES DOWN**  
**Diary Times Desk :** As the controversy over the AI video on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother snowballed on Friday, the Congress doubled down, saying nobody had been disrespected and the video was about a parent educating her child. "It is the duty of parents to educate their children. She (PM Modi's late mother Heeraben Modi) is only educating her child and if the child thinks that it is disrespectful towards him, it is his headache," Congress leader Pawan Khera said.

Mr Khera's comments came after the BJP alleged that the video posted by the Bihar Congress on X, which shows an AI likeness of Heeraben Modi criticising PM Modi for using her to get votes, was an insult to all women and that the Congress is stooping to new lows. BJP spokesperson Syed Shahnawaz Hussain pointed out that expletives had been used against PM Modi and Heeraben Modi.

THE VISIT OF THE  
HONOURABLE PRIME  
MINISTERPM MODI IN MANIPUR TOMORROW IN FIRST VISIT  
SINCE UNREST

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Manipur on Saturday for his first visit since ethnic violence broke out in the state in May 2023, the state's chief secretary has confirmed.

The visit had been speculated for several days, but there had been no official announcement until now. Addressing reporters on Friday afternoon, Manipur Chief Secretary Puneet Kumar Goel said PM Modi would arrive in Churachandpur district from Aizawl in Mizoram around 12.30 pm, interact with people who were displaced by the clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities, lay the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 7,300 crore which would be taken up across the state and address a gathering at the Peace Ground.

The choice of Churachandpur is significant because the district was among the worst hit by the violence, which claimed at least 260 lives and left thousands displaced. PM Modi will also be the first Prime Minister - after Rajiv Gandhi in 1988 - to visit Churachandpur in nearly four decades.

C P RADHAKRISHNAN TAKES OATH AS 15TH VICE PRESIDENT  
OF INDIA

**Diary Times Desk :** Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan on Friday took oath as the 15th Vice President of India at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Radhakrishnan in the presence of senior government officials and dignitaries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Vice-Presidents Jagdeep Dhankhar and Venkaiah Naidu, former President Ram Nath Kovind, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and others were present during the oath taking ceremony.

Radhakrishnan, the NDA nominee, was elected as the Vice President on September 9, after he secured 452 votes in comparison to Opposition candidate and former Supreme Court judge B. Sudershan Reddy, who received 300 votes.

Announcing the result, Rajya Sabha Secretary General and Returning Officer PC Mody said that 767 out of 781 MPs cast their votes, recording a turnout of 98.2 per cent. Of these, 752 ballots were valid and 15 were invalid, lowering the required majority of first preference votes to 377.

The tipping point, the sources said, came when Mr Dhankhar refused to align with the government's stand on the impeachment of Justice Yashwant Varma.

ADANI GROUP'S COAL MINE  
CONTROVERSY SPARKS ALLEGATIONS  
OF RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN MADHYA  
PRADESH

**Diary Times Desk :** Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has recently leveled severe allegations against the Adani Group, accusing them of beginning deforestation activities on government and forest land in Madhya Pradesh for a coal mining project. Ramesh claims these actions violate the Forest Rights Act, stirring controversy over legal clearances. The former Environment Minister pointed out that the project in the Dhirauli area allegedly commenced without Stage-II forest clearance, thereby disregarding the rights of local tribal communities. He underlined the lack of consultations with Gram Sabhas, which are mandated by the Panchayats (Extension To The Scheduled Areas) Act. While Madhya Pradesh's government dismissed these accusations, referring to complete compliance with required environmental approvals, tribal protests have intensified. They argue that the project wasn't approved by local governing bodies, raising concerns about the potential impact on livelihood and sacred lands. "In Dhirauli, Madhya Pradesh, Modani has begun cutting trees on government and forest land for its coal mine - without Stage-II forest clearance and in blatant violation of FRA, 2006 & PESA, 1996. Villagers, mostly Scheduled Tribe communities and even a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), are rightly protesting," he said.

DELHI RIOTS: SC DEFERS BAIL PLEAS OF UMAR  
KHALID, SHARJEEL IMAM, GULFISHA TO  
SEPTEMBER 19

**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court on Friday adjourned to September 19 bail pleas of Sharjeel Imam, Umar Khalid and seven others in the UAPA case related to the alleged conspiracy behind the February 2020 riots in the national capital.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria said it received the files very late.

The top court bench, thereby fixed the bail pleas of Imam, Khalid and seven others -- Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa Ur Rehman, Athar Khan, Meeran Haider, Shadab Ahmed, Abdul Khalid Saifi and Gulfisha Fatima -- for hearing to September 19, Friday.

On September 6, the former JNU student, Sharjeel Imam, moved the SC, after the Delhi High Court rejected his bail plea on September 2.

Those who faced bail rejection include Khalid, Imam, Fatima, Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa Ur Rehman, Athar Khan, Meeran Haider, Abdul Khalid Saifi and Shadab Ahmed.

Similarly, the former JNU student Umar Khalid on September 10, Wednesday, approached the Supreme Court challenging Delhi High Court's order rejecting him bail under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act case related to the alleged criminal conspiracy in the February 2020 riots in the national capital. According to the prosecution, Delhi Police had booked Imam under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). On January 28, 2020, he was arrested by the Delhi Police's Crime Branch from Bihar's Jehanabad in a sedition case for allegedly making inflammatory speeches in the Jamia Millia Islamia University and Aligarh Muslim University.

## FIRE CRACKERS IN DELHI-NCR

'CAN'T HAVE POLICY JUST  
FOR ELITE DELHI': CHIEF  
JUSTICE ON POLLUTION,  
CRACKERS

**Diary Times Desk :** A policy to curb pollution cannot exist only for Delhi, just because they are the "elite citizens of the country", the Supreme Court remarked on Friday.

"If the cities of NCR (National Capital Region) have the right to clean air, then why don't the people of other cities? Whatever policy is there, it should be at the pan-India level. We cannot make a policy only for Delhi just because they are the elite class of the country," Chief Justice of India BR Gavai said.

The top court made the remarks while hearing a plea against its April 3 order that banned the sale, storage, transportation and manufacture of fire crackers in Delhi-NCR region.

"I went to Amritsar last winter and the pollution there was worse than Delhi. If firecrackers are to be banned, then it should be in the whole country," the Chief Justice said.

During the hearing, senior advocate Aparajita Singh, the amicus curiae in the Delhi pollution case, said "the elite class takes care of itself." "Whenever there is pollution, they move out of Delhi," she said.

In April, a top court bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said a large section of the population worked on streets and was the worst affected by pollution. Not everybody can afford an air purifier at their residence or place of work to fight pollution, the bench said.

"Several orders passed by this court during the last six months bring on the record the horrible situation with which prevailed in Delhi due to very high levels of air pollution...Right to health is an essential part of Article 21 of the constitution so is the Right to live in a pollution free atmosphere," it said.

UP BUS CARRYING ANDHRA  
PILGRIMS 'ATTACKED' NEAR  
KATHMANDU AMID NEPAL  
UNREST; SEVERAL INJURED

**Diary Times Desk :** An Indian tourist bus from Uttar Pradesh, carrying pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh returning from the Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu was allegedly attacked by protesters amid the ongoing unrest in Nepal, leaving several passengers injured, the bus driver has claimed.

The alleged incident took place on September 9 near Sonauli on the India-Nepal border, when the agitators targeted the bus carrying 49 Indians.

