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NATIONAL

• Ties depend on peace on border Rajnath to china

The violation of existing agreements has eroded the entire basis of bilateral relations, Defence minister Rajnath Singh told his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu on Thursday. He added that the development of India-China ties is premised on the prevalence of peace and tranquillity at the borders.

This was the first high-level military visit from China since the Laddakh stand-off.

Chinese Defence Minister is in New Delhi to attend SCO defence Minister's meeting scheduled on Friday.

Defence Ministry of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will also participate

Belarus and Iran the observers has also been invited. Pakistan will virtually participate

• IED planted a day or two before police,.

Even as a probe into the Pantwada Maoist attack that killed 11 persons including 10 security guards on Wednesday, investigators suspect that the IEDs were planted a day or two before the incident. A senior CRPF investigator reiterated the foxhole theory. "The trenches alongside the road made it easier to dig a hole using iron bars and rods to take nearly 60 kg of explosives. Presumably we suspect this was done one or two days before the explosion and sheer volume of explosives resulted in formation of a deep crater"

The officer further added "we also suspect that they picked up a specific location of blast as this is one area within the road connecting Aranpur and Sneli village where some kind of phone signals are available. This along with local support was vital in tracking the movements of the 50 Jawans returning from anti-Maoist operation in the jungle in four different vehicles"

• Central govt. de-recognises 2 postal unions

The centre has derecognised all India Postal Employment Union (AIPEU) the National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) for making contributions to Farmer's protests.

The ministry of communications took the decision based on central Civil Services (Recognition of Service associations) Rules, 1993.

The allegations of funding a party were also levelled against NFPE and AIPEU

NATIONAL

ð Ready to play facilitator to push government to ease concerns of same-sex partners : SC

SC on Thursday said it is ready to play the role of a "facilitator" to push the govt. into taking the administrative steps to bring down "barriers" and see the day to day human concerns faced by Cohabiting same-sex partners in areas such as Joint banking, insurance and admissions of children to schools without touching open the legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

The petitioner sought Judicial declaration of nothing less than "full marriage" status for same sex couples. On this the court said "we don't want to go for an all or broke approach". The court suggested "contract" or "partnership" to label same sex union rather than "marriage".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, said "Except for legal recognition of same sex relationship as marriage, if these any other issue they face, that can be addressed". SG told he would consult govt. in this that regard.

Govt. stand on the this was that "marriage" is a legislature subject and Courts should not interfere in this.

ð India sends third ship INS Tarkash to Port Sudan for evacuating citizens.

Under OPERATION KAVERI

Progress thus far

7th fleet of stranded Indians reached. New Delhi. India has deployed 3 ships for this INS Sumedha, INS Teg and INS Tarkash.

Passengers are brought from different locations to PORT SUDAN, from Port Sudan they are ferried to Jeddah. From Jeddah they are brought back to New Delhi by Indian Air Force C-130J.

On April 25 → INS Samedha brought 278 national, which were brought to Delhi by two sorties of C-130J.

On April 26 - INS Teg sailed 297 nationals, which were brought to Delhi by two sorties of C-130J. Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra said Indian would do "all that requires to be done" to help its citizen in Sudan.

The country was extremely grateful" to Saudi Arabia for its support in evacuation.

He further added that many other Countries has requested India to ferry its citizens and India will do all regarding this.

The situation there is "highly volatile and unpredictable". Between 1700 to 2000 Indians have already moved out of conflict zone

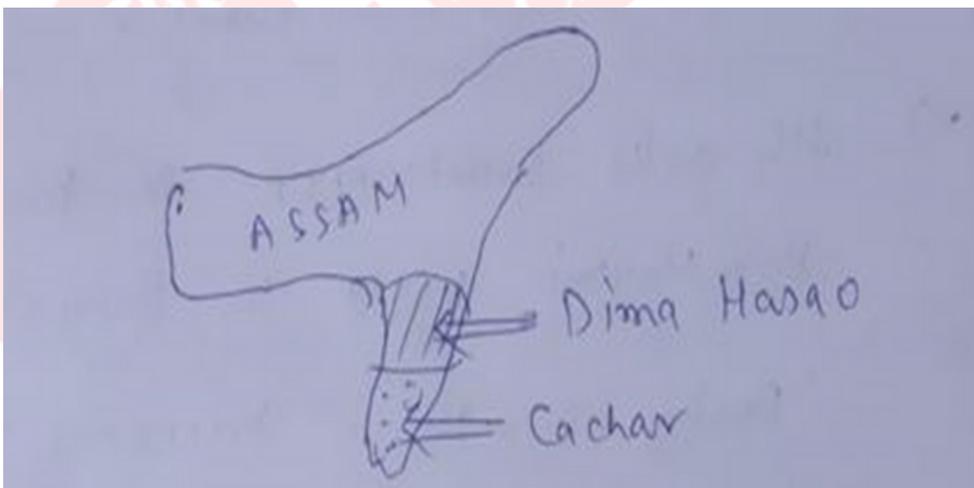
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ð Dimasa rebel group signs peace pact with centre, Assam govt.

