

Meghalaya Police arrests 2 persons in Raja murder case

PTI, SHILLONG/INDORE: A special investigation team (SIT) of the Meghalaya Police arrested two persons in Madhya Pradesh in connection with the murder of Indore businessman Raja Raghuvanshi, a senior officer said.

With the fresh apprehensions, the total number of people arrested in the case rose to seven.

The SIT on Saturday night arrested a property dealer for concealing a box belonging to Raghuvanshi's wife Sonam, who hid it in a flat in Indore after the murder last month.

"Meghalaya Police SIT arrested one Silome James from Bhonrasa toll-gate in Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh while he was trying to flee to Bhopal around 7.30 pm on Saturday. He is a property dealer and lessee of a building at Heera Bagh Colony in Indore where Sonam had stayed and kept the jewellery and other items she

took with her after the incident," East Khasi Hills district SP Vivek Syiem told PTI.

Later, the SIT nabbed a security guard, identified as Balla Ahirwar, from his native village in Ashok Nagar district of Madhya Pradesh around 2 am on Sunday. He was posted at the property.

The two will be produced before a court in Indore, seeking a transit remand for being taken to Shillong for further investigation, he added.

The box is believed to have contained key evidence linked to the murder, according to sources.

The arrested property dealer led the SIT to the place where he had disposed of all the items of the box by burning, the officer said.

Pak govt under fire for nominating Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

PTI, LAHORE: The Pakistan government, as well as the country's military establishment, have come under severe criticism from netizens on social media for recommending US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ishaq Dar, Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, has formally sent a letter to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in Norway, recommending the US President for the award for his "decisive diplomatic intervention" during the recent India-Pakistan conflict.

Soon after the announcement, netizens on X began chiding the Pakistani government for pleasing its "master", the US president.

Israel recovers remains of 3 more hostages from Gaza

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-Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel Prime Minister

AP, TEL AVIV: The Israeli military said on Sunday that it has recovered the remains of three hostages held in the Gaza Strip. At least four Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike and 22 wounded while waiting for humanitarian aid, according to a local hospital.

The military identified the remains as those of Yonatan Samerano, 21; Ofra Keidar, 70; and Shay Levinson, 19. All three were killed during Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack into Israel that ignited the ongoing war. The militant group is still holding 50 hostages, less than half of them believed to be alive.

The military did not provide any details about the recovery operation, and it was unclear if the airstrike was related to it.

"The campaign to return the hostages continues consistently and is happen-

ing alongside the campaign against Iran," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement.

Kobi Samerano said in a Facebook post that his son's remains were returned on what would have been Yonatan's 23rd birthday.

Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted 251 people in the October 7 attack. More than half the hostages have been returned in ceasefire agreements or other deals, eight have been rescued alive and Israeli forces have recovered dozens of bodies.

Four people were killed on Sunday in an airstrike in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, according to Al-Awda Hospital, where the bodies were brought. It said another 22 people were wounded while waiting for aid trucks.