According to the driver, the protestors looted the passengers and attacked them leaving over half a dozen passengers injured. They took advantage of the ongoing protests and unrest in the Himalayan state, prompting heightened security along the seven border districts of UP including Maharajganj, Pilibhit, Shravasti, Balrampur, Bahraich, Siddharthnagar and Lakhimpur Kheri.

Stones were reportedly pelted, shattering windows and injuring passengers, including women and the aged, the driver claimed.

## RJD LEADER TEJASHWI TO EMBARK ON FIVE-DAY 'BIHAR ADHIKAR YATRA' FROM JEHANABAD BEGINNING SEPT. 16

**Diary Times Desk :** Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav will embark on a five-day 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra' from Jehanabad district from September 16. It will conclude in Vaishali district, stated to be the 'cradle of democracy', on September 20. RJD principal general secretary Ranvijay Sahu issued a letter to all district party presidents, former candidates of assembly and Lok Sabha elections and other functionaries on Friday, asking them to make the Yatra a grand success. Party MPs and legislators have also been asked to attend the tour. Sahu also asked the leaders of the party to apprise people of the main objective behind the Yatra ahead of elections. He said that Tejashwi's tour will primarily focus on districts that remained untouched during the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' launched by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and allies of the INDIA bloc. The Voter Adhikar Yatra, which kick-started on August 17 from Sasaram in Rohtas district, concluded in Patna on September 1. The Voter Adhikar Yatra was launched to protest the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls ahead of assembly elections due in October-November. According to RJD sources, Tejashwi's 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra' will traverse through 10 districts, including Jehanabad, Nalanda, Patna, Begusarai, Khagaria, Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura, Vaishali, and Samastipur.

He said that the Yatra will enthuse workers and leaders of RJD before the assembly election in the state.

## AN ENGINEERING MARVEL: NEWLY BUILT BAIRABI-SAIRANG RAILWAY LINE SET TO BECOME MIZORAM'S GATEWAY TO GROWTH

**Diary Times Desk :** When a two-coach special train carrying railway officials arrived at the newly built platform near Sairang, 85-year-old Satwna stood motionless with his eyes fixed on the gleaming train that had just rolled in. His wrinkled hands trembled in excitement as he touched the metallic surface of the vistadome coach. For the first time in his life, the octogenarian from nearby Darlawng village who spent his entire lifetime in the hills of Mizoram had a glimpse of a train. "I had heard about trains, but never thought that I would be able to see one rolling on my land. My dream came true," he said in the local Lushai language softly. Satwna has never been to any place outside Mizoram. He hoped people of his area could now easily move out of the hill state for jobs, education and advanced healthcare. With green hills sweeping into the misty air, buildings dotting the slopes and miles of bamboo and banana forests, Mizoram is considered one of the most beautiful yet remote states in India. But for the people of the hilly land, the dream of railway connectivity remained elusive for decades.

## SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY SACKS PROFESSOR WHO BACKED STUDENT PROTESTS



**Diary Times Desk :** The South Asian University (SAU) has terminated Associate Professor Snehashish Bhattacharya, two years after suspending him for allegedly backing student protests against stipend cuts. His removal, effective from June 16, 2023, was announced on Thursday, citing "incitement of students against the interest of the university." Bhattacharya, who joined SAU in 2011 and taught the university's first batch of Economics students, was among four faculty members suspended in 2023 for allegedly violating the code of conduct. While two colleagues were reinstated after submitting letters of regret, Bhattacharya who refused to apologise, has now been dismissed. A contractual faculty member had already exited when his tenure ended. The action traces back to 2022, when SAU slashed monthly stipends for master's students from Rs 5,000 to Rs 3,000, triggering protests. Students demanded a hike to Rs 7,000, and though the university partially rolled back the cut, the agitation intensified. Police were called to the Chanakyapuri campus in October that year to disperse demonstrators, a move Bhattacharya and 12 other faculty criticised in a letter, warning it would damage the university's "international character." In November, 15 faculty signed another statement calling the expulsion of protesting students "arbitrary actions" that could destabilise the institution.

## MLA WAHEED PARA SERVED NOTICE OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POST ON DETENTION OF MLA DODA

**Diary Times Desk :** The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Secretariat has served a show cause notice to Pulwama MLA Waheed-ur-Rehman Para for allegedly making "misleading and "factually incorrect" remarks on social media over the detention of Doda MLA Mehraj Din Malik, under the Public Safety Act (PSA). The notice, issued under No. LA-3657/Legn/2025 dated September 10, 2025, states that Para's comments amounted to casting aspersions on the impartiality of the Speaker's office and undermining the dignity of the Assembly as an institution. The development follows a communication sent by Doda District Magistrate Harvinder Singh, IAS, on September 8, informing the Assembly Secretariat about the detention of Malik under PSA. In accordance with Rule 260 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, the Secretariat had published a bulletin notifying members of the House about Malik's detention.



**Aries**

Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

**Gemini**

Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

**Leo**

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

**Libra**

Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

**Sagittarius**

Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

**Aquarius**

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.



**Taurus**

Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

**Cancer**

Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

**Virgo**

Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.

**Scorpio**

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

**Capricorn**

Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

**Pisces**

Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.



INDIA IS ONE OF TOP  
RELATIONSHIPS US HAS IN  
WORLD TODAY: SECRETARY  
RUBIO



**Diary Times Desk :** Amid trade tensions between India and the United States over President Donald Trump's punitive tariffs, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has hailed New Delhi as one of Washington's "top relationships" in the world today. He made the remarks during the Senate confirmation hearing for Sergio Gor, US ambassador-designate to Delhi. Introducing Sergio Gor at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rubio underscored India's increasingly important role in the Indo-Pacific region and global geopolitics. "Sergio Gor is the nominee to India (as US Ambassador), which is one of the top relationships that the US has in the world today, in terms of the future of what the world's going to look like. I said it earlier when I held the position as a nominee... In the 21st century, the story is going to be written in the Indo-Pacific. It's so important that we have changed the name of the combatant command in the Indo-Pacific. India is at the core of that," Rubio stated.

AFTER DELHI, BOMBAY HIGH  
COURT RECEIVES BOMB  
THREAT EMAIL

**Diary Times Desk :** Minutes after the Delhi High Court, the Bombay High Court too received a bomb threat email on Friday, with the Bombay Bar Association requesting all the members and staff to vacate the court premises. According to Mumbai Police sources, bomb detection squads are conducting searches inside the court. However, preliminary reports suggest it is a hoax threat. Earlier in the day, the Delhi High Court received a bomb threat via email, forcing all benches to stop the hearings and evacuate the court premises. A bomb detection and disposal team was deployed immediately, and the area was cordoned off. After multiple searches, officials did not find anything suspicious, officials said.

The threat, sent by an email under the name 'Kanimozhi Thevidiya', mentioned that the Delhi High Court's judge chamber would be "detonated shortly". It also claimed to "recreate" the 1998 Coimbatore blasts in Patna later today and threatened an acid attack on Udhayanidhi Stalin's son, Inbanithi.

