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- *Old parents* because what you are today is because of them.
- *Simple living* because success can't be judge by appearance.

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India condemns attack on puja pandal in Dhaka

NEW DELHI India on Saturday termed the incidents of violence unfolded in the Durga Puja pandal in Dhaka and temples in Bangladesh "deplorable", and urged the interim government in Dhaka to ensure security for all religious minorities in the country. » PAGE 3

Rajnath launches 75 infra projects along the border

NEW DELHI Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday inaugurated through virtual mode 75 infrastructure projects constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost of ₹2,246 crore and spread across 11 border States and Union Territories. » PAGE 3

Rajapaksa opt out of Sri Lanka general election

COLOMBO None of the Rajapaksa brothers, who dominated Sri Lankan politics for decades until they were booted out of office in 2022, will contest in the island nation's general elections next month. The nominations for the November 14 parliamentary polls closed on Friday. » PAGE 12

New BJP govt. in Haryana to be sworn in on October 17

The Hindu Bureau CHANDIGARH After recording its third straight win in the just-concluded Haryana Assembly election, the BJP will form a new government in the State on October 17. "The swearing-in ceremony of the Haryana government will be held at 10 a.m. at the Dussehra ground in Panchkula," said a statement from the Haryana unit of the BJP. PM to attend Senior party leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Ministers, will attend the ceremony, it said. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers would take oath that day. "We have received the nod of the Prime Minister". The ruling BJP retained its decade-long hold on the State by winning 48 seats in the 90-member State Assembly. The party later got a boost with all three independents announcing their support, effectively bringing the BJP's numbers in the newly constituted House to 51. Incumbent Nayab Singh Saini, who was appointed Chief Minister by replacing Mr. Khattar earlier this year, will in all probability be the Chief Minister again. His name, however, will be formally decided by the BJP's Parliamentary Board.

Panel to probe train crash; sabotage not ruled out

At least nine were injured when Mysuru-Darbhanga train rammed a stationary goods train near Chennai on Friday night; a parcel van went up in flames, 11 coaches derailed. Train No. 12578 entered loop line even after being given green signal to pass through main line; Commissioner of Railway Safety carries out inspection, NIA official visits site

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI The Railways has ordered a high-level inquiry into Friday night's collision between an express train and a stationary goods train at Kavaraipettai, a suburb of north Chennai. There were no fatalities, though 11 coaches of the Mysuru-Darbhanga Bagmati Express derailed on impact, leaving a parcel van in flames and mangled coaches strewn across the crash site. At least nine people were injured. The train was carrying over 1,600 passengers. An officer from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) visited the crash site on Saturday, and the Commissioner of Railway Safety also carried out an inspection.



Coaches of the Mysuru-Darbhanga Express being removed from the accident site in a Chennai suburb. © JOTHIRAMALINGAM

He said it was "unusual" that the express entered the loop line despite having the signals set for the main line, but did not comment on whether signal failure was the cause of the accident. On Saturday evening, A.M. Chowdhary, the Commissioner of Railway Safety for the Southern Circle, Bengaluru, initiated a thorough inspection of the track, points and blocks, signals, station electronic interlocking systems, control panels and other significant safety, signal and operational aspects, according to an official statement. The Government Railway Police at Korukkupet

Empty wagons and LHB coaches minimise impact

CHENNAI The empty goods wagons that took the impact of the rear-end collision as well as the inbuilt safety features in the Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches of the express train helped minimise casualties in the Mysuru-Darbhanga Bagmati Express accident. » PAGE 2

have also booked a case in connection with the accident. Mr. Singh added: "I have briefed the Union Railway Minister about the accident and he directed us to take steps to move passengers to their destinations." Most of the passengers in the express, heading to Darbhanga in north Bihar,

halled from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. Residents of the nearby villages rushed to assist the passengers out of the mangled coaches.

Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin visited the injured, who were admitted to the Government Stanley Hospital, according to an official statement.

Stranded passengers The State government facilitated arrangements to provide food, water, and temporary accommodation to stranded passengers in marriage halls in and around Kavaraipettai, after which buses were deployed to ferry them to their homes and on to Chennai Central station via electric trains. They then boarded a special train to take them towards Darbhanga, on an alternate route via Arakkonam, Rengitai, and Gudur, after being given food packets and water. The special train left at 4:45 a.m. on Saturday. Services restored At least 45 trains were diverted or rescheduled, as all four lines on the route were closed due to the crash. An accident relief train was moved from Chennai to Kavaraipettai for line restoration work, and regular services were restored by Saturday evening. Most services were cleared on the regular route and only one service, Train No.12840 Dr MGR Chennai Central - Howrah Mail was delayed by an hour and 45 minutes and ran via the alternate route of Arakkonam, Rengitai and Gudur.

Show-stopper



Elephant Abhimanyu carrying the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari at the Jamboo Savari in Mysuru on Saturday, bringing the curtain down on the 10-day Dasara celebrations. M.A. SIRAM

Ex-Minister, NCP leader Baba Siddiqui shot dead in Mumbai

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

Baba Siddiqui, former Maharashtra Minister and leader of the NCP's Ajit Pawar faction, was shot dead outside the office of his son Zeehan Siddiqui, MLA, in the Bandra area here on Saturday. The police have nabbed two persons. One from Haryana, and the other from Uttar Pradesh. The police are conducting investigation involving Chief Minister Eknath Shinde top presspersons.

Third accused flees The police are on the lookout for a third accused

Mr. Siddiqui, a three-time legislator, was under Y-security cover. He was famous for his film parties attended by film stars. Local media reported that Mr. Siddiqui had received a threat recently. The Opposition slammed the government over the "collapse of the law and order situation". NCP(SP) leader Sharad Pawar called for a thorough investigation into the incident. NCP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar also condemned the attack on his fellow party member. He said the police would find the mastermind behind the crime.

India did not sign letter of support by 104 nations for UN Secretary-General after ban by Israel

Suhassini Halidar NEW DELHI

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres during the 14th ASEAN-UN summit in Vientiane, Laos, on Friday. AP

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its Foreign Minister Israel Katz, who accused the UN Secretary-General of not criticizing Iranian missile strikes on Israel a day before that "unequivocally". Although Mr. Guterres had issued statements on Iran's actions both before and after the ban, Mr. Katz said that Mr. Guterres did "not deserve to step foot on Israeli soil" as a consequence. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) did not respond to requests for comments on why India did not sign on to the letter. 'ISRAEL'S WAR CRIMES' » PAGE 12

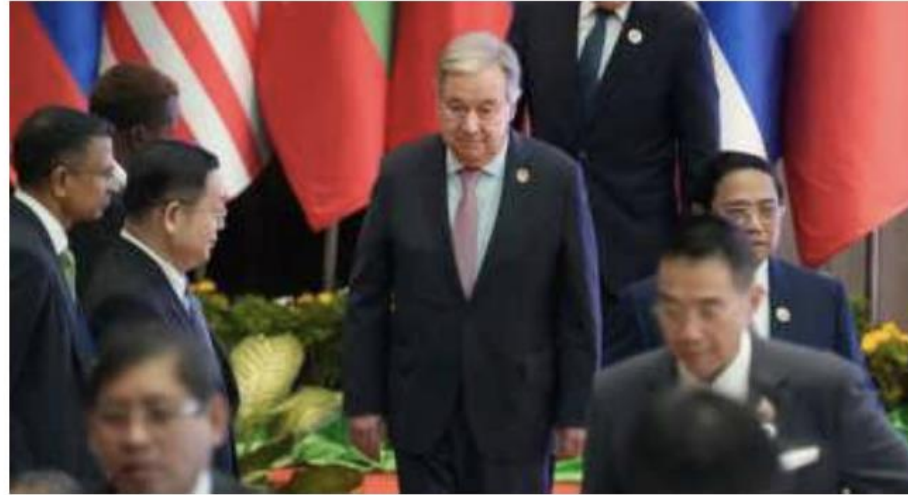
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circulated by Chile, and supported by Brazil, Colombia, South Africa, Uganda, Indonesia, Spain, Guyana, and Mexico is particularly significant given it is seen as a defence of the

UN Secretary-General and the UN itself, not any of the parties in the conflict.

‘Deep concern’

Most neighbouring countries in South Asia, West

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CAIRO At least 19 Palestinians killed in overnight Israeli strikes in Gaza



At least 19 Palestinians were killed in overnight Israeli strikes, while forces continued to push deeper into the Jabalia area, where international relief agencies say thousands of people are trapped. Palestinian health officials put the number of people killed in Jabalia over the past week at around 150. REUTERS

'Hezbollah fired 320 projectiles into Israel'

Agence France-Presse JERUSALEM

The Israeli military said that Lebanese armed group Hezbollah fired about 320 projectiles from Lebanon into Israel over Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day which ended at nightfall on Saturday. Throughout the weekend of Yom Kippur, approximately 320 projectiles that were fired by the Hezbollah terrorist organisation crossed from Lebanon into Israel, the military said in a statement. In a separate statement, the military said two projectiles were also identified crossing from northern Gaza, where Israel is fighting Palestinian militants, towards the city of Ashkelon but fell in an unpopulated area.

