

## ANJUNA COPS ALLOW BULLDOZERS TO RAZE HOME OF GOAN FAMILY; REMAIN MUTE AS THE AILING MAN OF THE HOUSE AND HIS SON ARE KIDNAPPED AND THROWN OUT OF CAR AND THEIR STATEMENTS NOT RECORDED

# GOAN OCCUPANTS BULLDOZED OUT OF THEIR ASSAGAO HOME, TORTURED & DUMPED IN ANJUNA

Law & order has gone for a toss, says Siolim's BJP MLA Delilah Lobo; Anjuna police station doesn't send cops on time, as 'staff had gone for lunch'; water and electricity till today are in the name of the occupants who are now homeless

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**ASSAGAO:** With no demolition orders to show, or any legal documents, bulldozers were used to muscle out a Goan occupant family, Agarwadekars, demolish their home, torture and kidnap the ailing man of the house and his son, all under the benign gaze and watch of the Anjuna Police.

The Anjuna Police had a ring side view of this orchestra of torture and did not even dare to name the people who sent the bulldozers, in the FIR lodged reluctantly and after the intervention of Siolim MLA Delilah Lobo, and too against 'unknown persons' even though photographs were provided.

While their house was getting demolished, PSI Sanket Tokre told the victim family that 'the staff had gone for lunch'.

The owner on paper Chrys Pinto had sold the house to the non-Goan builder, even as the Agarwadekars lived in that house as occupants for decades.

The law was bulldozed and stripped naked in the following manner.

The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon when about 15 bouncers, both men and women, descended at the residence of Pradeep Agarwadekar at Bairo Alto in Assagao, and



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**“The bouncers then dragged my 19-year-old son and my ailing husband into a car, confiscated their phones, and moved around in various places for six hours and dumped them near a bar at Anjuna, at 10.30 pm. My fervent plea to the cops to rescue them fell on deaf ears as the police did not record their statements. In fact, when the whole drama was being unfolded before the cops, the men-in-uniform maintained a stoic silence — Prinsha Agarwadekar, the woman of the house**

asked them to vacate. The bouncers told the oc-



**“The role of the police in this matter is questionable. Non-Goans 'Vermas and Sharmas', whoever they may be, cannot take the law in their hands. There is a process for this and they should have issued legal notices before demolishing the house — Delilah Lobo, Siolim MLA**

cupants that they had come to demolish the house as they had instructions from the landlord. The five family members refused to let the bouncers enter, and started clicking photographs and shooting

### THE ANATOMY OF THE ASSAGAO ATROCITY

- ▶ 15 bouncers descended at Prinsha Agarwadekar's residence at Assagao, on Saturday, and asked them to vacate
- ▶ They told the occupants that they had come to demolish the house as they had bought the land from Chrys Pinto
- ▶ The occupants started clicking photos and shooting videos of the muscle men
- ▶ The muscle men then covered their faces and left, but later arrived with the JCB
- ▶ When Prinsha asked them to produce the demolition order, they refused and pushed her and her daughter
- ▶ After contacting the cops the mother and daughter were taken to the police station and made to sit there
- ▶ Prinsha received a call from her son that the
- bouncers had started the demolition of their house
- ▶ The PSI sent two constables, who just took the keys of the JCB, detained two workers, but refused to touch the bouncers
- ▶ Prinsha alleged that the cops let the bouncers demolish her residence
- ▶ She alleged a bouncer came to the police station, took the keys of the JCB and started with the demolition work
- ▶ They then dragged Prinsha's 19-year-old son and her ailing husband into a car, confiscated their phones and moved around in various places for six hours and dumped them near a bar at Anjuna, at 10.30 pm and their statements were not recorded
- ▶ She has been left with just one room and a kitchen



videos of those who were flexing their muscles. The bouncers then started violently shaking the front gate to instil fear in the minds of the occupants. Putting up a

**Who returned the keys of the JCB that were with the police? And who operated it again?**

**“We want to know who returned the keys of the JCB. Police should answer this. We have also demanded filing of criminal trespass and abduction case against those involved in the incident**

— Hanumant Naik, Assagao Sarpanch

**“We are going to take up the issue during the Assagao gram sabha scheduled on June 30 as we don't want outsiders to take law into their hands. Law of the land has to be respected in letter and spirit**

— Aida Fonseca, a resident

**“I have been representing the occupants in this matter. Despite police taking up the case, and its operator being at the police station, the JCB was operated and house was demolished. The family has been residing in the house for more than 24 years. The house was demolished without any notice**

— Adv Prasad Dessai, lawyer representing the occupants

and left the place. “The bouncers then returned back with the JCB and I asked them to produce the demolition order, which they refused to do so,” Prinsha, the woman of the house said.

“When we stopped them from going ahead, they pushed me and my daughter, and it was at this time, I contacted the police, pleading for help,” she said.

“The cops came and took me to the police station and made me and my daughter sit at there. They send me for medical examination and kept my daughter at the police station. I received a call

from my son that the bouncers had started demolishing our house. I pleaded with the police, but the PSI on duty Sanket Tokre stated that the staff 'had gone for lunch' and that he was helpless,” Prinsha added. “After wasting precious time, the PSI sent two constables. The cops just took the keys of the JCB, detained two workers, took them to the police station and refused to touch the bouncers,” Prinsha said, hitting out at the cops, whom she alleged let the bouncers demolish her residence.