NO MORE SELFIES, REELS IN SUPREME COURT?  
PHOTOS, VIDEOS BANNED IN HIGH SECURITY  
AREA



**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court has banned photography and videography inside its high security zone, warning that violators will face strict consequences. The circular issued on Friday by the Court's Secretary General said the restriction applies to all lawyers, litigants, interns, law clerks, staff and visitors. The only exception will be official use. The Court made it clear that cameras, tripods, selfie-sticks and mobile phones cannot be used for making videos, reels or taking selfies inside the restricted area. Even the lawn area that falls within the high security zone has been brought under the ban. Media personnel have been directed to conduct interviews and live broadcasts only from the designated lawn in the low security zone. Any violation by reporters will result in their entry into the high security zone being suspended for a month. Advocates, interns or law clerks found flouting the rules will be reported to their Bar Association or State Bar Council for disciplinary action. Registry staff will also face serious consequences while other stakeholders will be referred to their respective heads of department, the circular said.

HEALTH ORGS TO HALT SERVICES AFTER  
BRUTAL ATTACK ON TRIHMS DRS

**Diary Times Desk :** The TRIHMS Faculty Association (TFA), the Indian Medical Association Arunachal Pradesh Branch (IMA-AP), the Arunachal Pradesh Doctors' Association (APDA), and the Trained Nurses' Association of India - Arunachal Pradesh Branch (TNAI-AP) have collectively decided to suspend all government and private hospital operations, starting at 8 am on 12 September for 48 hours, following an assault on two doctors on duty in the indoor ward of the Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) here on 11 September.

The organisations have announced the 48-hour shutdown of hospital services across the state in protest against the brutal attack on medical personnel, and to press their demand for immediate action to address the issue.

While all non-emergency medical services will be halted, emergency services will remain operational during the protest period.

RS 15,000 FOR AUTO DRIVERS:  
ANDHRA CM CHANDRABABU  
ANNOUNCES AUTO MITRA  
SCHEME

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday announced a new scheme, Auto Mitra, aimed at providing financial assistance to auto drivers in the state. Under this scheme, auto drivers will receive Rs 15,000 as financial assistance, which will be given as a gift for the Dussehra festival. Speaking at the 'Super Six-Super Hit' meeting in Anantapur on Wednesday, CM Naidu said that the goal of his government is to make Andhra Pradesh a "Healthy, Wealthy, Happy" state. The Chief Minister clarified that the meeting was not driven by politics or vote-seeking, as there are no elections currently underway. Instead, it was aimed at highlighting the alliance government's fulfillment of its promises as a responsible administration. CM Naidu underscored that true welfare goes beyond addressing temporary needs; it involves bringing about lasting change in the lives of the poor and improving their living standards.

"THAT'S A BIG DEAL. IT CAUSED RIFT  
WITH INDIA": TRUMP ON 50% INDIA  
TARIFFS

**Diary Times Desk :** US president Donald Trump Friday admitted that the 50% tariff on India for purchase of Russian oil soured the relations between the two countries. "Look, India was their (Russia's) biggest customer. I put a 50% tariff on India because they're buying oil from Russia. That's not an easy thing to do," Trump told Fox News in an interview. India has seen outrage and a spike in anti-US sentiment after Trump imposed tariffs of up to 50 per cent on some of its exports over purchases of oil from Russia, under Western sanctions for its invasion of Ukraine. "That's a big deal. And it causes a rift with India," Trump told the "Fox & Friends" program. US-India ties have been strained by Trump's trade war, with talks on lower tariff rates collapsing after India, the world's fifth-largest economy, resisted opening its vast agricultural and dairy sectors. Bilateral trade between the two countries is worth more than \$190 billion each year.

MAHINDRA CLARIFIES WARRANTY TERMS ON USING E20 FUEL ON  
OLDER CARS, SUVs

**Diary Times Desk :** Mahindra & Mahindra has addressed consumers' concerns in its latest announcement regarding warranty commitments for the owners of older vehicles using E20 fuels. Along with this, the automaker has issued an advisory to customers and dealers that Mahindra engines are fully compliant with the existing petrol standards. The announcement serves as a relief for car owners following recent reports that highlighted concerns regarding the effects of E20 fuel on engine performance and warranty protection. Numerous consumers were unsure if using E20 would impact their vehicles' dependability or invalidate manufacturer warranties. Mahindra's clarification seeks to eliminate these uncertainties and instill confidence in its extensive customer base.

As per the company, all Mahindra vehicles are compatible with E20 fuel for safe operation; however, customers may observe slight differences in acceleration or fuel efficiency in models manufactured before April 1, 2025. Mahindra emphasized that these differences are influenced by driving habits and do not compromise vehicle safety.

"Mahindra engines are fully compliant with existing gasoline standards, and all our vehicles can be operated safely with E20 fuel. Vehicles produced post April 1, 2025, are specially calibrated for E20 fuel to ensure acceleration and fuel efficiency. Earlier produced vehicles, whilst being completely safe to drive, could see a minor variation in either acceleration or fuel efficiency depending on driving behaviour," the statement said.

**HOW MESSAGES TO ROOMMATE LED  
TO CHARLIE KIRK SHOOTER TYLER  
ROBINSON'S ARREST**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a latest string of attacks on US politicians, conservative and staunch Trump ally Charlie Kirk was fatally shot in the neck during a debate hosted by Turning Point at Utah Valley University on Wednesday. A 22-year-old Utah man, called Tyler Robinson was arrested on Friday as a suspect in the assassination case.

The three-day manhunt following the shoot had been intense with the first clues only being a palm print, an impression of shoe soles and a rifle found in the woods. However, the chase ended only after "someone very close turned him in".

Within hours, the FBI and law enforcement detained two people, who were later released after it was determined that the two individuals were not involved in the crime. A reward of \$100,000 was announced after footage of him trying to escape the campus was put out.

On Thursday, the FBI and state officials pleaded with the public for help by releasing photographs and a video of the suspect, who they believed was responsible for the shooting.

Authorities said the shooter appeared "to be of college age" and "blended in" with the college population, though authorities clarified on Friday that Robinson is not a student at Utah Valley and that he has been living with family.

Utah governor Spencer Cox in a press conference on Friday, revealed that a family member of Robinson's reached out to a friend who in turn contacted the authorities with information that Robinson had confessed or implied that committed the incident. "I want to thank the family members of Tyler Robinson who did the right thing," he said.

Cox informed that the family member remembered a dinner conversation before September 10 during which Robinson brought up Kirk's upcoming visit to Utah, criticising him saying, "Kirk was full of hate and spreading hate".

**TRUMP TO PUSH G7 FOR TARIFFS ON INDIA, CHINA OVER RUSSIAN OIL  
PURCHASES**

**Diary Times Desk :** The United States will now pressure G7 member nations to impose higher tariffs on India and China, the two largest buyers of Russian oil, in an attempt to compel Moscow to engage in peace talks with Ukraine, The Financial Times reported.

Citing sources, the report added that in a video call on Friday (local time), finance ministers from the Group of Seven leading economies are set to discuss a US proposal for new measures as President Donald Trump intensifies efforts to broker a peace deal in Ukraine.

This comes just days after Trump urged the European Union to impose a 100 per cent tariff on India and China for their continued purchase of crude oil from Russia, a move that he argues is fuelling President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine. However, a Reuters report citing EU officials said such a move was unlikely because the bloc treats sanctions and tariffs differently.

**EX CHIEF JUSTICE SUSHILA KARKI TO  
TAKE OATH AS INTERIM NEPAL PM SOON**

**Diary Times Desk :** Capping days of speculation, the Nepal president's office has announced that former chief justice Sushila Karki will be the interim prime minister of the country and will take oath at 9 pm. The decision was arrived at following a consensus between Gen-Z protesters, President Ram Chandra Paudel and army chief Ashok Raj Sigdel.