Palestinian witnesses and health officials say Israeli forces have repeatedly opened fire on crowds seeking desperately needed food, killing hundreds of people in recent weeks. The military says it has fired warning shots at people it said approached its forces in a suspicious manner.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
ASHTON ALBANO DIAS
Born: 20/05/2001
Died: 22/06/2025
Son of ASHLEY and late MAGNA DIAS. Grandson of late FLORA DIAS. Funeral cortege will leave residence TODAY, Monday June 23rd, 2025 at 3 p.m. to St. Michael's Church, Anjuna for Eucharistic celebration at 3.30 p.m. followed by burial.
Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
DOMINGOS RODRIGUES
Ex- Employee of PWD Secretariat Panaji (Bhattar Chimbel)
Son of:- Late Francisco Rodrigues / Late Jabelina Raposo.
Son In Law of:- Late Zeferino Gonsalves / Maria Dias. Husband of:- Maria Paulina Gonsalves. Loving Father / Father-in-law of:- John Frankie Rodrigues / Jaissel Rebello, Joyce Rodrigues / Franky Faria and Dolcy Rodrigues. Doting Grandfather of:- Janessa Angel Rodrigues.
Funeral Cortege will leave his residence at 03:15 pm on 23rd June 2025 to Our Lady Of Livra Febras Chapel, Chimbel for Eucharistic Celebration at 03:30 pm followed by burial.
https://www.youtube.com/live/80lj_G-1_pU?si=9vIDcKPT-jPE_pA7
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Into your hands, I command my spirit oh Lord!
JOAQUIM TOMAS FERNANDES
(CARONA - ALDONA)
Loving Husband of Nancy Fernandes.
Caring Father of Joel / Natalia, Nester & Nathan.
Doting Grandfather of Dzheims.
Son of Late Joao Constantino Fernandes & Late Delfina De Souza. Son-in-law of Late John C Raposo & Late Marta Raposo. Brother-in-law of Cajetan / Linda, Beatriz / Damian, Late Cosme & Ceazario.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence at 10:15 am on 24th June, 2025 (TOMORROW) to St. Thomas Church, Aldona for Eucharistic celebration at 10.30 am followed by burial.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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RETURNED TO THE LORD
Born: August 31, 1942
Died: June 21, 2025
Maria D'Souza
Porta Vaddo, Siolim
Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure. Loved beyond words, missed beyond measure.
Loving wife of Late Domingos Rosario John D'Souza. Mother/Mother-in-Law of Juanith/Anthony Fernandes, Rachel/Sebastiao Fernandes and Joe/Pamela D'Souza. Loving Grandmother of Anoushka/Roland, Allwyn, Starlon, Karen, Aloysius and Audrey.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3:45pm on 23rd June 2025 (TODAY) to St. Anthony's Church, Siolim for mass and burial.
Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
CLARINA ESTELINA DE ALMEIDA
POSREM BHATT - TALEIGAO
Beloved wife of late LUIS XAVIER MARTINS. Daughter of late CIPRIANO DE ALMEIDA and late ISMENIA ROSARIA ANTONIA TEOFILA MERGULHAO.
Loving mother/mother-in-law of MARIA JOSEFA/late ANTONIO, ELVINO/JOANITA, EMILIA/INACIO, ZEFERINO, CARLOTA/JOHN and EUGENIA/late OLAVIO.
A loving and cherished grandmother and great-grandmother.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence TODAY, 23rd June, 2025 at 3.30 p.m. to St. Michael's Church, Taleigao, for Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 p.m., followed by burial.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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Ukraine army chief vows to expand strikes on Russia

AFP, KYIV: Ukraine's top military commander vowed to increase the "scale and depth" of strikes on Russia in remarks made public Sunday, saying Kyiv would not sit idly by while Moscow prolonged its three-year invasion.

Diplomatic efforts to end the war have stalled in recent weeks.

The last direct meeting between the two sides was almost three weeks ago and no follow-up talks have been scheduled.

Russian attacks on Ukraine have killed dozens of people during the interim, including in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, according to officials.

"We will not just sit in defence. Because this brings nothing and eventually leads to the fact that we still retreat, lose people and territories," Ukrainian commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrsky told reporters



Rescuers stand in front of a damaged building following a Russian strike in Kramatorsk on June 22, 2025, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine

including AFP.

Syrsky said Ukraine would continue its strikes on Russian military targets, which he said had proved "effective".

"Of course, we will continue. We will increase the scale and depth," he said.

Ukraine has launched retaliatory strikes on Russia throughout the war, targeting energy and military infrastruc-

ture sometimes hundreds of kilometres from the front line.

Kyiv says the strikes are a fair response to deadly Russian attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure and civilians.

In wide-ranging remarks, Syrsky also conceded that Russia had some advantages in drone warfare, particularly in making fibre-optic drones

that are tethered and difficult to jam.

"Here, unfortunately, they have an advantage in both the number and range of their use," he said.

He also claimed that Ukraine still held 90 square kilometres (35 square miles) of territory in Russia's Kursk region, where Kyiv launched an audacious cross-border incursion last August.

"These are our pre-emptive actions in response to a possible enemy offensive," he said.

Russia said in April that it had gained full control of the Kursk region and denies that Kyiv has a presence there.

Moscow occupies around a fifth of Ukraine and claims to have annexed four Ukrainian regions as its own since launching its invasion in 2022 - in addition to Crimea, which it captured in 2014.

Manipur: Militant arrested, arms and ammunition seized

PTI, IMPHAL: A militant belonging to the banned outfit Kangleipak Communist Party (PWG) was arrested in Imphal West district of Manipur, a police statement said on Sunday.

A large cache of arms and ammunition were also seized in separate search operations in Imphal East and Kakching districts. The arrest and arms seizures were made on Saturday, it said.

A total of 19 'demand letters', used for extortion, were seized from the possession of the militant, identified as Yanglem Sadananda Singh (26), the statement said.

Also, in a search operation in Mayophung-Sanasabi Hill in Imphal East dis-

trict, a .303 bipod mounted rifle, seven .303 cartridges, two heavy-calibre mortars, 20 heavy-calibre mortar shells, two IEDs, four radio sets with charger, a pistol with three cartridges, 12 grenades and a bulletproof jacket were seized, it said.

