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Japan recycling contaminates soil

AFP, IITATE: To reduce radiation across Japan's northern Fukushima region after the 2011 nuclear disaster, authorities scraped a layer of contaminated soil from swathes of land.

Now, as young farmers seek to bring life back to the region once known for its delicious fruit. Authorities are deliberating what to do with the mass of removed soil.



JOANITA I. MASCARENHAS

June 03, 2022

(Jetty - Mundvel, Vasco)



There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the souls of Joanita Idalina Mascarenhas and Pascoal Antonio Mascarenhas on 3rd June 2025 at 08:15 AM at St. Andrews Church, Vasco followed by prayers at the grave.

A Tribute of Love from your children Seby/Belinda, Mary/Roque, Annie/Melwyn and Children Melita/Clayton, Reagan/Georgia, Russel, Vallen, Vaneil, Schanelle and great grandchildren Canzia & Caylum. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimatio



Ukraine destroys over 40 military aircraft in drone attack inside Russia

AP , KYIV: A Ukrainian drone attack has destroyed more than 40 Russian planes deep in Russia's territory, a Ukrainian security official told The Associated Press on Sunday, while Russia pounded Ukraine with missiles and drones a day before the two sides meet for a new round of direct talks in Istanbul.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose operational details, said the attack took over $1 \frac{1}{2}$ -year to execute and was personally supervised by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The operation saw drones transported in containers carried by trucks deep into Russian territory, he said. The drones reportedly hit 41 bombers stationed at several airfields on Sunday afternoon, including the Belaya air base in Russia's Irkutsk region,

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more than 4,000 kilometres

from Ukraine. It is the first time that a Ukrainian drone has been seen in the region, local Gov. Igor Kobzev said. He also said in a statement that the drone had been launched from a truck. Russian officials in the Ryazan and Murmansk regions also reported drone activity on Sunday afternoon, but did

not give further details. The attack came the same day as Zelensky said Ukraine will send a delegation to Istanbul for a new round of direct peace talks with Russia on Monday.

In a statement on Telegram, Zelensky said that Defence Minister Rustem Umerov will lead the Ukrainian delegation. "We are doing everything to protect our independence, our state and our people," Zelensky said. Ukrainian officials had

TWO BRIDGES IN RUSSIA COLLAPSE IN 'BLASTS', 7 DEAD AP, MOSCOW: Explosions caused two bridges to collapse and derailed two trains in western Russia overnight, officials said on Sunday, without saying what had caused the blasts. In one of the incidents, seven people were killed and dozens were injured. The first bridge, in the Bryansk region on the border with Ukraine, collapsed on top of a passenger train on Saturday, causing the casualties. The train's driver was among those killed, state-run Russian Railways said. Hours later, officials said a second train derailed when the bridge beneath it collapsed in the nearby Kursk region, which also borders Ukraine. In that collapse, a freight train was thrown off its rails onto the road below as the explosion collapsed the bridge, local acting Gov.

previously called on the ised memorandum setting Kremlin to provide a prom- out its position on ending

the war before the meeting takes place. Moscow had said it would share its memorandum during the talks

Russia on Sunday launched the biggest number of drones - 472 - on Ukraine since the full-scale invasion in February 2022, Ukraine's air force said.

2022 counteroffensive. Russian forces also launched seven missiles alongside the barrage of drones, said Yuriy Ignat, head of communications for the air force. Earlier Sunday, Ukraine's army said at least 12 Ukrainian service members were killed and more than 60 were injured in a Russian missile strike on an army training unit. The strike occurred at 12:50 p.m., the statement

said, emphasizing that no formations or mass gatherings of personnel were being held at the time.

The training unit was located to the rear of the 1,000-kilometre front line, where Russian reconnaissance and strike drones are able to strike. Ukraine's forces lack troops and take extra precautions to avoid mass gatherings as the skies across the front

line are saturated with Russian drones looking for targets. Russia's Ministry of Defence said on Sunday that it had taken control of the village of Oleksiivka in Ukraine's northern Sumy region.

Ukrainian army com-

mander Mykhailo Dra-

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mitted his resignation

following the attack. He

was a respected com-

mander whose leadership

saw Ukraine regain land

on the eastern front for

the first time since Kyiv's

active

ASSAGAO LOCALS CRY INJUSTICE OVER SIT MOVE TO LET OFF 'QUEEN BEE'

Part of the rejected anticipatory bail application of Pooja Sharma by Session Judge Irshad Agha reads: "The beneficiary of the criminal conspiracy was definitely the applicant (Pooja Sharma) herein being the owner of the property. The applicant has also lodged a complaint against Pradeep Agarwadekar. This shows that the applicant wanted to get rid of Pradeep Agarwadekar from the said structure."

Ida Fonseca, a villager is convinced some politicians have their hand behind the police keeping Pooja Sharma out of the FIR.

"How can the police keep the owner of the house in dispute, out of the FIR? This cannot be possible without the involvement of some politicians," believes Fonseca.