Meanwhile, Israel's military said on Saturday its forces had attacked roughly 280 'terror targets' during combat operations in Lebanon and Gaza over the Yom Kippur weekend. The Israeli air force 'struck approximately 280 terror targets belonging to both Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip,' the military said in a statement.

'Among these targets were underground terror infrastructure sites, weapons storage facilities, military command centres, terrorist cells, and additional terrorist infrastructure sites.'

For weeks, Israel has been escalating its fight against Hezbollah along its northern border, while pummeling Hezbollah strongholds with air strikes in Beirut's southern suburbs.

Simultaneously, its forces continue to undertake combat operations in the Gaza Strip.

For the past week, the army has intensified operations in Jabalia after announcing it had effectively laid siege to the area in northern Gaza.

AURORA Trump demonises migrants in dark and misleading speech



Donald Trump painted an apocalyptic picture of a country 'occupied' by hordes of criminal foreigners in a campaign speech on Friday as he escalated his efforts to make November's U.S. election about a migrant crime wave that is not happening. His 89-minute speech in Colorado was entirely about immigration. AFP

TOKYO Nobel Peace Prize winners from Japan warn of risk of nuclear war



Leaders of the group of atomic bomb survivors awarded the Nobel Peace Prize renewed their call to abolish nuclear weapons. 'I fear that we as humankind are on the path to self-destruction. The only way to stop that is to abolish nuclear,' said Shigenitsu Tanaka, 5 co-head of the Nihon Hidankyo group. REUTERS

MOSCOW Four killed in blast at a petrol station in Russia's Chechnya



A fire at a petrol station in Russia's Chechnya killed four persons, including two children on Saturday. The petrol station is on Chechnya's main city Grozny's Mohammed Al Avenue, close to the centre of the Chechen capital. Russia's North Caucasus has seen several deadly blasts at service stations recently. AFP

UN inquiry accuses Israel of war crimes over Gaza attacks

Israel carried out a concerted policy of destroying Gaza's healthcare system and IDF deliberately killed and tortured medical personnel, finds the probe; Tel Aviv rejects the report's findings

Reuters GENEVA

A UN inquiry said it found that Israel carried out a concerted policy of destroying Gaza's healthcare system in the Gaza war, actions amounting to both war crimes and the crime against humanity of extermination.

A statement on Thursday by former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navin Pillay that accompanied the report accused Israel of 'relentless and deliberate attacks on the medical personnel and facilities' in the war, triggered by Hamas's deadly cross-border attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023. 'Children in particular have borne the brunt of these attacks, suffering both directly and indirectly from the collapse of the health system,' said Ms. Pillay, whose 24-page report covering the first 10 months of the war will be presented to the UN General Assembly on October 30.

Israel's diplomatic mission in Geneva rejected the report's findings, calling them outrageous. 'The report is another blatant attempt by the CoT to delegitimise the very existence of the State of Israel and obstruct its right to protect its population,' it said, referring to the Commission of Inquiry.

The UN inquiry's statement also accused Israeli forces of deliberately killing and torturing medical personnel, targeting medical vehicles and restricting permits for patients to leave the besieged Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian Health Ministry says nearly 1,000 medics have been killed in Gaza in the past year in what it called an 'irreplaceable loss'.



Miserable conditions: The report said that children have borne the brunt of the attacks both directly and indirectly. AFP

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Disgruntled workers



Two Boeing workers hold inflatable airplanes on a picket line near a Boeing production facility in Washington. Boeing staff part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers walked off the job on September 13 after rejecting a contract offer. REUTERS

Memoir reveals that Navalny knew he would die in prison

Agence France-Presse NEW YORK

Russian dissident Alexei Navalny, who was President Vladimir Putin's top political opponent before his death in February, believed he would die in prison, according to his posthumous memoirs, which will be released on October 22.

'No future' The New Yorker published excerpts from the book, featuring writing from Navalny's prison diary and earlier.



Alexei Navalny

'I will spend the rest of my life in prison and die here,' he wrote on March 22, 2022. 'There will not be anybody to say goodbye to ...'

Kalol bhattacharjee met Rear Admiral Masud Iqbal, Commander of the Chattogram Naval Area, Rear Admiral Mohammed Moinul Haque, Commander of the Bangladesh Navy Fleet, and Rear Admiral S. M. Mozur Rahman, chairman of the Chattogram Port for four days and host a series of events

A Chinese naval fleet visited Bangladesh on Saturday, becoming the first foreign fleet to do so since the interim government took charge in Dhaka in early August. China-Bangladesh relations will continue to grow irrespective of the recent political changes in Dhaka, China's Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said on the occasion. 'No matter what changes have taken place in the domestic situation of Bangladesh, China's commitment to develop China-Bangladesh relations remains unchanged. China is looking forward to working closely with Bangladesh to cement our traditional friendship, deepen friendly exchanges, and mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas, promote high quality Belt and Road cooperation,' the Chinese embassy in Dhaka said in a statement. Earlier, Mr. Yao Wen and the Commanders of the Chinese naval fleet, Qi Jiguang and Jing Gangshan, met Rear Admiral Masud Iqbal, Commander of the Chattogram Naval Area, Rear Admiral Mohammed Moinul Haque, Commander of the Bangladesh Navy Fleet, and Rear Admiral S. M. Mozur Rahman, chairman of the Chattogram Port for four days and host a series of events.

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Chinese naval fleet docks at Bangladesh port

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Strategic partnership
China and Bangladesh are "comprehensive strategic cooperative partners", Mr. Yao Wen said. The last significant visit between the

two countries was by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in July 8 to 10 when she reportedly cut short her trip to return to Dhaka and deal with the student agitation there.

Chittagong dock

Bangladesh has been building a dock in Chittagong with Chinese help. The facility had earlier attracted attention as it has the potential to host submarines and warships.

However, in May this year, the *South China Morning Post* cited experts saying that New Delhi was "not overly concerned", indicating that the warm political ties between

Sheikh Hasina and India would prevent such a possibility.


On Saturday, the Chinese PLANTask Group 83 reached the Chittagong port, amidst fanfare as Chinese and Bangladeshi citizens waved national flags. The Chinese fleet will be stationed in the Chittagong Port for four days and host a series of events, including bilateral meetings, deck receptions, and ship open days to enhance "China and Bangladesh Navy cooperation and mutual trust, and contribute to the building of a maritime community of shared future," the Chinese embassy in Dhaka said.




- **Trade Relations / व्यापार संबंध**

- China is Bangladesh's largest trading partner. Bilateral trade between China and Bangladesh crossed **\$18 billion** in 2022. China exports machinery, electronics, and textiles to Bangladesh.

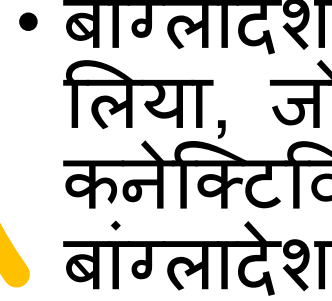
- चीन, बांग्लादेश का सबसे बड़ा व्यापारिक साझेदार है। 2022 में चीन और बांग्लादेश के बीच द्विपक्षीय व्यापार **18 बिलियन डॉलर** से अधिक हो गया था। चीन बांग्लादेश को मशीनरी, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और वस्त्र निर्यात करता है।