Sources said Ms Karki, who will create history by becoming the first woman prime minister of Nepal, will have a small cabinet in the caretaker government, and the first meeting will be held on Friday night itself. The cabinet is likely to recommend the dissolution of the federal parliament as well as all seven provincial parliaments.

According to Clause 2 of Article 68 of the Constitution, an election to fill a vacancy in the office of the Vice President occurring due to his death, resignation or removal, or otherwise, should be held "as soon as possible". The person elected to fill the vacancy will be entitled to hold office "for the full term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office".

**MEET DIELLA, WORLD'S 1ST AI-MADE  
'MINISTER' TASKED WITH CURBING  
ALBANIA CORRUPTION**

**Diary Times Desk :** Albania has become the world's first country to appoint an 'AI minister' -- not a person to oversee the growth and ethical use of artificial intelligence in the country, but a virtual member of government, made of pixels and code. The AI minister is named Diella -- meaning 'sun' in Albanian -- and is tasked with tackling corruption, according to Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama.

Presenting his new cabinet at a meeting of his Socialist Party following a big May election victory, Rama said Diella will oversee public tenders, promising its artificial intelligence would make his government "corruption-free".

"Diella is the first cabinet member who isn't physically present, but is virtually created by AI," Rama said, introducing her.

**US JOINS UN SECURITY  
COUNCIL CONDEMNATION  
OF ISRAELI STRIKES ON  
QATAR**

**Diary Times Desk :** The United Nations Security Council has condemned Israel's strikes on a residential compound in the Qatari capital Doha, which targeted senior members of Hamas.

The statement -- which did not directly name Israel -- was backed by all 15 Security Council members, including the US, which traditionally blocks actions against its close ally.

"Council members underscored the importance of de-escalation and expressed their solidarity with Qatar," read the statement, drafted by the UK and France. Israel defended its decision to mount the attack.

Qatar has played a key role in brokering diplomatic efforts to end the Israel-Gaza war, serving as a mediator of indirect negotiations between Hamas and Israel.

It has hosted the Hamas political bureau since 2012 and is a close US ally, hosting a large American airbase in the desert south-west of Doha.

The emergency meeting was requested by Qatar, Algeria, Pakistan and Somalia. Qatar's Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani travelled to New York to attend.

**"CAN'T WEAR ROSE-TINTED  
GLASSES": RUSSIA SAYS  
UKRAINE PEACE TALKS ON  
PAUSE**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Kremlin said Friday that peace talks between Russia and Ukraine were on "pause" as US President Donald Trump's efforts to end the three-and-a-half-year conflict falter.

Pushing for a deal to end the fighting, Trump has engaged in a flurry of diplomacy -- including hosting Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Alaska -- but Moscow has pressed on with its offensive and aerial barrages.

"Our negotiators have the opportunity to communicate through channels. But for now, it is probably more accurate to talk about a pause," spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including AFP, in a briefing call.

"You can't wear rose-tinted glasses and expect that the negotiation process will yield immediate results," he added.

Putin has effectively ruled out a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who says a summit is vital to break the deadlock.





## CCTV SHOWS MOTEL STAFF CHASE, BEHEAD INDIAN MAN IN FRONT OF WIFE, TEEN SON



**Diary Times Desk :** An Indian man from Karnataka was brutally beheaded by a Cuban immigrant at a motel in Dallas, Texas. Fifty-year-old Chandra Nagamallaiiah, who managed the Downtown Suites motel on Samuell Boulevard, east of Downtown, was repeatedly assaulted with a machete by Yordanis Cobos-Martinez, 37, who has a violent criminal history and was recently released from custody. In CCTV footage that has gone viral, the killer can be seen chasing Nagamallaiiah with a machete in the motel corridor. Nagamallaiiah's screams alerted his wife and 18-year-old son, who tried to intervene several times, but Cobos-Martinez pushed them away and continued the assault. At one point, Nagamallaiiah's son-- seen in a yellow shirt-- brings a baseball bat. But by that time, his father seems to have gone still. Cobos-Martinez then takes out something from Nagamallaiiah's pockets before again resuming the frenzied attack. Then, the victim's severed head rolls out. When Nagamallaiiah's wife, wailing loudly, tries again to stop him, he is seen advancing menacingly towards her. At this point, Nagamallaiiah's son drags his mother away from the grisly scene.

## PRINCE HARRY MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO UKRAINE



**Diary Times Desk :** Britain's Prince Harry has arrived in Ukraine for a surprise visit in support of wounded service members. Harry's representatives confirmed they were in the capital, Kyiv, on Friday, though they declined to discuss the prince's schedule for security reasons. This is the second time Harry has visited Ukraine since the start of Russia's full scale invasion. "We cannot stop the war but what we can do is do everything we can to help the recovery process," Harry told the Guardian newspaper while on an overnight train to Kyiv. Harry, a British Army veteran, is the founder of the Invictus Games, a Paralympic-style event designed to inspire military veterans around the world as they work to overcome battlefield injuries. Ukraine is bidding to host the games in 2029.

## NEPAL'S CIVIL SOCIETY CLAIMS 'CONSPIRACY' TO RESTORE MONARCHY 'UNDER MILITARY MEDIATION'

**Diary Times Desk :** A civil society alliance has alleged that a "conspiracy" is being staged "under military mediation" to restore monarchy in Nepal, even as political parleys for a transitional government continued following the fall of the K P Sharma Oli administration. The Brihat Nagarik Andolan (BNA), representing people from diverse walks of life, in a statement on Thursday, voiced concern over the Nepal Army's growing role in national affairs after it took charge of nationwide security operations from Tuesday. The group alleged that "over the bodies of the martyrs of the Gen-Z movement, a grave reactionary conspiracy is being staged -- under military mediation to restore the monarchy and to abolish secularism, federalism and the proportional inclusive system", MyRepublica news portal reported. Such attempts are "completely unacceptable", it said, adding that the anti-government movement was never intended to reverse republicanism and secularism or to expand what it described as the "unconstitutional activism of the military".



## FROM POLITICAL OUTSIDER TO A PRESIDENT LIKE NO OTHER: BOLSONARO'S RISE AND FALL

**Diary Times Desk :** In September 2018, as Jair Bolsonaro campaigned in the south-eastern city of Juiz de Fora, a 40-year-old man pushed through the crowd and stabbed the presidential candidate in the stomach. Images of Bolsonaro doubled over in pain, wearing a T-shirt in Brazil's football colours, were shared millions of times and broadcast endlessly on television. The former army captain survived, and the shock and commotion caused by the attack boosted his outsider image and helped carry him to victory weeks later. Seven years on, Brazil's Supreme Court has found him guilty of plotting a coup and sentenced him to more than 27 years in prison. On the face of it, Bolsonaro's career is over. However, he remains one of the most consequential politicians of recent decades, and with allies already pushing for amnesty, his influence and even the prospect of a comeback still hangs over Brazil's future.

### "THIS PLACE BELONGS TO US": ISRAEL PM VOWS "THERE'LL BE NO PALESTINIAN STATE"

**Diary Times Desk :** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Thursday that there would be no Palestinian state, speaking at a signing ceremony for a major settlement project in the occupied West Bank.

"We are going to fulfil our promise that there will be no Palestinian state, this place belongs to us," Netanyahu said at the event in Maale Adumim, an Israeli settlement just east of Jerusalem.