The doubts of the villagers is strengthened after further perusal of the rejected bail application wherein Judge Agha states: " It is also brought to my notice that one of the accused Arshad Khwaja who was arrested has been released, after his release he has given a statement under Section 164 of CrPC. In the said statement he has admitted that he has committed the illegal act on his own. It is also submitted before me that Pradeep Agarwadekar has also withdrawn his complaint against the applicant. These subsequent events show that the applicant is the ben-eficiary. Therefore, there was a conspiracy hatched by the accused persons and the applicant."

"From the case facts that appeared in the media, Pooja Sharma ought to have been named in the charge sheet as the alleged demolition was caused at her instance being the person to have bought the property," thinks Adv Savio Correia.

"By not including her, the police are setting a wrong precedent thereby encouraging others to resort to such ways of displacing people from where they live. The police should have a relook and add her name," suggests Correia.

That there exists an anomaly in the FIR is further red flagged by various observations of the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court in its anticipatory bail judgment in favour of Sharma. The High Court observed: "The applicant being owner of the said property including structure, is the only person who could have hatched the conspiracy to evict Mr Pradeep and his family members from the said property. There is strong prima facie suspicion about the in-volvement of the applicant in the said offence." "The incident of demolition of part of the said house with the machinery and in the presence of bouncers cannot be attributed to any person other than the one who is interested in the said property. The possibility of engaging such bouncers in carrying out demolition cannot be ruled out," read the order of Justice Bharat P Desphande of the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court. The decision of the SIT of the Crime Branch to keep Pooja Sharma, whose husband is a diplomat, has not surprised many in Goa. "When there was trouble, the CM went in the rain to promise the Aagarwadekar family help. With the shots now being called from New Delhi, he has changed his tunes," says a shocked Ramiro D'Souza. FLASHBACK OF THE ASSAGAO ATROCITY: Around 15 bouncers descended at Prinsha Agarwadekar's residence at Assagao, asking them to vacate. They told the occupants that they had come to demolish the house as they had bought the land from Chrys Pinto.

criminal could live openly and run licenced businesses in another State without anyone noticing.

Investigators say Bhagirath was drawn into the narcotics trade by his wife and in-laws and had been involved in smuggling psychotropic substances like opium and poppy husk. His arrest has triggered a wider debate over how Goa Police and excise departments failed to detect that a narcotics case fugitive was hiding in plain sight while legally operating liquor stores in Goa.

The arrest also led to the capture of his accomplice, Dinesh, a B.Ed College operator from Barmer district, who had provided shelter and logistics to the smuggling ring.

Sources close to the investigation point to glaring gaps in Goa's regulatory mechanisms, especially in the excise department, which allowed a wanted criminal to hold liquor licenses and expand his legal business operations undisturbed.

Authorities in Goa have not yet issued a statement on how Bhagirath secured the licences and escaped detection for so long. The case has sparked questions about whether Goa's tourism-driven economy and regulatory blind spots are turning the coastal State into a safe haven for fugitives and narcotics networks.

Further investigations are underway to track Bhagirath's business links and uncover any local collusion in Goa, said Vikas Kimar (IGP).

FIR AGAINST FOUR SONS OF THE SOIL HAS VEL-

SAO ON THE BOIL

Adding to residents' grievances, another affected villager has now approached authorities seeking action against the subcontractor. Dr Sanjay Coelho, whose heritage residence at Velsao has been affected, has written to police and administrative officials alleging criminal trespass by the RVNL subcontractor executing double tracking work for South Western Railways.

In his complaint, Dr Coelho stated that a civil engineer em-

"This is not about benefiting Goans—it's about facilitating the movement of bulk cargo like coal and iron ore for outsiders," he said. "Even our barge operators are excluded as the DPR allows only large vessels of 4,000 tonnes or more, while theirs carry just 3,500 tonnes."

Referring to his stint in the Parrikar-led government, Sardesai recalled that Goa had earlier signed a tripartite agreement with the Centre to retain local control over its rivers. "That commitment has now been thrown out the window," he said, adding that even State ministers seem unaware of central decisions. "Just a few weeks ago, Minister Rohan Khaunte admitted he had no knowledge of a jetty approved at Penha de Franca. This shows how clueless the State government is."

He also criticised Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's comment that the new observation towers on the Zuari bridge would offer scenic views, remarking that tourists would instead be watching coal barges pass beneath. Sardesai accused the Centre of misleading Goans and said the proposed deepening of riverbeds from their current depth of 1.5–2 metres to 4 metres would cause irreversible ecological damage. "This is an environmental catastrophe in the making," he warned.

At the same time, Sardesai came down heavily on the State administration for its inaction amid worsening civic conditions. "The recent pre-monsoon showers have exposed the crumbling infrastructure. Margao is in shambles, Mapusa is practically underwater, and yet their councillors are off holidaying in Dubai. The people of Goa are left to fend for themselves," he said.

He also flagged the non-availability of essential paddy seed varieties like 'Jaya', saying this failure showed the government's disconnect from the needs of Goan farmers. "Even something as basic as agricultural inputs isn't being looked after. This government is far removed from the ground reality," Sardesai said.