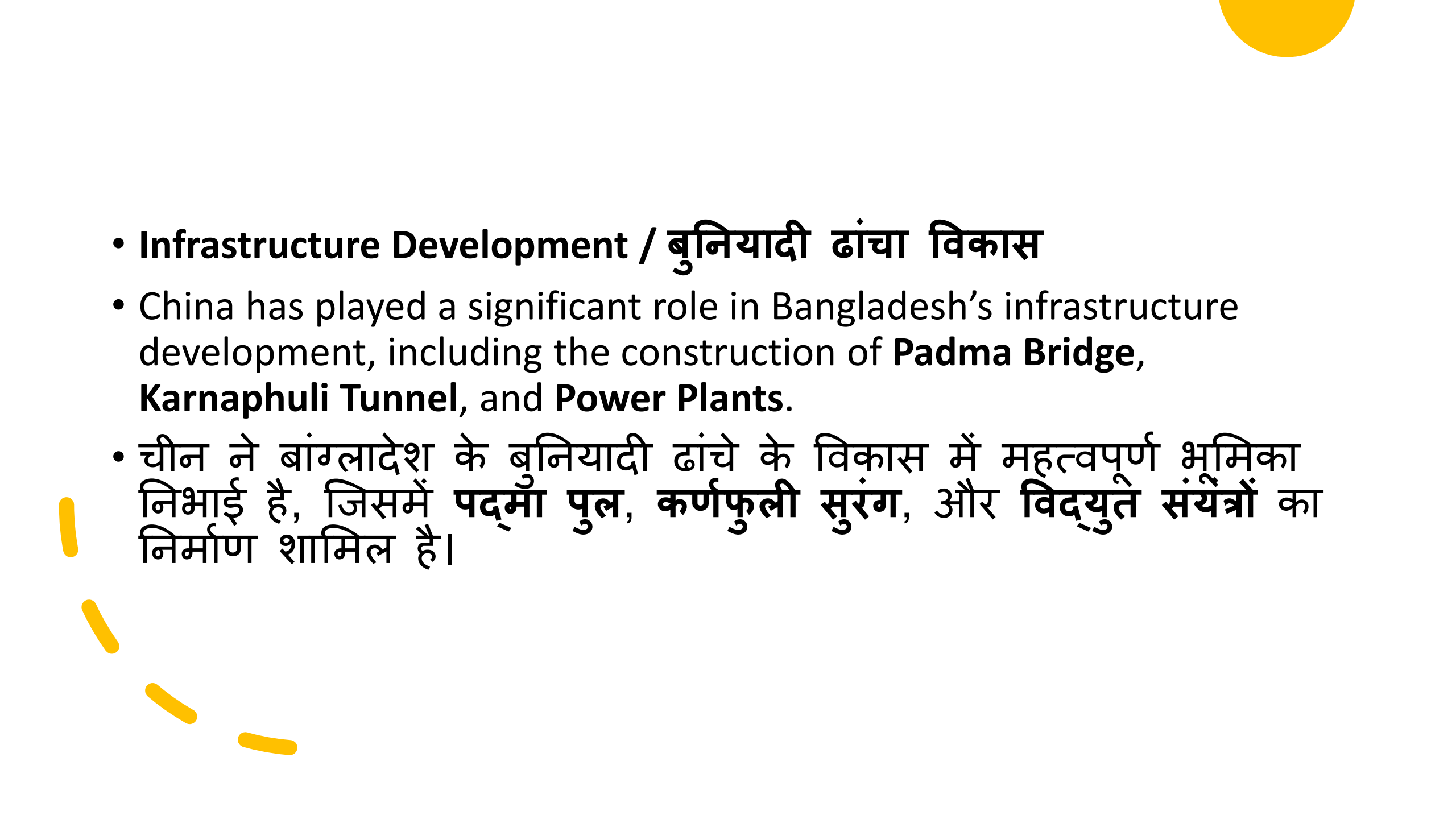




- **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) / बेल्ट और रोड पहल**

- : Bangladesh joined China's **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)** in 2016, a global infrastructure development strategy aimed at enhancing connectivity and trade. China has funded several projects in Bangladesh under this initiative.



- बांग्लादेश ने 2016 में चीन की **बेल्ट और रोड पहल (BRI)** में भाग लिया, जो वैश्विक बनियादी ढांचा विकास रणनीति है जिसका उद्देश्य कनेक्टिविटी और व्यापार को बढ़ाना है। इस पहल के तहत चीन ने बांग्लादेश में कई परियोजनाओं को वित्त पोषित किया है।

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- **Infrastructure Development / बुनियादी ढांचा विकास**
 - China has played a significant role in Bangladesh's infrastructure development, including the construction of **Padma Bridge**, **Karnaphuli Tunnel**, and **Power Plants**.
 - चीन ने बांग्लादेश के बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है, जिसमें **पद्मा पुल**, **कर्णफुली सुरंग**, और **विद्युत संयंत्रों** का निर्माण शामिल है।

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- Bangladesh imports the majority of its military equipment from China, including submarines, fighter jets, and naval vessels. China has also provided training to Bangladeshi military personnel.
 - बांग्लादेश अपने सैन्य उपकरणों का अधिकांश हिस्सा चीन से आयात करता है, जिसमें पनडुब्बी, लड़ाकू विमान और नौसेना जहाज शामिल हैं। चीन ने बांग्लादेशी सैन्य कर्मियों को प्रशिक्षण भी प्रदान किया है।

BANG BANG BANG

Suryakumar's India goes on the rampage in third T20I



K.R. DEEPAK

India created a flurry of records in the shortest format during the third game against Bangladesh in Hyderabad on Saturday. **Highest score: 297/6; Most sixes in an innings: 22; Joint-highest PowerPlay score: 82; Fastest 100: 7.2 overs; Fastest 200: 13.6 overs (all records pertain to India in T20Is).**

BLITZKRIEG

Samson slams second-fastest T20I century for Men in Blue



K.R. DEEPAK

Sanju Samson smashed the second-fastest T20I hundred by an Indian batter, reaching the landmark of 40 deliveries in the third T20I against Bangladesh in Hyderabad on Saturday. Only Rohit Sharma has hammered a quicker hundred for the Men in Blue (35 balls vs Sri Lanka, Indore, 2017).

FACILE WIN

Brits' knock helps South Africa breeze past Bangladesh



GETTY IMAGES

Tazmin Brits top-scored with 42 as South Africa crushed Bangladesh seven wickets in their Group B match of the Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai on Saturday. **Scores:** Bangladesh 106/3 in 20 overs (Mostafiz 38, Sultana 32 n.o.) lost to South Africa 107/3 in 17.2 overs (Brits 42, Khatun 27/3). **Toss:** Bangladesh. **Point:** Brits.

BIGGER RESPONSIBILITY

Bumrah named vice-captain for NZ Tests; Shami still not fit



R. RAJAG

The India squad: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Jasprit Bumrah (Vice-Capt.), Jitendra Shrivastava, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel, R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj and Akash Deep. **Traveling reserves:** Hardik Pandya, Nitish Kumar, Mayank Yadav and Prashant Krishna.

Hurricane Samson leaves Bangladesh in tatters

His 47-ball 111 and the 173-run second-wicket association with skipper Suryakumar (75) power India to a humongous 297, its highest in the shortest format Men in Blue sweep series 3-0

BANGLADESH IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal Hyderabad

Sanju Samson (111, 47b, 11x4, 8x6) and Suryakumar Yadav (75, 35b, 8x4, 5x6) feasted on a hapless Bangladesh attack to propel India to a comfortable win in the third and final T20I here on Saturday. An explosive batting display from the Indians enabled a 3-0 sweep of the T20I legs, to go with the 2-0 win in the Tests held earlier. Barring first, a thrill-a-minute ride took India to a monstrous 297 for six. This was the second highest innings total in T20Is, behind Nepal's 314 for three against Mongolia last year. India easily moved past its previous best T20I score — a Rohit Sharma-inspired 260 for six against Sri Lanka in Indore in 2017.

A heavily bruised Bangladesh stood no chance in the chase, going down by 153 runs. The 24,000-odd spectators at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium got their money's worth as Samson and Suryakumar lit up the night with a blazing 173-run second-wicket stand of 70 deliveries. Samson started proceedings by making



Magical willow: Records went flying as Samson took centrestage in the third T20I in Hyderabad on Saturday. K.R. DEEPAK

room and driving Tazmin Ahmed through cover, and flicking the peat past mid-wicket when he strayed on the pads. Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain had the worst of it when Samson battered him for five sixes in the

10th over. Rishad, like many of his colleagues, erred in length and paid a heavy price. A sweetly timed back-foot drive over cover and into the stands off left-arm speedster Mustafizur Rahman showed that Samson was in scintillating form. The Kerala wicketkeeper-batter brought up his maiden T20I hundred off 40 balls. Samson celebrated the second-fastest T20I century by an Indian with

I have been thinking about hitting six sixes in an over. I've been working on this with my coach and mentor. It is something that I have visualised a lot. I wanted to get at least four or five sixes in an over, and I'm happy to have achieved that.

The leadership tells me that they will back me no matter what — not just in words, but in action. In the last series, I got two ducks and went back to Kerala thinking what will happen to me, but here I am... Sometimes it can get frustrating when I feel that I can do much better on the field. But having played so many games, I know how to deal with pressure and my failures.

SCOREBOARD
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Sanju Samson c Mahedi b Mustafizur 111 (47b, 11x4, 8x6), Abhishek Sharma c Mahedi b Tanzim 4 (4b, 3x4), Suryakumar c Richard b Mahmudullah 75 (35b, 8x4, 5x6), Ravi Parag c Litton b Tazim 34 (23b, 3x4, 4x0), Hardeek Pandya c Rishad b Tanzim 47 (28b, 4x4, 4x0), Rinku Singh (not out) 8 (6b, 2x0), Nitish Kumar Reddy c Mahedi b Tanzim 0 (2b), Washington Sundar (not out) 1 (1b); Extras (b-5, lb-6, nb-3, w-3): 17. Total (for six wickets, 19.2 overs): 297.

