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Stephen Nel, owner of the Camo Meat abattoir in Bela Bela, poses for a portrait among stuffed animals at the taxidermist shop. The abattoir in Bela Bela, north of Johannesburg, is one of a few dedicated to game meat, an untapped sector authorities say can create jobs and, perhaps counter-intuitively, help preserve wildlife while also pleasing the palates of climate- and health-conscious meat eaters

Policeman among three killed by Colombia car bomb

BOGOTÁ, (COLOMBIA): Three people died, including a policeman, and eight others were wounded in a car bombing in a region of Colombia where a leftist rebel group remains active, officials said Saturday. "An explosive charge placed in a private vehicle was detonated, causing the death of police officer Santiago Moreno Rios along with a shopkeeper and a man," the country's defense ministry said on social network X. It said two other officers and six civilians were wounded in the Friday explosion in the southwestern Narino department. The incident occurred in a region where a FARC dissident group called Estado Mayor Central (EMC) operates, according to authorities. The EMC and Segunda Marquetalia are two splinter groups that refused to disarm when the FARC - the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, once the most powerful guerrilla organization on the continent - signed a peace deal in 2016.

Flights cancelled at UK's Manchester airport after power cut

LONDON: Flights at the UK's third-busiest airport were being delayed or cancelled Sunday after a major power cut, the airport operator said. The Manchester Airports Group, which also operates London Stansted and the East Midlands airports, said Manchester Airport had been "affected by a major power cut in the area earlier this morning." Power has now been restored at the international airport in the north of England, but passengers due to travel from Terminals One and Two were told to "not come to the airport" as all flights were cancelled "until further notice". Passengers for Terminal Three were told to come to the airport as normal, but were warned they "could be affected by delays". The airport operator said that while passengers already checked in were scheduled to depart as planned, the disruption meant "some baggage may not be on those flights".

Landslide kills eight in China after heavy rainfall, on high alert

BEIJING: A landslide in a mountainous area of central China has left eight people dead, state media said Sunday, as parts of the country were placed on high alert for bad weather. Heavy rain caused a deadly landslide in a village in Hunan province, according to state broadcaster CCTV. Four houses collapsed early on Sunday and all eight missing people "have been found with no vital signs", the channel said. China has been experiencing extreme weather conditions and unusually high temperatures in recent months. Climate change driven by human-emitted greenhouse gases makes extreme weather events more frequent and intense, and China is the world's biggest emitter. Meteorological authorities issued several red alerts - the highest in China's four-tier warning system - for torrential rain on Sunday, including in Hubei and Anhui provinces.

Body found after Swiss floods, two still missing

GENEVA: Swiss rescuers on Sunday found the body of one of three people missing since floods hit the southeastern canton of Grisons, police said. Rainstorms Friday set off flooding and landslides that tore down houses in the mountainous Val Mesolcina valley district of the canton. The body of a man was found eight kilometres (4.5 miles) from where he went missing, police said. A woman declared missing was found alive in rocks and mud on Saturday. Two other people are still missing. "The probability of finding them alive is low," said police spokesman William Kloter. Other areas of Switzerland, including the ski resort of Zermatt, have also suffered with heavy rainfall in recent days, with several roads cut off and rail services hit.

Kenya force to leave for Haiti on June 25

NAIROBI: A Kenyan force will leave for Haiti on June 25 to lead a UN-backed mission to tackle gang violence in the Caribbean state, despite court challenges against the deployment, government and police sources said Sunday. Kenya offered to send about 1,000 police to stabilise Haiti alongside personnel from several other countries, but the deployment has run into legal challenges in the East African nation. President William Ruto has been an enthusiastic backer of the mission and said this month that the deployment would begin within weeks. "The departure is this week on Tuesday," an interior ministry official said on condition of anonymity. "Preparations are set for the team to depart for Haiti on Tuesday. We already have two advance teams that left - one last week and another one yesterday," a senior police official said. A UN Security Council resolution in October last year approved the mission but a Kenyan court in January delayed the deployment.

Delhi L-G assures AAP delegation he will try to resolve issue

PTI, NEW DELHI: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena assured an AAP delegation that met him here on Sunday over the water crisis in the city that he will try to resolve the issue while stressing the solution lay in cooperation rather than blame game.

According to Raj Niwas officials, the MPs and MLAs who attended the meeting primarily requested the L-G to request the Haryana Government for extra water, for a few days, till the rains arrive.