"We will safeguard our heritage, our land and our security... We are going to double the city's population." The event was streamed live by his office.

Israel has long had ambitions to build on the roughly 12 square kilometre (five square mile) tract of land known as E1, but the plan had been stalled for years in the face of international opposition.

Last month, Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich backed plans to build around 3,400 homes on the ultra-sensitive parcel of land.

His announcement drew condemnation, with UN chief Antonio Guterres saying the settlement would effectively cleave the West Bank in two and pose an "existential threat" to a contiguous Palestinian state.

SOUTH KOREAN WORKERS DETAINED IN US HEAD HOME AS SEOUL SEEKS SUPPORT FOR NEW VISA

**Diary Times Desk :** South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun has urged the U.S. Congress to support a new visa for his country's businesses, as hundreds of mainly Korean workers arrested during a massive U.S. immigration raid last week were set to return home on Friday.

During his meetings with U.S. senators in Washington, Cho reiterated concerns among South Koreans over the detention of Korean professionals participating in investment projects in the United States, his ministry said in a statement.

A plane carrying more than 300 Korean workers who were detained during the raid at a Hyundai Motor and LG Energy Solution battery joint venture in the state of Georgia has left the United States, bound for South Korea.

The plane is expected to touch down in South Korea at around 2 p.m. (0500 GMT), according to LG Energy Solution, whose workers and subcontractors were among the detainees.

After being held for a week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the South Korean workers have been released and flown from Atlanta.



INDIA VOTES IN FAVOUR OF FRANCE- SAUDI-BACKED "NEW YORK DECLARATION"

**Diary Times Desk :** The UN General Assembly on Friday approved a resolution backing the New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-State solution, with India among the 142 countries voting in support.

The resolution was backed by 142 countries, opposed by 10, while 12 abstained, according to the voting result displayed on the UN screen.

India's stance on the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a long-standing, consistent policy of supporting a negotiated settlement that establishes a sovereign, independent, and viable State of Palestine living peacefully alongside a secure State of Israel within recognised borders.

CREATORS HQ, YOUTUBE COLLABORATE TO LAUNCH FIRST YOUTUBE ACADEMY IN MENA

**Diary Times Desk :** Creators HQ, the first content creator hub in the UAE and the Middle East and part of Visioneers, announced its collaboration with YouTube to launch the first YouTube Academy in the Middle East & North Africa.

The ground-breaking initiative aims to empower creative content creators in the region, in line with the UAE's vision to drive the content economy while fostering partnerships with major platforms and global tech companies.

The collaboration, which is part of YouTube's ongoing efforts to offer the best products and programmes for content creators, seeks to strengthen the UAE's global position in the creator economy by creating an innovative ecosystem that supports content creators, enhances their skills in data analysis and content production, while enabling them to build sustainable careers on YouTube.

"PAKISTAN IS ANOTHER STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR": HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER BLASTS PAK IN UN

**Diary Times Desk :** Hillel Neuer, a human rights lawyer and executive director of UN Watch, left Pakistan embarrassed as its representative interrupted his speech while speaking on Israel's bombing on Qatar.

Neuer defended Israel as he questioned Qatar why they harboured terrorists and why they left their propaganda arm operating in Gaza.

In a post on X, he said, "Today at the U.N. I asked Qatar: "If you don't want targeted bombings on terrorists in your capital, why do you harbor terrorists in your capital? Why is your Al Jazeera serving as Hamas' non-stop propaganda arm? Why do you act as mediator by day, and a terror sponsor by night?"

Just then, he also questioned UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for condemning Israel while celebrating US killing of Osama bin Laden, highlighting the double standards.

"Yesterday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and French President Emmanuel Macron condemned Israel. But when the U.S. killed Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, the UN chief at the time celebrated that "justice has been done to such a mastermind of international terrorism." France called it a "victory for all democracies." We ask both: how is this different?"

He was then interrupted by Pakistani delegate, who said, "While we believe in constructive engagement with the civil society organisations and value their inputs, we urge you to ensure that no speaker violates the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and the territorial integrity of sovereign member states. We reject casting unfounded accusations and allegations."



STABBING VICTIMS HOSPITALISED IN MODERATE SERIOUS CONDITION



**Diary Times Desk :** Jerusalem's Hadassah-En Kerm Medical Centre said it is treating two victims with stab wounds from the attack at Kibbutz Zova.

One is a 50-year-old man in serious condition, the other is a 21-year-old man in moderate condition. Both are conscious. (ANI/TPS)

SHARJAH NARRATIVE FORUM CONCLUDES 21ST SESSION IN EGYPT

**Diary Times Desk :** The 21st Sharjah Narrative Forum concluded its two-day programme in Egypt under the theme "The Novel and Artificial Intelligence", with the participation of over 60 writers, academics, and critics from Egypt and across the Arab world.

The forum, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, focuses on the critical study of narrative in all its creative forms.

The closing ceremony took place at the Supreme Council of Culture in Cairo, attended by Abdullah Al Owais, Chairman of Sharjah's Department of Culture; Ashraf Al-Azzazi, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Culture; Mohamed Ibrahim Al Qusair, Director of Cultural Affairs and Forum Director; Hussein Al-Qabbahi, Director of Luxor Poetry House; and numerous critics, academics, and specialists. Certificates of appreciation were presented to participants to acknowledge their contributions and encourage continued creative work.

The final day addressed the second, third, and fourth themes, alongside a session of testimonies by participating creators. The second theme, titled "Will Artificial Intelligence Create New Narrative Elements?".

The third theme focused on "Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on the Disintegration of the Human Condition in the Novel".



THE US ECONOMY HAS  
COME DOWN WITH A  
CASE OF EARLY-ONSET  
STAGFLATION

**Diary Times Desk :**  
Two key reports released Thursday showed the US economy may be in a state of early-onset stagflation — a toxic one-two punch of slow economic growth and rising prices.

That's a particularly problematic combo because slow economic growth should, in normal times, drag prices down, not up. It's Econ 101: When people are out of work or worried about losing their jobs, they spend less, spurring businesses to lower prices. If people can't afford things but prices go up anyway, that's a sign something is deeply broken.

PRICES ARE CHANGING.  
SEE HOW MUCH THE  
COST OF BASIC  
GROCERY ITEMS HAS  
SHIFTED

**Diary Times Desk :**  
The cost of food in the US increased significantly amid the Covid-19 pandemic and the steep inflation that followed. While prices have stabilized more recently, avian flu drove up the cost of eggs earlier this year, and the price of coffee has continued an upward trajectory for several months now, because of extreme weather. The cost of steak is also on the rise for a variety of factors.

President Donald Trump's ongoing, chaotic global tariff rollout has also threatened to increase prices for other common household foods.

CNN is tracking price trends for various household staples each month. Select a product below to see how its costs have shifted over time.

The costs for some products could remain volatile, but the overall trend shows prices have largely stabilized. For example, government economists also track inflation for foods Americans eat at home to better understand price trends across all products at the grocery store.

That measure, a subset of the broader Consumer Price Index, shows that food inflation overall has come down significantly since the Covid-19 peak, with more recent rates closer to historical norms.