INDIA BOWLING
Mahedi 4-0-45-0, Tazim 4-0-51-1, Tanzim 4-0-46-3, Mustafizur 4-0-52-1, Rishad 2-0-46-0, Mahmudullah 2-0-26-1.
BANGLADESH
Parvez Hossain Emron c Parag b Mayank 0 (2b), Tanzid Hasan c

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Desperate India faces formidable Australia with semifinal spot at stake

WOMEN'S T20 WC

LAVANYA L. SHARJAH

India vs Australia encounters in the women's game don't need special assistance in the drama department. From Harmanpreet Kaur and Alyssa Healy's passive-aggressive rivalry on and off the field, to the two teams running each other close in world events, this match-up has always been box-office. Ahead of their big group clash here on Sunday, injuries to key members of the Australian side has only stirred the pot further.

In its previous game against Pakistan in Dubai, Tayla Vlaeminck, returning to World Cup cricket for her country for the first time in 18 months, tragically dislocated her bowling shoulder. While attempting to stop a boundary by Muneeba Ali, the pacer landed heavily on her arm and withdrew in pain before teammates and physios rushed to her side.

An hour or so later, during the chase, skipper Healy sustained an acute foot injury, eventually hobbling off with the game well in



All to play for: Harmanpreet & Co. will need to raise their game against the mighty Aussies. ICC

the bag. This was Tayla's first game of the World Cup and with the bowling depth, particularly in the spin department, Australia might not sweat too much over her availability from a playing XI point-of-view in Sharjah. However, the concerned faces of the players, Ellyse Perry immediately gathering the girls to lift their spirits and Ashleigh Gardner's insistence on bandaging together supporting Tayla certainly point to some holes in morale with the business end of the tourna-

ment approaching. India has problems of its own. There's a two-way battle in play with New Zealand for that second life-time to stay aloft in this tournament. The Kiwis have the advantage of knowing their exact requirements to qualify given they play the final game of the group against a weak Pakistan side. India can also potentially jump over Australia to top the group if it secures a win and a big one.

In the Aussie camp, an unbeaten group stage will be just the confidence boost the side needs. If Healy is rested, her deputy Tahliia McGrath takes over, with the keeping gloves, in all likelihood, heading Beth Mooney's way. Defending champion Australia may be tempted to play Grace Harris for an explosive batting option and an additional spin hand in these conditions. Ahead of the key encounter, the Indian top-order faced a mix of spin and express pace from bowlers in the Sharjah Cricket Academy and spent time on power-hitting drills. The open nets in the main ground potentially helped gauge the actual distances they might have to cover to clear the ropes. Pooja Vasrkar's fitness remains the biggest question mark, with the pace bowling altogether missing the game against Sri Lanka.

Sharjah is the venue that gave Indian cricket 'Desert Storm' nearly 24 years ago, an innings Harmanpreet remastered to a winning cup. Can it also bear witness to India storming past Australia to top the group if it secures a win and a big one. (Match starts at 7.30 p.m. IST).

NZ whips SL, mounts pressure on India

Press Trust of India SHARJAH

New Zealand kept itself in the scruffiest race with an eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in a Women's T20 World Cup contest in Sharjah on Saturday. Chasing a target of 116, Georgia Plimmer's 53 helped New Zealand cross the finish line in 7.3 overs. In Dubai, a day earlier, defending champion Australia delivered a commanding performance as it cruised to a nine-wicket win and virtually sealed a spot in the semifinals.

The scores Saturday: Sharjah: Sri Lanka 115/5 in 20 overs (6th over) (53) lost to New Zealand 118/1 in 17.3 overs (Plimmer 53); **Toss:** SL. **Point:** Plimmer. **Friday:** Dubai: Pakistan 82 in 19.5 overs (Gardner 42/2) lost to Australia 83/1 in 11 overs; **Toss:** Australia. **Point:** Gardner. **Points table:** Group A: Australia 3-0-0 (12.786); India 2-2-1-4 (0-2.776); New Zealand 2-2-1-4 (0-2.82); Pakistan 1-1-2-2 (0-4.88); Sri Lanka 0-4-2-2 (0-1.82). **Group B:** South Africa 4-3-1-6 (1-2.82); West Indies 2-2-1-4 (1-1.708); England 2-2-0-4 (0-6.62); Bangladesh 1-1-3-2 (0-1.84); Scotland 0-3-0-3 (0-1.717) (Road or P.W.L. Points, NRR).

Continental Kings extend reign

GCL L.K. Alith Kumar LONDON

A true champion knows when to strike. Like Triveni continental Kings did on a cloudy Saturday afternoon in central London. The Continental Kings had lost both their matches to PFG Alaska Knights in the league stage of the Tech Mahindra Global Challenge, but the B-hal against the same rival at the historic Friends House, they showed their class. They won the match-197 and retained the title they won in the inaugural edition.

Remarkably, they did it with a virtually last-minute replacement on the team board: Alireza Firoozja came in for Irfan Nepomniashvili. The Iran-born Frenchman played a key role in their run to the final, scoring heavily against the best players of the league. It was his win against Ansh Girdi on the team board that gave the lead for Continental Kings. With regular players absent, the team's morale was in the doldrums. It was his win against Ansh Girdi on the team board that gave the lead for Continental Kings. With regular players absent, the team's morale was in the doldrums. It was his win against Ansh Girdi on the team board that gave the lead for Continental Kings. With regular players absent, the team's morale was in the doldrums.



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The results (final): Triveni Continental Kings 147 PFG Alaska Knights 97 (Alireza Firoozja 61, Ansh Girdi, West VI lost to Noorbek Abdullatipov, Temour Radjabov drew with Nihal Sarin). **Knights lost to Kings:** 1. PFG Alaska Knights 7-43 (Girdi) vs West VI; Mamedyevov vs Radjabov; Tan lost to Kosteniuk; Kashnikova lost to Gans; Nihal drew with Sindarov). **The standings:** League stage: 1. PFG Alaska Knights 24 match points (11.4 game points); 2. Triveni Continental Kings 18 (9); 3. Alpha Six Pipers 18 (8); 4. American Gamblers 12 (7); 5. Uggud Mumba Masters 10 (4); 6. Ganges Grandmasters 9 (6). (The correspondent is in London at the invitation of Tech Mahindra)

BLITZKRIEG

Samson slams second-fastest T20I century for Men in Blue



K.R. DEEPAK

Sanju Samson smashed the second-fastest T20I hundred by an Indian batter, reaching the landmark off 40 deliveries in the third T20I against Bangladesh in Hyderabad on Saturday. Only Rohit Sharma has hammered a quicker hundred for the Men in Blue (35 balls vs Sri Lanka, Indore, 2017).

Player	Balls	Match	Venue	Date
Sahil Chauhan	27	Estonia v Cyprus	Episkopi	17/06/2024
Jan Nicol Loftie-Eaton	33	Namibia v Nepal	Kirtipur	27/02/2024
Kushal Malla	34	Nepal v Mongolia	Hangzhou	27/09/2023
DA Miller	35	South Africa v Bangladesh	Potchefstroom	29/10/2017
RG Sharma	35	India v Sri Lanka	Indore	22/12/2017
S Wickramasekara	35	Czech Republic v Turkey	Ilfov County	30/08/2019
S Periyalwar	39	Romania v Turkey	Ilfov County	29/08/2019
Zeeshan Kukikhel	39	Hungary v Austria	Lower Austria	05/06/2022
Johnson Charles	39	West Indies v South Africa	Centurion	26/03/2023
K Kadowaki-Fleming	40	Japan v South Korea	Sano	15/10/2022
Ollie Hairs	40	Soctland v Italy	Edinburgh	24/07/2023
Sanju Samson	40	India v Bangladesh	Hyderabad	12/10/2024

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India emerges top performer in YTD'24

DESPITE A 5% correction in the benchmark indices, India's stock market, with a 25.8% return, topped the global equity markets by market value in YTD2024. India's total market capitalisation rose from \$4.4 trillion at the end of December to \$5.9 trillion currently. However, due to the recent market decline,



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CUSTOMER DATA LEAK
Star Health says it got \$68,000 ransom demand

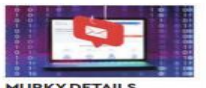
Denies its security official involved in leak

REUTERS
New Delhi, October 12

INDIA'S BIGGEST HEALTH insurer Star Health on Saturday said it had received a ransom demand of \$68,000 from a cyber hacker in connection with a leak of customer data and medical records. Star, which has a roughly \$4-billion market cap, is battling a reputational and business crisis since it was reported on September 20 that a hacker had used Telegram chatbots and a website to leak customers' sensitive data, including tax details and medical claim papers.

The company, whose shares have declined 11%, has launched internal investigations and has taken legal action against Telegram and the hacker, whose website continues to share samples of Star customers' data. Star, which has previously said it is a "victim of a targeted malicious cyberattack", on Saturday revealed for the first time that in August "the threat actor demanded a ransom of \$68,000 in an email" addressed to the company's managing director and its chief executive.