In a statement, the Aam Aadmi Party said the delegation highlighted the shortfall of 113 million gallons per day (MGD) of water from Haryana to Delhi and Saxena has assured them of addressing the issue.

A Raj Niwas official said that during the meeting,



Delhi Water Minister and AAP leader Atishi Singh with party leaders Saurabh Bhardwaj, Sanjay Singh and Gopal Rai during the third day of her indefinite hunger strike over the ongoing water crisis in the national capital, in New Delhi, on Sunday

Saxena reiterated that the share of Yamuna water between Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and other neighbouring states had

been fixed by the Upper Yamuna River Board and it was up for renewal in 2025.

The L-G spoke to the Haryana chief minister around 4

pm who assured Saxena that he would seriously look into the matter and try to help tide over the situation to the farthest possible extent, he said.

Mayawati declares nephew 'successor' again, revokes earlier decision

PTI, LUCKNOW: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president on Sunday declared nephew Akash Anand her successor and made him the party's national coordinator, reversing her own previous decision.

In the middle of the Lok Sabha elections on May 7, she had termed Akash Anand immature and relieved him of the party post.

After a national level meeting at the BSP state office here on Sunday, the party in a statement said it was handing Akash Anand his former responsibilities back.

"BSP's national president Mayawati has once again given Akash Anand a chance to work in the party with full maturity. He

will continue to hold all his posts in the party as before.

"That is, he will remain Mayawati's only successor along with being the party's national coordinator," the statement read.

Mayawati, a former Uttar Pradesh chief minister, said she is hopeful her nephew will emerge as a "mature" leader.

"I am hopeful about him (Akash Anand) that now he will definitely emerge as a fully mature leader at every level in the interest of his party and movement. The people of the party will also now encourage him by giving him more respect and honour than before. So that now he can live up to all my expectations in the future," she said in a statement.

Without food or toys, a Gaza family tries to survive

AFP, JABALIA, (PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES): Surrounded by a sea of rubble, the Palestinian Al-Balawi family in northern Gaza hang blankets above the ruins of their home to create a makeshift tent that provides shade from the searing summer heat.

The family are struggling to feed themselves in the Jabalia refugee camp after the nearly nine months of war that have followed Hamas's October 7 attack.

Gazans are suffering from severe shortages of supplies including food and water alongside Israel's bombard-

ment of the territory, forcing desperate mothers like Umm Siraj al-Balawi to fight for their survival with no end to the conflict in sight.

"There are no vegetables or fruits. No vitamin intake. When you get sick, you stay in bed for two or three weeks to recover," the 33-year-old told AFP.

"This war must stop, because it is a war of displacement. It is a war of annihilation."

Jabalia has been hit particularly hard in recent weeks, with Israeli forces carrying out a massive bombardment campaign, part of a fierce ground offensive in

northern Gaza -- an area the military had previously said was out of the control of Hamas militants.

Israeli forces retrieved the bodies of some hostages from Jabalia and in May reported "perhaps the fiercest" fighting there since the start of the war. - Displaced from 'tent to tent' -

Desperation among Gaza's 2.4 million population has increased as the fighting has raged, with warnings from humanitarian agencies that they are unable to deliver aid.

Vital supplies of food have piled up undistribut-

ed on the Palestinian side of the Kerem Shalom crossing, a key conduit for aid to enter Gaza.

Israel says it has let supplies in and called on agencies to step up distribution, while aid organisations including the United Nations say they have been unable to pick up supplies because of a breakdown in civil order in Gaza.

The war broke out after Hamas's October 7 attack that resulted in the deaths of 1,194 people in Israel, most of them civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official Israeli figures.

18 Indian fishermen arrested for alleged illegal fishing in Sri Lanka

PTI, COLOMBO: As many as 18 Indian fishermen were arrested for alleged illegal fishing in the island nation's waters by the Sri Lankan Navy and three fishing vessels were seized, a media report said on Sunday.

The fishermen were arrested from the North Sea near Delft Islands during a search operation conducted Saturday night, news portal The News First reported. Navy spokesperson

Capt Gayan Wickramasuriya said the arrested fishermen would be taken to Kankesanurai fishing harbour for further legal proceedings.

Last week, four Indian fishermen were arrested and their trawler seized by the Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters.

The numbers are almost 75 per cent of the approximate 240-245 held similarly in 2023.

ALL SET FOR 'TAKE OFF'



Participants launch a giant kite during the Bali Kite Festival at Mertasari beach in Sanur, Indonesia's Bali island, on Sunday

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

She alleged that within a fraction of a second, a bouncer came to the police station, took the keys of the JCB and went back and started with the demolition work.