MICROSOFT AND OPENAI REACH NON-BINDING DEAL TO ALLOW  
OPENAI TO RESTRUCTURE



**Diary Times Desk :**  
Microsoft and OpenAI said on Thursday they have signed a non-binding deal for new relationship terms that would allow OpenAI to proceed to restructure itself into a for-profit company, marking a new phase of the most high-profile partnerships to fund the ChatGPT frenzy.

Details on the new commercial arrangements were not disclosed, but the companies said they were working to finalize terms of a definitive agreement. This marks a step forward in OpenAI's prolonged talks with Microsoft as the former seeks to raise capital under a more common governance structure and eventually go public to fund artificial intelligence development.

Microsoft invested \$1 billion in OpenAI in 2019 and another \$10 billion at the beginning of 2023. Under their previous agreement, Microsoft had exclusive rights to sell OpenAI's software tools through its Azure cloud computing platform and had preferred access to the startup's technology.

A MAJOR SUBPRIME AUTO LENDER JUST WENT BELLY UP. IT WON'T  
BE LIKE SUBPRIME MORTGAGE LENDERS SPARKING THE GREAT  
RECESSION

**Diary Times Desk :**  
Tricolor, a major subprime auto lender specializing in buyers without social security numbers or credit histories, is going out of business.

The company filed for bankruptcy on Wednesday. Most companies that file for bankruptcy intend to stay in business. But Tricolor does not – it plans to liquidate. Tricolor has not been available for comment.

Tricolor's failure is bad news for buyers who depend on such lenders, often undocumented immigrants – a particular focus of the Texas-based company. It's also not great for the major banks invested in Tricolor's debt backed by its loans.

But Tricolor's problems aren't likely to upend the broader financial services industry the way the subprime mortgage lenders did in 2008, nearly bringing about a new Depression. Those loans gave birth to what became known as "toxic assets," forcing the federal government to pour billions into each of the nation's major banks to stop a complete seizure and collapse of the US economy.

Subprime auto loans, even questionable ones like the low documentation loans Tricolor offered, are a very different animal than the subprime mortgage loans of the early years of this century.

"It's not something to worry about in terms of a market collapse," Pamela Foohey, a law professor at the University of Georgia and an expert in both auto finance and bankruptcies, told CNN Thursday. "I think it's troubling for people that they take out subprime loans and then potentially have their cars repossessed if they can't afford the payments."

"Subprime," whether it be for mortgages or car loans, refers to borrowers with weak credit scores. However, there are many important differences between subprime mortgage loans and subprime auto loans, Foohey said.

GRAPHIC VIDEOS OF KIRK AND ZARUTSKA DEATHS REIGNITE DEBATE OVER SOCIAL  
MEDIA MODERATION

**Diary Times Desk :** Within minutes of Charlie Kirk's horrific shooting on Wednesday in Utah, video capturing the moment a bullet hit his body was spreading rapidly online.

Surveillance cameras were rolling when Iryna Zarutskya was brutally stabbed on a train in North Carolina on August 22, and the gruesome full video was later released publicly.

Whether users wanted to see them or not, videos of horrific moments have been flooding social media feeds over the past week. These videos have reignited calls for tech giants to exert more control over how content appears on their platforms as some companies have scaled back their moderation efforts.

Each platform has its own content rules, especially around particularly violent content. Most allow some violent content but place restrictions on especially gory and bloody videos and restrict such content from younger users.

By default, social media sites like X, TikTok and Facebook autoplay videos as users scroll, a tactic to immediately grab their attention, unless the platform has designated them as restricted. YouTube also autoplays non-restricted content when users hover over the video while scrolling.

But that can result in users being exposed to very sensitive and sometimes graphic content.

Even this morning, videos of Kirk's shooting were still being pushed to users' feeds. Graphic videos of the moment Kirk was shot were some of the top results when CNN searched for "Charlie Kirk" on Instagram. On TikTok's search page, with no prompting, the app suggested the search terms "raw video footage" and "actual incident footage," which immediately linked to graphic videos.

MANN REPEATED WHAT CHANNI DID, CM COULD HAVE JOINED PM MODI VIRTUALLY DURING PUNJAB FLOOD VISIT: BITTU

**Diary Times Desk :** BJP state president Sunil Jakhar on Friday urged Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and seek a revision of the state's relief fund allocation.

Jakhar, however, emphasised that before requesting time with the PM, the CM must first reconcile the Rs 12,000 crore State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) figure with Chief Secretary KAP Sinha.

Union Minister of State Ravneet Singh Bittu also criticised the AAP-led Punjab government, alleging that it had squandered Rs 12,000 crore on helicopter rides and personal luxuries instead of prioritising public welfare.

Bittu noted that while the CM had asked for Rs 1,858 crore during a presentation to the Centre, the remainder of the demand included departmental allocations, such as Rs 4 crore for the Forest Department.

HIMACHAL HC: FILE REPORT ON METHOD TO REDUCE PENDENCY OF VEHICLE CHALLAN CASES

**Diary Times Desk :** The High Court of Himachal Pradesh has directed the state government to file a status report on the formula for reducing the pendency of summary cases, especially motor vehicle challans in courts. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice GS Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma passed the order on a public interest litigation (PIL) highlighting the issue regarding a large number of challans that were clogging the system on both portals and courts and required redress. It was mentioned in the PIL that there was a pendency of summary cases in the form of challans in criminal courts of the state to the extent of 50 per cent. The PIL highlighted the inability of the state to serve notices to offenders, due to which, there was difficulty in disposal by courts.

ABVP PROTESTS POOR INFRA AT DEHRI PG COLLEGE

**Diary Times Desk :** The local unit of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) on Thursday staged a protest demonstration at the Government Post Graduate (PG) College, Dehri, against poor infrastructure, lack of amenities and vacant posts in the institution. The half-hour dharna was led by unit president Bala Sharma on the college campus. Addressing the activists, Sharma said the college, the largest higher educational institution in lower Kangra, catered to thousands of students from distant areas. However, she alleged that the condition of the institution had become deplorable due to inadequate facilities and government neglect.

The students complained of insanitary conditions in toilets, non-availability of potable drinking water and the absence of sanitary pad vending machines despite repeated assurances. The ABVP activists demanded urgent repair and maintenance of the college building, main gate and provision of hostel facilities for girl students.



YOUNG OFFICER FROM MANDI DISTRICT JOINS INDIAN ARMY RANKS

**Diary Times Desk :** In a moment of pride for Himachal Pradesh, especially the residents of Mandi district, Sangharsh Thakur, a native of Paprahal village, Sadar tehsil, has been commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army. The commissioning ceremony was recently held at the prestigious Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai, marking the culmination of months of rigorous physical, mental and strategic training.

A proud alumnus of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mandi and graduate of Vallabh Government College (VGC), Mandi, Sangharsh was known throughout his academic years for his calm resolve and focused ambition. Friends and mentors recall him as someone who consistently worked toward his dream of donning the olive green. He credits his success to his parents — Shyam Lal Thakur, retired Section Officer from Sardar Patel University and Rama Thakur, Pharmacy Officer with the Himachal Pradesh Health & Family Welfare Department — whose values of humility, integrity and dedication shaped his path.

'I AM DUKH MANTRI, NOT MUKH MANTRI': PUNJAB CM MANN BACK IN ACTION, VOWS RELIEF FOR FLOOD-HIT IN 40 DAYS

**Diary Times Desk :** A day after being discharged from hospital, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was back in action, holding meetings to assess the situation of flood relief and rebuilding the state.