The statement came after Star's exchanges sought clarifications from Star on Friday over a Reuters report that the company was investigating allegations that its chief security officer was involved in the data leak. Star reiterated on Saturday it has found no wrongdoing by the official, Anarjeet Chandra, through the internal investigation is ongoing.



MURKY DETAILS
Ransom email was sent in August to company MD, CEO

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Telegram has declined to share the account details or permanently ban accounts linked to the hacker—despite multiple notices issued in this regard," Star said on Saturday.

Star said it has "sought the assistance" of cyber security authorities to "help us identify" the hacker. Telegram did not respond to a request for comment.

The Dubai-based messenger app has previously said it removed the chatbots when Reuters flagged them to the platform.

AIMING FOR RAVAN



President Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi attending the Dussehra celebrations in New Delhi on Saturday

Triumph races ahead of Harley-Davidson in India

In partnership ride, Bajaj triumphs over Hero MotoCorp

VIKRAM CHAUDHARY
New Delhi, October 12

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE COMPANY Triumph has comprehensively beaten American Harley-Davidson in India, since the time both hitched on to Indian automakers to revive their fortunes in the subcontinent.

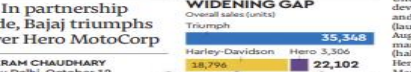
In July last year, Triumph partnered with Bajaj Auto and started selling the Speed 400 motorcycle in India—manufactured at Bajaj's Chakan plant in Pune—followed by

India is Russia's No. 2 restricted tech supplier

BLOOMBERG
October 12
INDIA HAS SURGED to become the second-biggest supplier of restricted critical technologies to Russia, officials from the US and Europe said. Indian exports of restricted items such as microchips, circuits and machine tools surpassed \$60 million in both April and May, about

the same as in earlier months this year, and leaped to \$95 million in July, as per the officials, who asked the not to be identified discussing private assessments. India exceeded only by China.

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the Scrambler 400 X in October. Around the same time, in July last year, Harley-Davidson partnered with Hero MotoCorp and started selling the X 440 in India.

Analysts cited three main reasons as to why Bajaj-Triumph has triumphed over Hero-Harley, and why this lead will only increase despite Hero launching its own motorcycle brand.

The X 440 was launched as a single model with three variants, priced from ₹2.29 lakh to ₹2.69 lakh. It catered to a singular set of buyers—those who wanted a premium Harley experience at a lower price and were mostly urban riders, an industry analyst told FE.

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The Wayanad Tourism Organisation estimates the total losses for the district's hospitality industry at ₹92.25 crore for the first two months after the disaster. The revenue loss per day was ₹1.05 crore, while total revenue loss was ₹230.30 crore. The indirect losses related to the hospitality industry was a whopping ₹771.75 crore.

Harris releases medical report, 'fit for high office'

US VICE-PRESIDENT Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, released a letter from her physician, Joshua Simmons, that pronounced her in good health and fit for high office, an effort to contrast with her counterpart, Donald Trump.

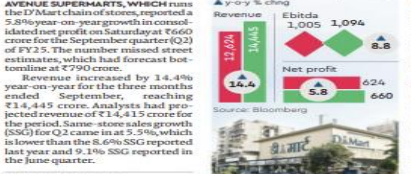
DMart Q2 net profit up 5.8% to ₹660 cr

VIVEK SUSAN PINTO
Mumbai, October 12

AVENUE SUPERMARTS, WHICH runs the 17-Mart chain of stores, reported a 5.8% year-on-year growth in consolidated net profit on Saturday. DMart's Q2 net profit for the September quarter (Q2) of FY25. The number missed street estimates, which had forecast bottomline at ₹790 crore.

Revenue increased by 14.4% year-on-year for the three months ended September, reaching ₹1,445 crore. Analysts had projected revenue of ₹1,350 crore for the period. Same-store sales growth (SSSG) for Q2 came at 5%, which is lower than the 8.6% SSSG reported last year and 9.1% SSSG reported in June quarter.

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Wayanad fights to revive tourism after landslides

From govt push to homestay discounts, efforts in progress

MAIZAL KHAN
Wayanad, October 12

STANDING IN FRONT of his hilltop mud house, Vishnu Ravindran's face glows up as he sends a new message on his mobile phone. "A family of four arriving tomorrow," beams Ravindran, the owner of a homestay in Wayanad, Kerala. "They are the first families after the landslide tragedy on July 30," says Ravindran, the owner of Angela Stay at Thrissayal village in

PA MOHAMMED RIYAS, Kerala tourism minister

young tourism entrepreneur. In the first fortnight following the landslide, triggered by 590 mm rainfall in 48 hours, Wayanad's fledgling hospitality industry—from homestays to resorts—suffered



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its ranking slipped from 4th to 5th, now trailing behind Hong Kong.

Over the past 10 trading sessions, India's market cap fell by 3.56%, while Hong Kong's gained 3.5%. Hong Kong is also the second-best performer in 2024 year-to-date, with its market cap rising 21.3%, followed by the U.S. up 20%, and Canada up 10.8%.



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Source: Bloomberg

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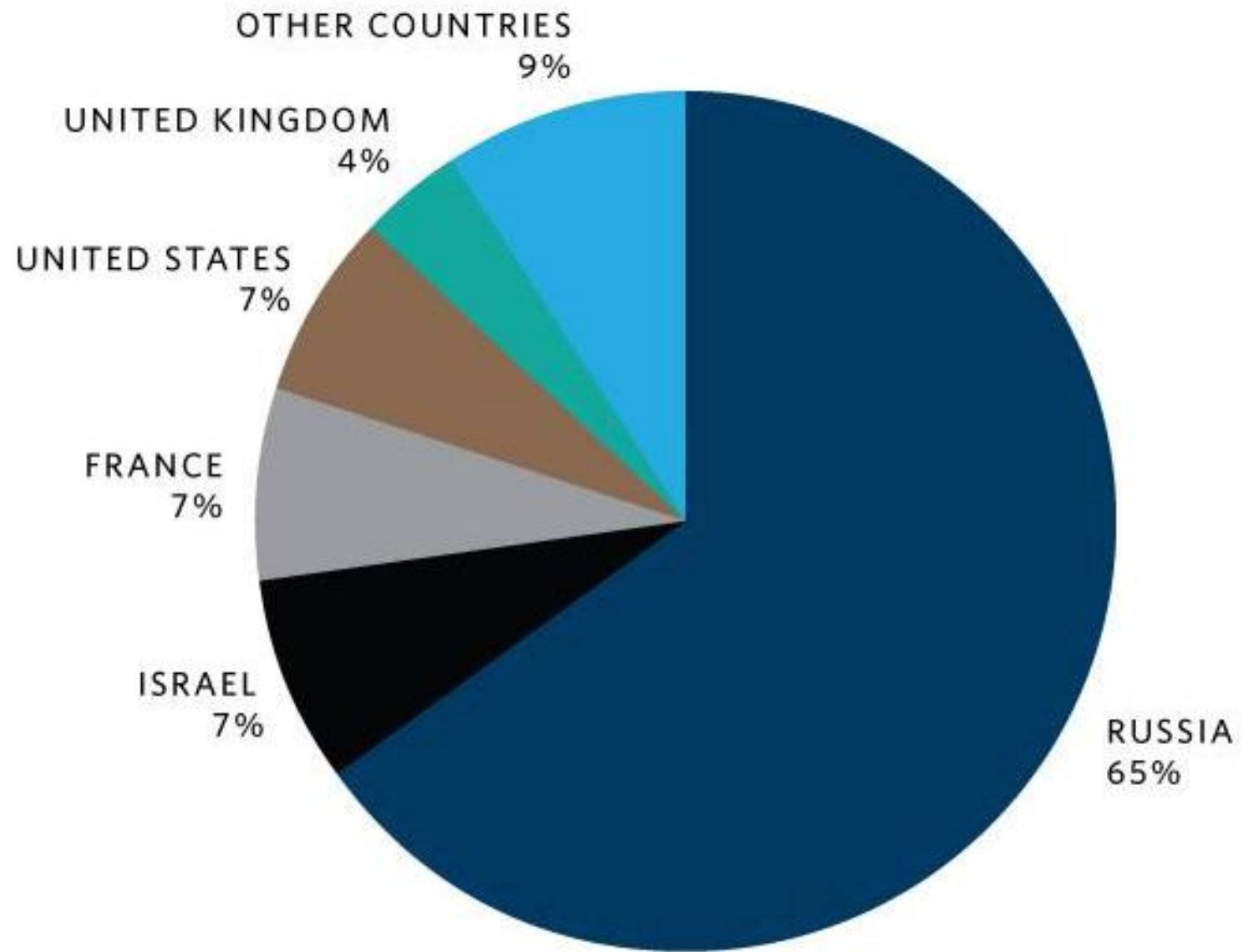
BILATERAL TRADE TREND



INDIA AND RUSSIA (2017-2021)