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## NEET-UG row: CBI files FIR, dispatches teams to Godhra, Patna; buck stops at Modi govt, says Cong

Five more arrested for alleged paper leak in Bihar; NTA debars 17 from centres after detecting 'malpractices' in that State

**PTI, NEW DELHI/PATNA:** The investigation into the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG gained momentum on Sunday with the CBI filing an FIR and dispatching teams to Godhra in Gujarat and Patna in Bihar. The Economic Offences Unit of the Bihar Police arrested five persons in a paper leak case, taking the total arrests to 18.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) also cracked the whip against more stu-

dents, debarring 17 from centres in Bihar after detection of 'malpractices'.

Amid demand for the cancellation of the May 5 exam, Union Education Ministry officials reiterated the government's earlier stand that the incidents of malpractices were 'localised' or 'isolated' and it was not fair to jeopardise the careers of lakhs of candidates who cleared the exam rightfully.

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Over 13 lakh candidates out of around 24 lakh qualified in the NEET-UG this year and they will compete for around 1.8 lakh MBBS/dental seats.

Against the backdrop of allegations of irregularities

as well as 'bunching of high scorers', the NTA stated that the top one lakh candidates are spread across 4,500 centres all over the country. Moreover, nearly two-thirds of these are from rural or semi-rural areas, it stated. The CBI filed the FIR in connection with alleged irregularities in NEET-UG under IPC sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 420 (cheating) among others.

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## By-elections to 10 panchayat wards register 79.90% voter turnout

52.12 per cent polling in Benaulim ZP bypoll

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**PANJIM:** The by-elections to 10 wards of ten panchayats recorded a voter turnout of 79.90 per cent, while polling in the Benaulim Zilla Panchayat by-poll was 52.12 per cent.

Ten wards in the 10 panchayats, which went to polls on Sunday, Ward No. VII in Cundaum Panchayat recorded a voter turnout of 89.53 per cent, followed by Ward No. II in Volvoi Panchayat (93.98 per cent), Ward No III in

Querim Panchayat (74.86 per cent), Ward No. XI in Borim panchayat (83.28 per cent), Ward No. V in Rachol Panchayat (77.97 per cent), Ward No. II in Seraulim panchayat (70.57 per cent), Ward No. I in Assolna panchayat (60.87 per cent), Ward No. II in Cudnem Panchayat (95.06 per cent), Ward No. II in Xeldem Panchayat (85.09 per cent) and Ward No. X in Socorro Panchayat (73.23 per cent).

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## Deadly attack on Russian synagogues, churches; priest among 8 killed

**AFP, MOSCOW:** Gunmen on Sunday attacked synagogues and churches in Russia's North Caucasus region of Dagestan, killing a priest, six police officers, and a member of the national guard, security officials said.

The attacks took place in Dagestan's largest city of Makhachkala and in the coastal city of Derbent, where gun-fights were ongoing.

Russia's Investigative Committee said it had opened criminal probes over 'acts of terror'.

Witnesses could hear shooting near a church in Makhachkala while shoot-outs were continuing in Derbent, the TASS state news agency reported.

Sunday is a religious holiday in the Russian Orthodox Church called Pentecost Sunday. Dagestan is a largely Mus-



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### POLICE SAY FOUR GUNMEN KILLED

**AFP, MOSCOW:** Police have 'eliminated' four gunmen who killed at least eight people during attacks on religious buildings and the security forces, interior ministry officials in Russia's North Caucasus region of Dagestan said on Sunday. “According to information at this moment in Makhachkala, law enforcement offices have eliminated four fighters,” the interior ministry's spokeswoman wrote on Telegram. Attacks have been ongoing in Dagestan since early evening, killing six police, a member of the national guard and a priest.

A 66-year-old priest was killed in Derbent, the press secretary of Dagestan's interior ministry, Gariyeva told the agency. Dagestan's RGVK broadcaster named the priest as Nikolai Kotelnikov, saying he had served more than 40 years in Derbent. “The synagogue in Derbent is on fire,” the chairman of the public council of Russia's

Federation of Jewish Communities, Boruch Gorin wrote on Telegram.

“It has not been possible to extinguish the fire. Two are killed: a policeman and a security guard.”

He added: “The synagogue in Makhachkala has also been set on fire and burnt down.” Gorin wrote that in Derbent, firefighters had been told to leave the burning synagogue

because of the risk that 'terrorists remained inside'.

He added: “There is shooting in the streets around the synagogue.”

The leader of Dagestan, Sergei Melikov, wrote on Telegram: “This evening in Derbent and Makhachkala unknown (attackers) made attempts to destabilise the situation in society. They were confronted by Dagestani police officers.”

Russia's FSB security service in April said it had arrested four people in Dagestan on suspicion of plotting a deadly attack on Moscow's Crocus City Hall concert venue in March, which was claimed by Islamic State.

Militants from Dagestan are known to have travelled to join the Islamic State group in Syria.