"I am not the Mukh Mantri of Punjab... I am the Dukh Mantri. I am back to stand by the people of the state who are facing the worst-ever crisis caused by the floods. Dukh sanjha karan naal dukh adha reh janda hai," he said. Mann said he would like to assure the flood-affected people that his government would be releasing full compensation within 40 days. "I have instructed all deputy commissioners to complete the special girdawri of crop loss, and submit reports of loss of human lives and livestock deaths and damage to houses, verify these at the earliest, so we can immediately start giving compensation," said the CM.

PUNJAB AAP MLA MANJINDER LALPURA GETS 4 YEARS IN JAIL IN 12-YEAR-OLD MOLESTATION CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** A court in Tarn Taran on Friday sentenced Khadoor Sahib AAP MLA Manjinder Lalpura, to four years in prison, two days after the legislator was convicted in a case of molestation and assault of a woman in 2013.

Six others, who were also convicted in the case on Wednesday, were also sentenced to four years. The court of Additional Sessions Judge Prem Kumar awarded the quantum of punishment.

The case had been registered under relevant Sections, including 354 (assault or the use of criminal force against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and the SC/ST Act. Fines of different amounts have also been imposed on the sitting MLA.





### Kirk Faced Personal Threats, Campus Turmoil In Recent Years

As Charlie Kirk mobilized young conservatives on college campuses, he faced numerous personal threats in recent years.

And his stops on campus tours were often met with impassioned protests that sometimes spiraled into chaos and violence, leading some schools to adopt strict security measures around his appearances.

As authorities continue investigating Kirk's fatal shooting at his campus visit in Utah on Wednesday – the first on another nationwide tour of colleges – they have not yet said whether he faced any specific, recent threats before the event.

In 2023, UC Davis in California limited tickets to a Kirk event to 1,000, and attendees had to pass through metal detectors and were turned away if they brought backpacks.

That event was still beset by confrontations, with someone jumping on a police officer, protesters smashing glass panes in the doors of the venue and members of the Proud Boys – a far-right group – clashing with demonstrators, according to local media reports. Months before at the same campus, a 100-person brawl had led to the cancellation of an event featuring another Turning Point USA speaker.

Some prior threats against Kirk or his group's events prompted police to respond.

Last October, police in Tempe, Arizona arrested a man who allegedly made online threats toward Charlie Kirk and Donald Trump Jr, who had traveled to the city for a political rally. Municipal court records show charges filed against the man were later dropped.

In 2022, authorities arrested a Texas man after he threatened a "day of retribution" for attendees of a Turning Point event in Florida, which he had a ticket to attend. He was sentenced to five years in prison last year.

Other apparent threats prompted hosts to back out of planned events.

In 2021, a church in Puyallup, Washington canceled a Kirk visit over what the congregation's senior pastor described in an online video as "threats of physical violence against our church leadership, our neighbors, their properties." That same year, Kirk posted on his organization's website that a venue in Eugene, Oregon had canceled an event following what he characterized as more violent threats.

In a post on X on Thursday, Turning Point USA stated that Kirk had received "thousands" of threats throughout his life. "But he always prioritized reaching as many young Americans as possible over his own personal safety," the group said.

Other Turning Point USA members and supporters have also faced violence on campuses.



## Immigration Operation

### Chicago In Honor Of 20-Year-Old Katie Abraham


Katie Abraham and Chloe Polzin were hunting for a late-night snack with three other friends on a frigid night in Urbana, Illinois.

The end of winter break was nearing for the two university students, who had traveled to Urbana to visit other water polo players at the University of Illinois, Abraham's father told CNN.

It was nearly 2 a.m. on January 19 when 20-year-old Abraham and 21-year-old Polzin, along with their friends, stopped at a red light. Suddenly, an SUV came up quickly behind them, smashing into the car and injuring all five people inside, according to Urbana Police.

The two girls were killed in a drunken-driving hit-and-run collision, the Department of Homeland Security said, by a man in the United States illegally who fled the scene of the crime. Abraham was pronounced dead at the hospital soon after the accident, police said. Polzin died the next day, according to her obituary.

Almost eight months after Abraham's death, the Department of Homeland Security announced it was launching its latest immigration



**"She kind of had a plan of where she was going to go, and obviously that didn't happen," he said.**

enforcement action in Illinois, "Operation Midway Blitz," in her honor, drawing the 20-year-old's name into national politics as an example of a broken immigration system amid a larger crackdown in cities across the US.

Her father, Joe Abraham, told CNN the federal government failed "miserably" in protecting his daughter and that state politicians ignored her death, and by extension, "let it happen."

What we know about the wreck

Temperatures had dropped as low as 2 degrees the night Abraham died, and never broke above freezing that day. Abraham and Polzin were childhood friends from their time at the East Side Water Polo Club in the Chicago suburbs.

The two girls, along with three other friends, were sitting at a red light just 1.5 miles north of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign when a red Mitsubishi Outlander crashed into the back of their car, police said.

All five were taken to the hospital, according to police. While two were released with minor injuries and another made a recovery, Abraham was declared dead at the hospital. Polzin was declared brain dead the next day, according to her obituary.

The Polzin family did not respond to CNN's attempts to speak with them for this story.

Police said the driver fled the scene on foot. Three days later, the US Marshals Service found him in Texas, riding a bus headed to Mexico.


The death of the youngest daughter

Joe Abraham's youngest daughter loved water.

"I think she liked the water better than land," her father said.

She played water polo for a travel team throughout high school and for a club team in college. She swam and did diving from a young age, he said.

Abraham, who was from Glenview, Illinois, was going into her third year at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, according to her father. She wasn't certain yet, but he thinks she was leaning toward majoring in marketing. They intended to talk about it the next time she was home.



**The man told police he was a 27-year-old Mexican named Juan Jahaziel Saenz-Suarez the morning he was captured. But a day later, he divulged to police that his identity was a lie – he was 29, from Guatemala. His name was actually Julio Cucul-Bol.**

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## NATO's Assessment

### NATO LAUNCHES 'EASTERN SENTRY' OPERATION IN RESPONSE TO RUSSIAN DRONE INCURSIONS

NATO has launched an initiative to reinforce the defense of Europe's eastern flank after a Russian drone incursion into Polish airspace this week, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte announced on Friday.

The "Eastern Sentry" operation will commence in the coming days and will involve assets from Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, and others, Rutte said.

"Eastern Sentry will add flexibility and strength to our posture and make clear that, as a defensive alliance, we are always ready to defend," he added.

Rutte said that Russia's "dangerous and unacceptable" drone incursion on Wednesday was "not an isolated incident."

"Russia's recklessness in the air, along our eastern flank, is increasing in frequency," Rutte said.

NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe, US General Alexis Grynkeiwich, said the operation, which will be "flexible and agile," will include enhanced capabilities, integrated air and ground-based defenses, and increased information-sharing among NATO partners.



**"Whether or not Russia's actions were deliberate, Russia violated NATO airspace. Therefore, we must, as NATO, make clear our resolve and our ability to defend our territory," he said, "And that is exactly what Eastern Sentry is designed to do."**



Grynkeiwich noted that it will take some time for the entire operation to come together, but the first steps will begin "immediately."

Among the equipment dedicated to the operation are two F-16s and an anti-air warfare frigate from Denmark, three Rafales from France, and four Eurofighters from Germany, according to a press release from the alliance.