Indian Arms Imports by Country, 1992-2021



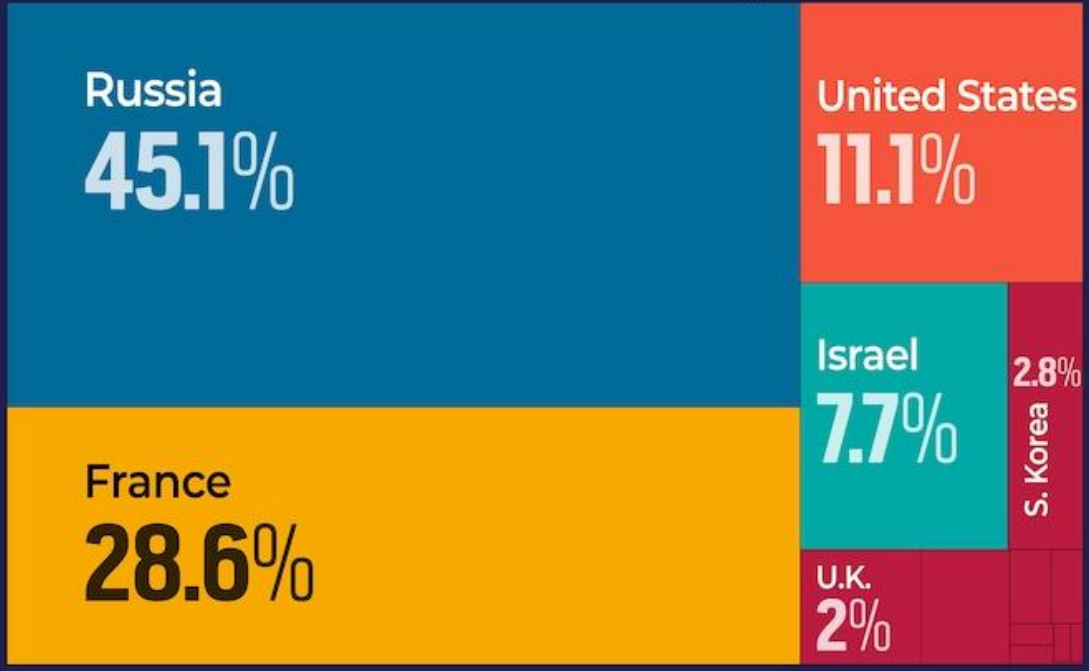
Largest arms supplier to India

S. No.	Country	Percent (2019-2023)
1.	Russia	36%
2.	France	33%
3.	US	13%

India's Arms Imports

Russia was the largest supplier of arms to India during 2018-22

Main suppliers and their share in total imports



Source: The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
Graphic: Dipu Rai, Sarfaraz

World's Top Ten Arms Exporters



US remained top arms exporter during 2018-22

(Global share of exports)



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India 11%	Qatar 6.4%	Egypt 4.5%	Pakistan 3.7%
Saudi Arabia 9.6%	Australia 4.7%	S. Korea 3.7%	Japan 3.5%
	China 4.6%	UAE 2.7%	

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S-400 TRIUMF AIR DEFENCE MISSILE SYSTEM

Inducted: 2021-23

Proposed no.: 5 squadrons

India has received three squadrons so far. All five were scheduled to be delivered by early 2024, but delayed. Remaining two are expected by the end of 2026



KAMOV 226T HELICOPTERS

Proposed numbers: 200

India signed a contract with Russia in 2015 to jointly produce the Kamov utility helicopters, but nothing has happened so far

KA-31 HELICOPTERS

Inducted in: 2003

Proposed numbers: 24

The delivery of 10 KA-31 airborne early warning helicopters has been delayed by Russia since 2022. India operates 14 of them and needs 10 more for INS *Vikrant*



AK-203 ASSAULT RIFLE

Inducted in: 2024

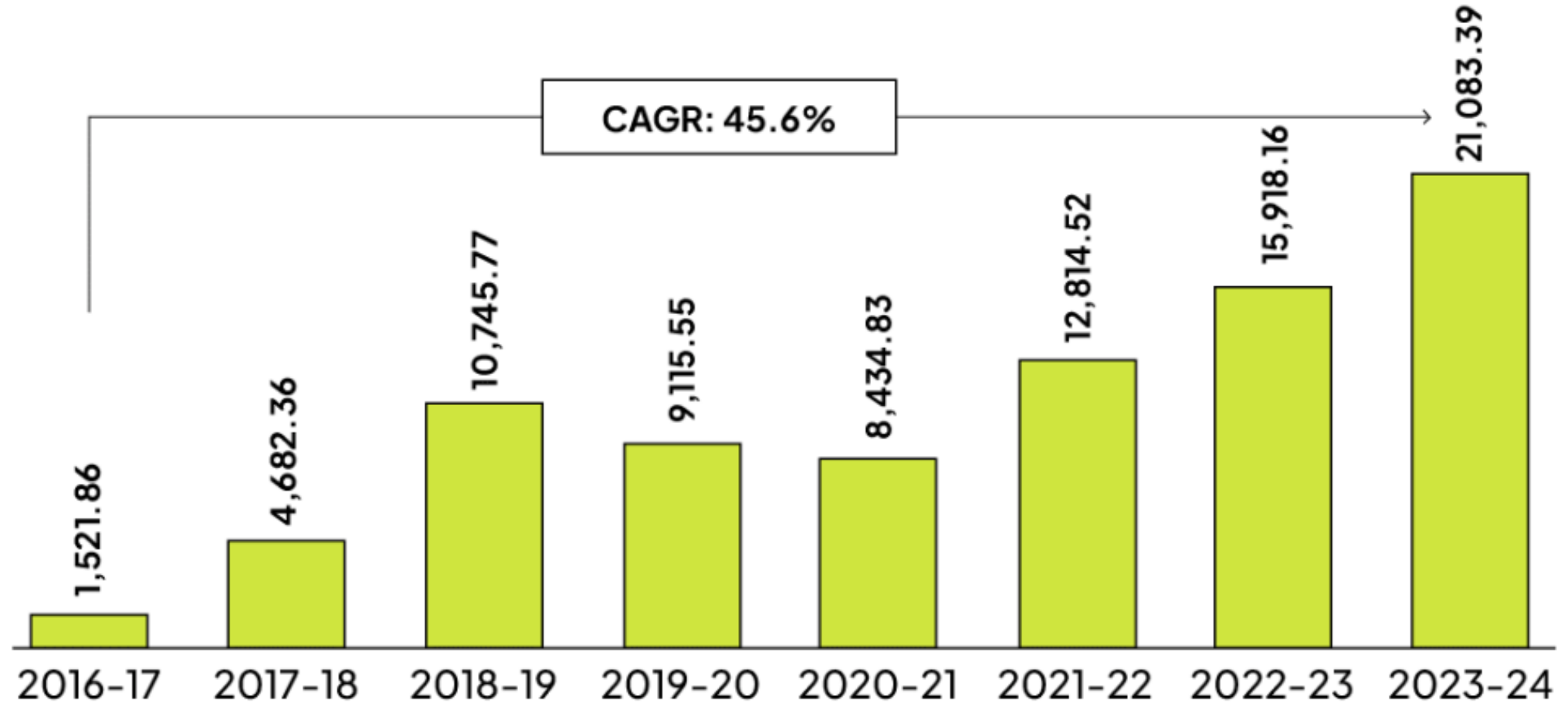
Proposed numbers: 600,000

India-Russia contract worth over Rs 5,000 crore signed in July 2021 for the joint manufacture of AK-203s by the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL). So far, only 35,000 received

NUCLEAR SUBMARINE

India signed a \$3 billion (Rs 25,119 crore) lease deal with Moscow in 2019 for the Bratsk, an Akula-class nuclear-powered attack submarine (to be named Chakra-3), but there has been no movement

India's Defence Export (in Rs Cr)





10 Countries With The Most Nobel Prizes (1901-2023)

United States



413

United Kingdom



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Russia



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Japan



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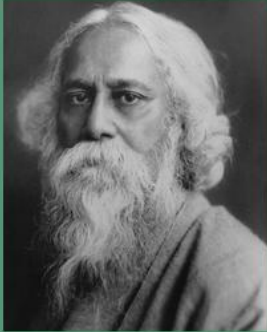


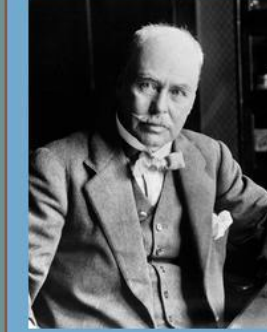
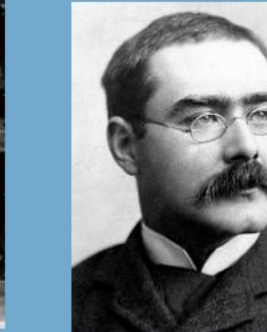