Calling the DPR one of "misplaced priorities", he demanded its immediate withdrawal. "We say no to coal, no to capital dredging, and no to selling our rivers. Goans must realise this project is not for us. It's a scheme to exploit our resources in the name of development," he said, urging the State government to protect truck operators, barge owners, and fishing communities.

The occupants started clicking photos and shooting videos of the muscle men, who then covered their faces and left, but later arrived with the earthmoving machinery.

When Prinsha asked them to produce the demolition order, they refused and pushed her and her daughter and 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 earthmoving machinery, detained two workers, but refused to touch the bouncers.

Prinsha alleged that the cops let the bouncers demolish her residence and further charged that 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 statement was not recorded.

She was left with just one room and a kitchen.

WANTED NARCOTICS SMUGGLER ARRESTED, **OPERATED THREE LIQUOR STORES IN GOA**

"This arrest was only possible because of our sustained interstate intelligence operations," said Jodhpur IGP Vikas Kumar. It raises serious concerns about how a wanted narcotics

ployed with the contractor has illegally trespassed into his motorable Right of Way and dumped mud and construction material on his property, denying access to his heritage residence. He pointed out that the Village Panchayat had issued a stop work order dated January 29, 2025, against the ongoing construction activity.

Dr Coelho noted that the dumping of mud and construction debris has led to rainwater collection inside and outside his compound, which may damage his heritage home and create health hazards by becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and vector-borne diseases.

In his complaint, Dr Coelho mentioned the survey numbers and land registry details of his heritage home in Velsao, which show the boundary of his property extends up to the existing railway line.

Dr Coelho has requested authorities to file an FIR against the civil engineer and his employer, attaching the stop work order, Form I & XIV, and his land registry document translated into English as supporting evidence.

The case highlights the broader issue facing Velsao residents who claim they have submitted valid Portuguese-era land records - Matriz and Inscription & Description documents - proving their ownership up to the railway line, while railways have no documents to prove title to the disputed land. This long traditional pathway, which serves as access to ancestral houses that existed even before the first railway track was laid, has been used as Right of Way since the 1890s and was a motorable road for over 60 years before construction material was dumped.

Residents have pointed out that cadastral plans of three revenue villages - Velsao, Pale and Issorcim - have gone missing, raising questions about the handling of land records.

While an Inspector of Survey and Land Records (ISLR) Court case in Margao between locals and railways over land ownership remains pending since January, and a separate suit has been filed before the District Civil Court Margao which is also underway, residents question why police acted swiftly on the contractor's complaint but ignored their multiple complaints about encroachment and denial of basic rights.

The village panchayat's stop work orders have been dismissed by railways, who continued work despite the orders remaining in force. What emerges is a disturbing pattern where these Goan families, while defending their ancestral rights, find themselves cornered and facing criminal charges - as if the railways are using government and earthmoving machinerv to bulldoze their way through despite the protests of local residents. Villagers wonder why government machinery appears to work against them rather than protecting their rights, including basic access to their ancestral homes.

CENTRE'S DREDGING PLAN AN ENVIRONMEN-TAL DISASTER IN THE MAKING, SAYS GFP

Sardesai concluded by reiterating that the GFP would oppose the project tooth and nail.

COINBASE SUFFERS MASSIVE DATA BREACH AFFECTING OVER 69,000 CUSTOMERS

"We notified affected users and regulators, cut ties with the TaskUs personnel involved and other overseas agents, and tightened controls," it said.

So, if the breach resulted out of mere bribery, could it have been avoided? Perhaps, according to Sergio Garcia, the founder of a crypto investigations company named Tracelon.

Speaking to Fortune, Garcia said that economic conditions drove TaskUs em-

ployees in Indore to accept bribes from hackers. something that can be attributed to low salaries paid to customer service agents by TaskUs. According to Fortune, TaskUs customer service agents are paid roughly between Rs 40,000 to Rs 70,000 monthly (\$500-700). While the salary offered by TaskUs is indeed higher than India's GDP per capita, the relatively low level of remuneration paves way for economic dis-satisfaction and susceptibility to bribes, especially given the sensitive nature of information handled by said agents. "Obviously that's the weakest point in the chain, because there is an economic reason for them to accept the bribe," Garcia told Fortune. While TaskUs salaries alone cannot be held responsible for criminal behaviour on account of agents, there could be an argument that higher remuneration could have prevented a breach like this.



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Sad Demise Vincentina Romualdina Cardozo

Died: Born: 07/09/1949 01/06/2025

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Beloved wife of late Cruzinho Cardozo. Loving mother/mother-in-law of Raflin/Francisco Rodrigues, late Thomas Cardozo, late Edna/Seby Cardozo, Stanley/Veliny Cardozo. Loving grandmother of Benson, Carissa & Sanya.

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence TODAY, 2^{nd} June 2025 Monday at 10.00 am to Jesus Nazareth Chapel Cutbona, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at St. Rock Church Cemetery Tolleacanto.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kidly accept this as the only intimation