The initiative is modeled after the "Baltic Sentry" operation that NATO launched earlier this year in response to the sabotage of cables in the Baltic Sea, Grynkeiwich said.

"Poland and citizens from across the Alliance should be assured by our rapid response earlier this week and our significant announcement here today," he said, "NATO will continue to defend every inch of its territory."

The operation will cover the entire eastern flank of NATO states, "from the high north to the Black Sea and the Mediterranean," Grynkeiwich said. "Across the eastern flank, we'll constantly adjust and change our posture in a manner that keeps the adversary off guard but also responds to specific threats as we see them emerging," he said.

Drone incursion 'wasn't' a mistake

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk on Friday called the Russian drone incursion into his country an "attack" and said it wasn't a mistake, just hours after US President Donald Trump suggested the airspace violation could have been accidental.

"We would also wish that the drone attack on Poland was a mistake. But it wasn't. And we know it," Tusk said in a social media post.

Poland has information indicating that Russia launched as many as 21 drones at the country on Wednesday, but not all were found, the head of Poland's presidential International Policy Office, Marcin Przydacz, told local media. It's possible that some drones went back and forth crossing the airspace, Przydacz said in an interview with Radio ZET on Friday. Polish officials previously said that there were 19 intrusions of the country's airspace, and that a large proportion of the drones entered from Belarus.

ANDRÉ ONANA LEAVES MAN UNITED FOR TRABZONSPOR ON LOAN

**Diary Times Desk :** Manchester United goalkeeper André Onana has completed a season-long loan move to Trabzonspor, the Premier League club confirmed on Thursday.

Onana makes the move to the Turkish Super Lig after an inconsistent two-year spell at Old Trafford and a poor start to this season that saw the Cameroon international usurped by Altay Bayindir as United's No. 1.

Sources told ESPN that there is no loan fee or an option to make the deal permanent, meaning Onana will return to Manchester next summer. The sources added that United will not have to pay any of Onana's wages while he is away on loan.

Onana made the decision to leave United following Senne Lammens' arrival at the club from Antwerp on deadline day after wanting to stay and fight for his place at the club earlier in the summer, sources told ESPN.

The 29-year-old joined United in a deal worth an initial £43.8 million (£59.1m) from Inter Milan in 2023.



BAYINDIR KEEPS MAN UTD SPOT AFTER LAMMENS' ARRIVAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Altay Bayindir will retain his place in goal for Manchester United in Sunday's derby against neighbours City – but head coach Ruben Amorim says new arrival Senne Lammens has potential to be first choice "for a number of years".

United signed Lammens, 23, for £18.1m from Belgium top-flight club Royal Antwerp on deadline day in preference to World Cup winner Emi Martinez, who was ready to leave Aston Villa.

With Andre Onana leaving for Turkish outfit Trabzonspor on loan, it has created uncertainty over the status Amorim's current number one.

Bayindir has started all three Premier League games so far this season – making mistakes that led to goals against Arsenal and Burnley – and will retain the job at Etihad Stadium. However, Amorim thinks Lammens offers plenty of promise.

"He has great potential to be our goalkeeper for a number of years," he said.

"Sometimes as a club, you try to see different options. We are in a moment where the goalkeeper needs to be really strong and have a lot of experience.

"But as well as looking at the present, we must have a focus on the future."

Although Bayindir, 27, only made his Premier League debut in April, he has played 10 times for Turkey and has vastly more experience than Lammens, who had had just one season as a top-flight regular.

It makes the decision to let Bayindir continue relatively straightforward.

"It is a different league, different country, different ball," said Amorim. "Altay is going to continue."

Onana has more experience than anyone else, including winning a Serie A title with Inter Milan and playing in a Champions League final defeat by Manchester City in 2023.

LIVERPOOL'S ARNE SLOT URGES PATIENCE WITH 'BEST STRIKER' ALEXANDER ISAK AFTER RECORD MOVE

**Diary Times Desk :** Arne Slot on Friday described new signing Alexander Isak as "maybe the best striker in the world" but warned he would be eased into action gradually after a disrupted pre-season. The Premier League champions signed the Sweden forward from Newcastle on transfer deadline day for a British-record fee of 125 million pounds (\$169 million), adding further firepower to their impressive squad. Isak's arrival after a protracted chase was part of an eye-catching splurge of more than 400 million pounds in the summer transfer window, though a deadline-day move to sign Crystal Palace and England defender Marc Guehi collapsed.

BARÇA: AL-NASSR WANTS TO CHEW THE NUGGET MARC BERNAL



**Diary Times Desk :** Promised to a big future, but slowed down by a serious injury last season, Marc Bernal is the subject of many interests this summer. Al-Nassr did not say his last word and is now interested in Marc Bernal, the young talent of 18 years of FC Barcelona. The Saudi club, which multiplies the tracks to strengthen its workforce, set its sights on the Barcelona midfielder despite the difficulties represented by a transfer from the Masia.

However, with a release clause set at 500 million euros, the task promises to be almost impossible for any club, and Al-Nassr knows that Barça does not wish to seriously negotiate on this file according to Diario Sport. For his part, Marc Bernal and the Catalan club remain focused on the sports project.

'WHERE THE HELL ARE THE REST?': BORIS BECKER BLASTS RIVALS FOR FAILING TO CHALLENGE ALCARAZ AND SINNER

**Diary Times Desk :** Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner are currently ruling men's tennis just like Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic did in their time. The duo has won the last eight Grand Slam titles between them, showing that they are miles ahead of everyone else on the court right now. Alcaraz and Sinner together reached the finals of the last three Grand Slams in France, England, and the United States. Alcaraz won the French Open and US Open, while Sinner beat the Spaniard to lift the Wimbledon title. Sinner had also won the first Grand Slam of the year at Australian Open.

Boris Becker urges other top players to raise level. Meanwhile, tennis legend Boris Becker believes that other players are not doing enough to close the gap with Alcaraz and Sinner. Becker, speaking on his podcast with former tennis star Andrea Petkovic, said players like Alexander Zverev, Jack Draper, Taylor Fritz, and others are falling short.

"It's an incredible statistic with the eighth consecutive Grand Slam victory for either Alcaraz or Sinner. But where the hell are the rest? We're talking about Alexander Zverev, Jack Draper, Taylor Fritz, Alex de Minaur, Casper Ruud, Holger Rune, Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev," Becker said.

MAN CITY VS MAN UTD: GIANLUIGI DONNARUMMA, JAMES TRAFFORD, ALTAY BAYINDIR AND SENNE LAMMENS GIVE BOTH SIDES SHARED DILEMMA IN MANCHESTER DERBY

**Diary Times Desk :** In the red corner, Senne Lammens' £18.2m arrival from Royal Antwerp on Deadline Day sealed the immediate future of Andre Onana after a catalogue of high-profile mistakes, with a move to Trabzonspor now confirmed for the Cameroon international. Amorim has since confirmed Altay Bayindir will retain his role in the starting line-up for the derby, insisting it is time to show faith in the Turkey goalkeeper in the face of new competition from their newest recruit.

The United boss has been forced to publicly back Bayindir yet again, after already seeing his starting credentials questioned following errors against both Burnley and Arsenal.

The 1-0 defeat to Mikel Arteta's side arrived from a Riccardo Calafiori header after Bayindir failed to command his area, while victory was almost snatched away against Burnley when Bayindir spilled the ball back into his own penalty area for Jaidon Anthony to tap home.