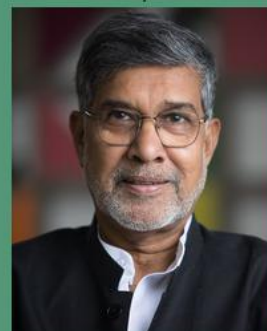
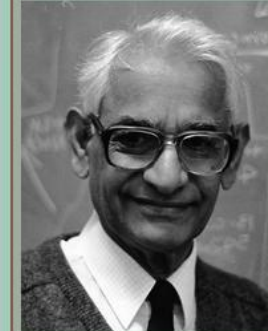
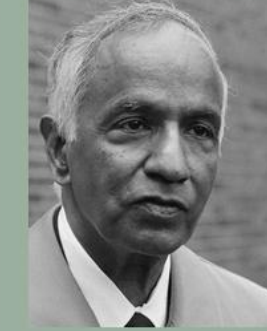


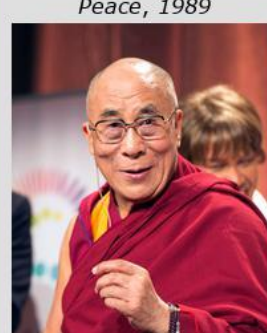
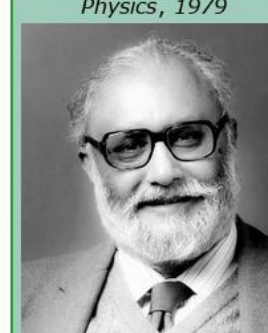

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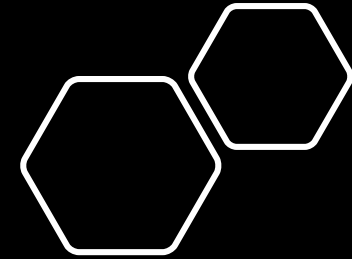
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'Neither India nor Pakistan sought bilateral meet'

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Don't overstate Samsung Labour issues: DMK MP

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MP and general secretary of DMK-affiliated Labour Progressive Federation M. Shanmugam on Sunday urged CITU not to blow out of proportion demands of striking workers of the Samsung unit in Tamil Nadu. > PAGE 2

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Vietnam, China to calm tensions in South China Sea

HANOI
Vietnam and China agreed to calm tensions in their South China Sea dispute, Vietnamese media reported on Sunday, days after Hanoi accused Beijing of a "brutal" attack on its fishermen. > PAGE 24

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Returned to sender



SpaceX's mega rocket booster returns to the launch pad to be captured during a test flight on Sunday, in Boca Chica, Texas. AP



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the shooters whom the police managed to track down till Parvodi, while Mr. Akhtar allegedly received the contract to kill Siddique. Mr. Siddique was harassed by three men near the office of his son and MLA, Zareesh Siddique, in Kher Nagar, Bandra on Saturday. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Datta Nalawade said 15 police teams had been deployed across Maharashtra to trace those who provided logistical support to the shooters. He said the victim was provided non-categorised security and was allotted three police constables. "These constables work in three shifts. At the time of the attack, one policeman was accompanying Mr. Siddique," Mr. Nalawade said. "The police are probing if the murder was motivated by political rivalry, given the proximity of the Maharashtra Assembly election or a business rivalry, a possible contract killing or disputes over a slum rehabilitation project.

SFIO records statement of Kerala CM's daughter

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) recorded the statement of T. Veena, daughter of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and owner of a now-dormant information technology firm, in Chennai last week, raising a political storm on Sunday. The Union Corporate Affairs Ministry had ordered an SFIO inquiry based on the finding of the Interim Settlement Board (ISB) under the Central Board of Direct Taxes that Ms. Veena's consultancy, Exalogic, had received a sizeable monthly retainer from Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd. (CMRL) from 2017 to 2021 without rendering any tangible service, raising the suspicion of a political pay-off. The State-owned Kerala

State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) owns a 4% stake in the CMRL. The Enforcement Directorate is also investigating the accusation. Ms. Veena has since denied the accusation, and said the ISB had reached the questionable conclusion without notifying her or seeking Exalogic's version. "Procedural action" Ms. Veena's husband, Kerala Tourism Minister Mohammed Riyaz, said. The SFIO's action was procedural. He said the Opposition, acting in conjunction with the right-wing media, is sensationalising the routine matter for political ends. "He said the SFIO's action belied the Congress's claim that the government was in cahoots with the BJP to shield the next of kin of

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Communist Party of India (Marxist) leaders from Central investigations. CPIM State secretary M.V. Govindan said the right-wing media felt no prick of conscience in sensationalising the issue to berate Mr. Vijayan at the behest of the Congress and the BJP. "The Chief Minister and the party had spelt out their positions in the matter," he said. Kerala Pradesh Communist Party secretary K. Sudhakaran told presspersons that nothing would come of the SFIO probe, given the CPIM's tacit understanding with the BJP's national leadership. "Unholy nexus" He alleged that the unholy nexus was evident in BJP State president K. Surendran's discharge in the Manjeri Assembly election bribery case. Mr. Surendran denied any such understanding with the CPIM. He said the SFIO had to circumvent several cases filed by Exalogic and CMRL to record Mr. Veena's statement. "The delay was legal and not deliberate," he added. Mr. Surendran said the BJP was the only party in Kerala that did not accept CMRL's "political subterfuge" orchestrated to conceal the CPIM-BJP "symbiotic association" in Kerala ahead of the bye-elections in the Chelakkara and Wayanad Lok Sabha constituencies. "Political subterfuge" Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan termed the SFIO's "belated questioning" of Ms. Veena a high-level act of political subter-