An Assam based insurgent group-Dimasa National Liberation Army (DNCA)/ Dimasa People's Supreme Council (DPSC) which operates in Dima Hasao district, signed a peace agreement with the state government and centre in presence of Amit Shah and CM Hemanta Biswa Sharma.

Under the Agreement :

- ·DMLA people have agreed to give up violence Disband their organisation. Surrender arms and ammunition, and Join mainstream.
- ·Assam Govt will set up Dimasa welfare Council to preserve, protect, promote social, cultural, linguistic identity to meet policial, economic and educational aspiration.
- ·A package of 500 crore will also be provided for overall development of NCHAC and Dimasa People council NCHAC - North Cachar Hills Autonomous council



Signing the Agreement HM Amit Shah said “The agreement will but a complete end to emergency and there are no more armed groups in Assam today.”

NATIONAL

• Soon Indian Army to raise cyber operations and support wings:-

Several major decisions were taken at Army Commander Conference (ACC) The ACC has decided to operations Command Cyber Operations and Support wing (CCO SWS) in the immediate future with current-focus on net centric operations.

Also conversion of five year Technical Entry Scheme (TES) to four years has been done.

HC asks NIA.

• To probe Ram Navmi riots in Bengal During Ram Navami processions violence had erupted at Shibpur in Howrah, Palkhole in Uttar Dinajpur and Hooghly districts.

• Modi dubs guarantees by Congress as “Freebie culture”.

PM Modi attacking BJP workers on Thursday said "A country can not be run like this taking shortcuts. Revdi culture is eating resources for future generations".

Congress has issued guarantees cards signed by former CM Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Congress chief D.K. Shivkumar It promises 200 units of free power to every household, 10 kg free rice, monthly direct transfer of 2000 to women. 3000 Monthly transfer to unemployed youth.

Kharge liken PM to “Poisonous snake” but later told that he meant BJP

No issue with BJP's. Tamil Nadu chief : Palaniswami AIADMK General secretary told after meeting HM Amit Shah. He told that alliance b/w the two parties AIADMK and BJP would Continue

comic book to mark 100th Mann ki Baat.

WORLD

• Probe Khalistani extremism, review Panel urges U.K. government.

A review commissioned by U.K. government over was published on Thursday It was commissioned by Boss's Johnson govt. in October, 2019. It has been authored by colin Bloom an independent advisor.

ON SIKH EXTREMISM

- The study says that khalistani extremists uses violence, intimidation to achieve their goals. “Interestingly, this territorial claim does not include part of Punjab located in Pakistan. It is not entirely clear whether the motivation is faith based or not”
- The report says that some groups competes for power and legitimacy by representing them as Human right activists. They are. "Sikh" label to lobby political bodies. It says Sikh activist are online platform such as Facebook and youtube to upload " alarmingly dangerous and offensive imagery".
- The report says that U.K govt. need to clearly define and investigate extremism activity within Sikh Community. It further says govt to develop more nuanced and comprehensive" understanding of subversive and sectarian activity

ON HINDU NATIONALISM

- “Small minority" of British Hindus are becoming more passionate about their identification with Hindu political interest in India It has cited - Hindu and “Muslim tensions in Leicester in September 2022.
- "Government should also be very much alive. to the very small but growing phenomenon of extreme Hindu nationalism and Buddhist nationalism"

Human rights abuse :

• U.S. sanctions ex- Navy officials of Srilanka.

The U.S has sanctioned former Senior Sri Lankan Navy Commander Wasantha Karannagoda for "gross violation" of human rights during brutal conflict with LTTE:

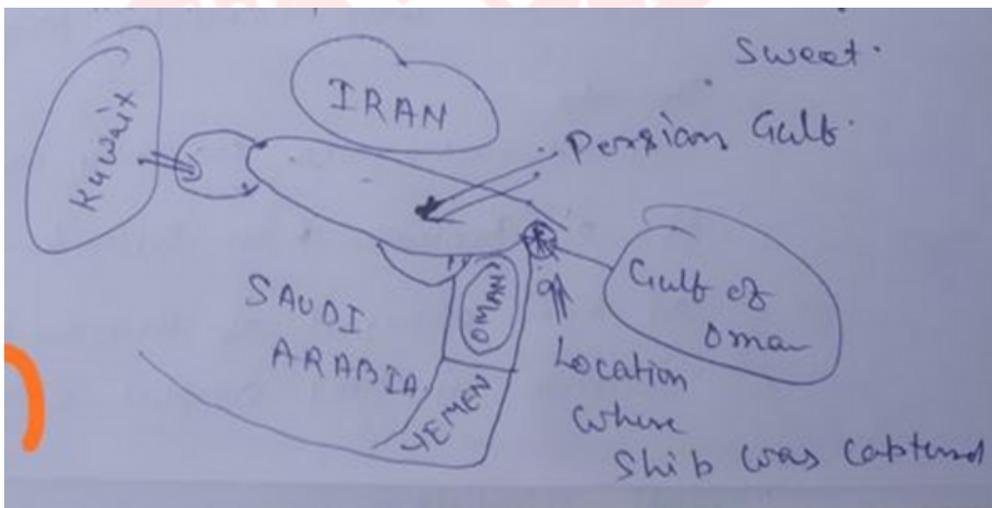
Colombo has however told that "unilateral" move was "Counter productive"

Mr. Karannagoda currently is governor of a province in srilanka. He has been charged of human right violation in 2009 conflict with LTTE. "the US continues to seek truth and Justice for victims of the Srilanka civil was" U.S. Secretary of state said in statement.

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) the main Tamil party in Srilanka has praised govt. move.

• Iran's Navy seizes oil tanker in Gulf of Oman

Iran's navy captured a Marshall Island flagged oil tanker in Gulf of Oman. The tanker had left Kuwait and was scheduled to Houston, Texas. The tankers name is Advantage sweet.



• Air Strike Pummel Khartoum as clock ticks on Sudan Truce –

The Sudanese Army pounded paramilitary RSF in Khartoum with air strikes on Thursday. Deadly fight took place b/w two group in Thursday. U.S. brokered 3-day Ceasefire were to end on midnight of Thursday. U.S. is trying to further extend Ceasefire for 3 more days. Till now 512 people have been killed and 4,193 wounded in fighting.

Israeli Army "kills alleged Palestinian attacker in West Bank.

ð Sharif secures vote of Confidence in Pak National Assembly.

Amid increasing confrontation of govt. and top Judiciary, the No confidence motion was brought by opposition Shahbaz Sharif won it. With 180 members out of 342 in favour of Shahbaz Sharif

Seven killed in un explained fire on passenger train in south Pakistan

Ukraine received 1,550 armoured vehicles, 230 tanks : NATO chief

Ukraine received this from its European allies and USA.

ð Another Kenyan Pastor accused of "man Killing of his followers"

Ozekie Odero, is head of the New Life Prayer Centre and church. The charges on him is mans killing of his followers:

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Editorial-1

Mindless Violence

The Maoist is attack is south Bastar is reflective of group's potency.

What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is regarding recent IED explosion by Maoist that killed 10 security personal and one civilian The editorial says about the steps govt. need to take to curb such instances further.

• About the Maoist attack:

On Wednesday in an IED explosion by Maoist in Dante wada district 10 security personals died. They were returning from a counter Maoist operation. "The trap seemed to be well planned. But it is failure on part of government and Intelligence agencies that they could not predict such attacks earlier.

• What needs to drone?

In 2021, Home Minister. Amit Shah had told that compared to 2010, when 96 districts in 10 states were Maoist affected, only 41 districts were Maoist affected as of 2021. But Govt must admit that some districts on Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand still remains under Maoist influence. Hard territory filled with jungles make these areas a hiding ground for Maoist. Locals living in poor conditions many times support Maoist Govt. should work to win local that will automatically kill Maoist activates.

Editorial-2

Killer Mafia

There must be zero tolerance of illegal sand quarrying in Tamil Nadu

What the editorial is all about?

Recently a village Administrative officer (VAO) in Toothukudi Tamil Nadu was brutally murdered by sand Mafia. The editorial talks about rising cases of sand Mafia killings in the state. It further talks about the step govt need to take to curb it.

• About crimes of sand Mafia

- On Tuesday Lourdhu Francis VAO in Toothukudi Tamil Nadu was gruesomely murdered.
- Five years ago, in neighbouring Thirunelveli, a 33 year old police constable was brutally murdered.
- Over 25 years ago District collector of Thiruvallur nearly lost her life while raiding sand mafia.

In October 2013: Madras HC heavily came down on administration over illegal sand quarrying activities. The state govt suspended the collector then

• Way Forward

Over the past few years govt has launched many operations such as online system of booking of sand and payment as well as unveiling of policy documents on "M-sand". Govt should strengthen regulatory framework. Promote research and production of quality M-sand also should not give any room to crime and should bring perpetrators to justice.

M-sand – (Manufactured sand as alternative to river sand.)