In the third search operation in Nongmaikhong Makha Leikai hill range in Kakching district, an SMG carbine with two magazines, an AK-47 rifle, two single-barrel guns, one modified 9mm pistol with two magazines, three IEDs (weighing about 2 kg), eight wire detonators, and 10 PEK explosive packets each weighing 125 gm were seized.

Tokyo votes in local election seen as key test for ruling party

AFP, TOKYO: Voting kicked off Sunday for the Tokyo metropolitan assembly, a poll seen as a key barometer of public sentiment towards the central government, which has been struggling with low approval ratings.

Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party - its popularity battered by surging inflation and high rice prices - hopes to retain its position as the largest party in the mega-city's legislature.

"We will do everything... to get everyone elected," Ishiba told reporters earlier this month when campaigning kicked off, claiming his party was

best positioned to resolve local issues affecting Tokyo's some 14 million residents.

The Tokyo assembly election are being watched closely as they come just weeks before elections - which local media has reported could be July 20 - for the country's upper house.

Ishiba is seeking to maintain his coalition's majority, having already lost a majority in lower house elections last October.

Local media have speculated that further poll blows could lead to a change of party leadership.

Polling stations will close at 8:00 pm (1100 GMT).

Odisha flood: One person missing, 50 villages marooned in Balasore

PTI, BALASORE: One person went missing after being swept away by flood water as over 50 villages remained marooned even as the water level of the Subarnarekha river receded - the danger mark on Sunday, officials said.

A young man from Bishnupur gram panchayat area of Baliaipal block in the district is reported missing after being swept away by

the floodwaters on Saturday. ODRAF personnel have launched a rescue operation, he said.

At least four blocks - Baliaipal, Bhograi, Basta and Jaleswar - were inundated as authorities of Chandil Dam in Jharkhand allegedly released excess water without informing Odisha, Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi alleged terming it a "criminal misconduct".

The flash flood has affected over 50,000 people in the four blocks of Balasore district. However, the administration hopes that the situation will now improve as the water level of Subarnarekha has started receding. The water level at 10 am on Sunday, was 9.94 metre against the danger mark of 10.36 metre at Rajgaht. The highest water level was above 11 metre

on Saturday, officials said. Flood water has already entered into villages and agricultural fields and it may require around four/ five days to recover from the flood situation, officials said.

The state government has deployed boats and teams from Fire Service (5 teams), ODRAF (3) and one NDRF to help the administration in rescue and relief operations.

New Chinese 'super embassy' in London to get green light: Report

PTI, LONDON: A new Chinese so-called "super embassy" planned in central London is expected to get the UK government's stamp of approval after the country's Planning Inspectorate has reportedly given its nod.

According to 'The Sunday Times', UK Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Secretary Angela Rayner is expected to clear the path for China's plans for a mega embassy at the site of the historic Royal Mint Court near the Tower of London.

The plans, initially blocked amid espionage risk, were revived following lobbying by China, and a 12-day public inquiry took place in February. Following this, the Planning Inspectorate, an executive agency of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), is understood to have given the scheme the "green light".

The decision, which is expected to be formally signed

off by Rayner before September, is likely to trigger a judicial review process, the newspaper report said.

"This has been a David versus Goliath battle since the beginning, and we are not giving up now. Most of us fully expected this outcome, and we are now crowdfunding a legal challenge," said a spokesperson for Royal Mint Court Residents Association, which represents the people who live or work in properties next to the proposed embassy.

The Sunday Times' reports that US President Donald Trump has previously called on UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer to deny permission for the "super-embassy", with the issue said to have been raised in the trade negotiations between the two countries.

ONE YEAR WITH THE LORD
In Everloving memory of
MARIA ROSA ISABEL SOARES E PEREIRA
(Porvorim)
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mother on Tuesday, 24th June 2025 at 4.00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Porvorim, followed by Blessing of the grave. Offered by her Children, Grandchildren and Great Grand Children.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends Kindly accept this as the only intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In the everloving memory of
Our Beloved
ROOSEVELT MICHAEL MERGULHAO
Patrong Baina, Vasco
In the garden of memories, your presence blooms eternal. Three years have passed, but your spirit remains alive in our hearts. Loved & Remembered every minute of the day.
There will be an Eucharist celebration for the soul of our beloved Roosevelt Michael Mergulhao on the 24th of June 2025 at 8.15 a.m at St Andrews Church, Vasco offered by his sorrowful family.
Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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