"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," she said.

"Today I am homeless, with just one room and a kitchen left. Even the steps of my home have been demolished and I even cannot enter my residence. My husband is ailing and is under medication. My daughter and I work day and night to make ends meet and today we are homeless. We had paid the landlord cash and we have a sworn affidavit regarding the matter. We have the house, water and electricity tax in our name. With these arm-twisting tactics, the common man today is helpless as the high and mighty get away by circumventing the law. The role of the Anjuna Police needs to be investigated and justice needs to be given to us," she demanded.

"It was only when the Siolim MLA Delilah Lobo rushed to our rescue that the police have filed an FIR in the matter," she said.

When contacted, Lobo said, "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. It is the duty of the police to register a case against the accused or those violating the law and maintain law and order in the State. In this case, the police are silent, and they act only when an MLA intervenes. In civil matters, the police have full powers to act on public holidays - Saturdays and Sundays and maintain law and order. Here it is just the opposite. They

have filed the FIR only after I accompanied the victim to the police station."

When questioned, Anjuna PI Prashal Dessai, stated that they had registered a case against unknown persons under Sections 365 and 427 read with 34 of IPC as nobody was willing to identify those who were in the photos.

"As if rubbing salt into somebody's wounds, the Anjuna Police have booked unknown accused despite I producing photographic evidence to them. With compassion give justice to the victim," Lobo said and demanded that the cops book the accused for criminal trespass and kidnapping.

"How can the police book unknown accused, when there is evidence submitted to them in black and white? Law and order has gone for a toss and I call upon the chief minister to look into this case," the MLA said.

In spite of the family being rendered partly homeless, no police protection was provided to them and they almost slept in an open place without security for the night.

NEET-UG ROW: CBI FILES FIR, DISPATCHES TEAMS TO GODHRA, PATNA; BUCK STOPS AT MODI GOVT, SAYS CONG

The FIR was filed following a reference from the Union Education Ministry.

State Governments of Bihar and Gujarat also issued a notification on Sunday to transfer cases of NEET-UG paper leaks registered by their police to the CBI, paving the way for the central agency to take over the investigation.

The Bihar Police's EOU handed over a report to the Education Ministry on Saturday following which the probe was handed over to CBI for comprehensive investigation

In a statement issued in Patna late Sunday evening, the EOU said it had arrested five people who were detained from Deoghar in Jharkhand on Saturday.

They were identified as Baldev Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Panku Kumar, Rajeev Kumar and Paramjeet Singh. All are originally residents of Nalanda.

Baldev Kumar, associated with the notorious Sanjeev Kumar alias Lutan Mukhiya gang, allegedly received

the solved answer sheet of the NEET-UG exam in PDF format on his mobile phone a day before the exam, the statement said.

The statement claimed the members of the Mukhiya gang, accused of orchestrating multiple interstate paper leaks, were the source of the leaked answer sheet.

Further investigation revealed that Baldev and his associates printed and distributed the solved answer sheet to students gathered at a safe house in Ram Krishna Nagar in Patna on May 4 for memorisation. The aspirants were brought there by two previously arrested persons, Nitish Kumar and Amit Anand.

According to the statement, the leaked NEET-UG question paper was allegedly obtained from a private school in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, by the Mukhiya gang.

Investigators matched a partially burnt question paper recovered from the Patna safe house with the reference question paper provided by the National Testing Agency (NTA), confirming the leak's origin, it said.

Standard procedures for handling and transporting question papers, as set by the NTA, were also allegedly disregarded by those involved in the breach, it claimed

The EOU interrogated several persons linked to the custody chain of the question papers, including bank officials and employees of a courier company.

A manhunt is on to nab Mukhiya and his other gang members, it said. The Congress alleged that the buck stopped atop echelons of Modi government in NEET scam.

BY-ELECTIONS TO 10 PANCHAYAT WARDS REGISTER 79.90% VOTER TURNOUT

In the Benaulum Zilla Panchayat (ZP) by-poll, of 20,129 eligible voters, 10,492 voters exercised their franchise. There were 27 polling stations for the by-poll. The by-elections, which were held from 8 am to 5 pm with ballot papers, passed off peacefully with no reports of any untoward incident. Four candidates are in fray for the Benaulum Zilla Panchayat (ZP) by-poll.

Counting of votes will be held on Monday, June 24, the State Election Commission (SEC) said.