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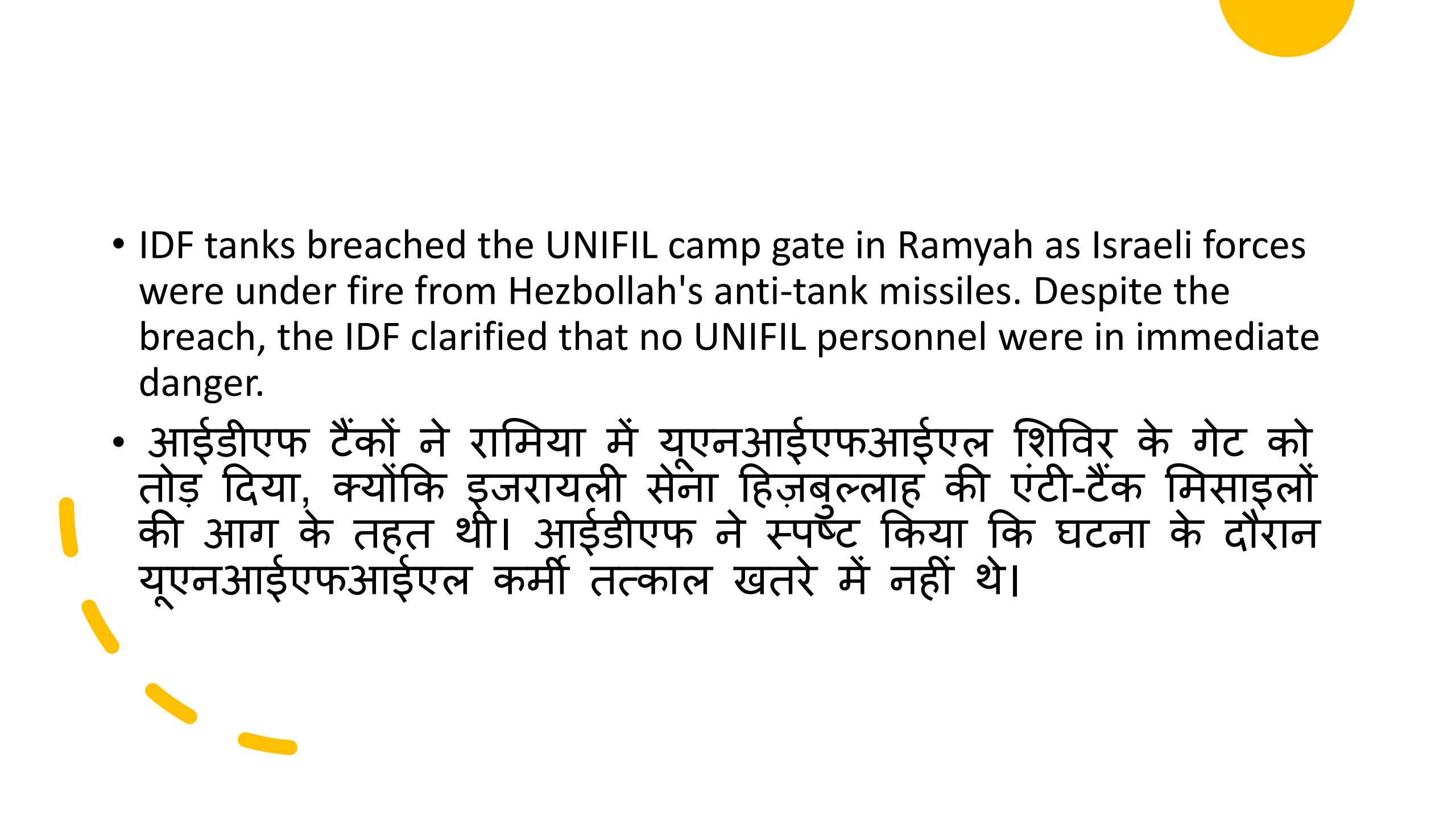
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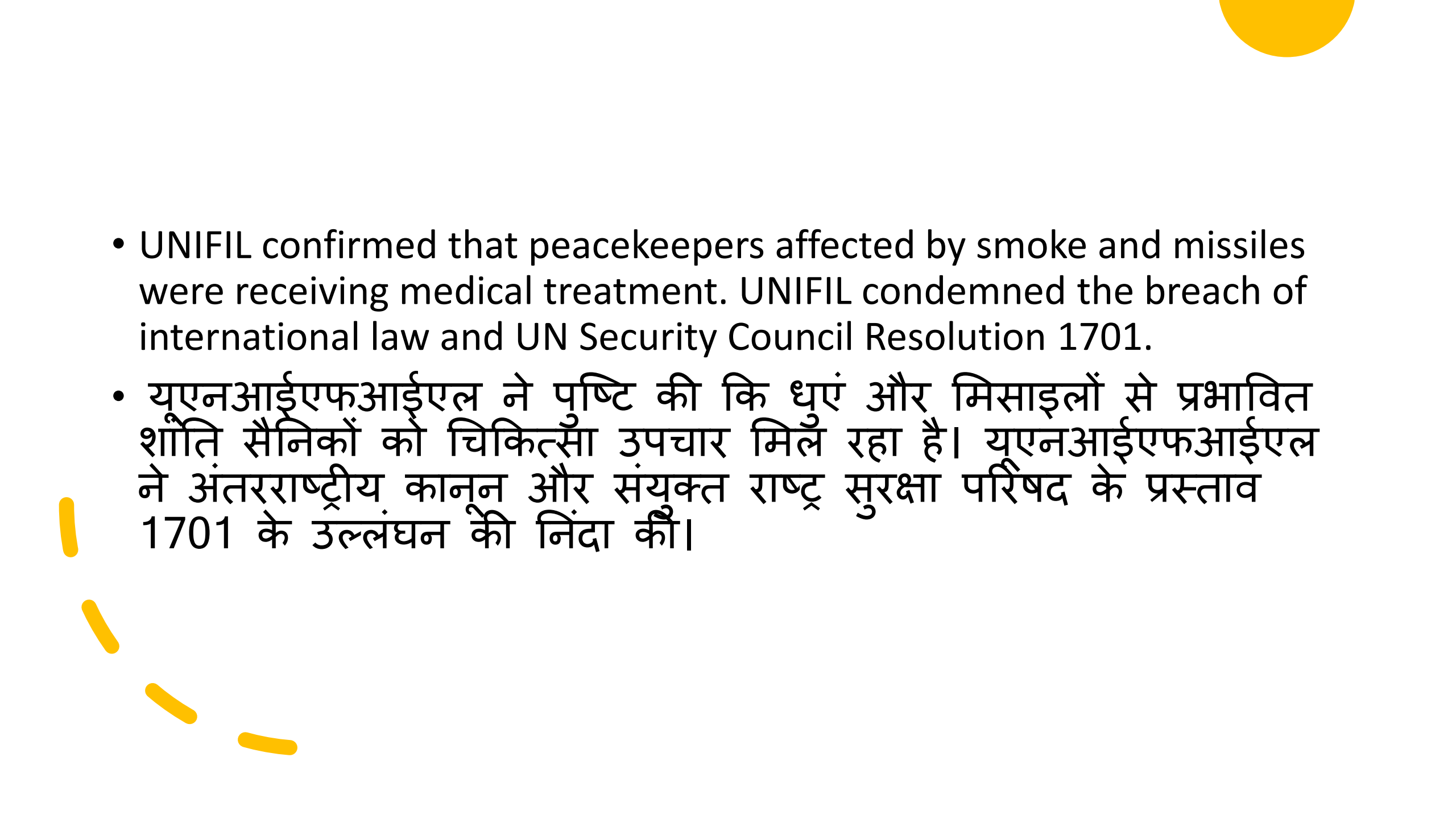
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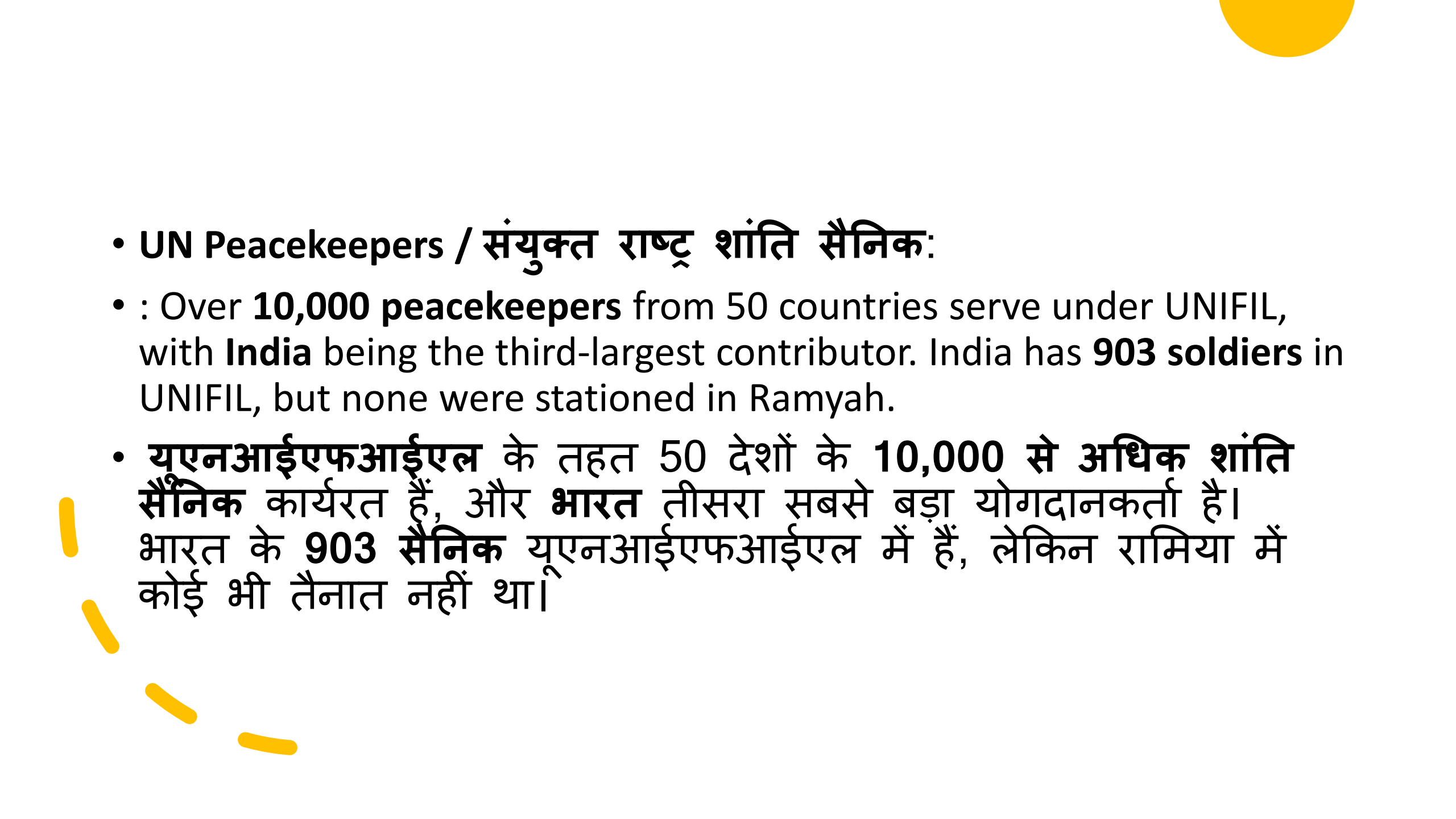
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PORT SUDAN

Sudan rescuers sav air strike on Khartoum market killed 23



A Sudanese network of volunteer rescuers said on Sunday the military carried out an air strike a day earlier on a marketplace in Khartoum, leaving 23 people dead. The market is near one of the main camps in the Sudanese capital, where the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) were fighting the military.

MINSK

Russian nuclear shift was overdue, says Belarus leader Lukashenko



Changes announced by Russia to its nuclear weapons policy were long overdue and will probably "cool the ardour" of its Western enemies, Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko said on Sunday. Mr. Lukashenko had last year agreed with President Putin on the stationing of Russian tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus.

SEOUL

Sister of North Korean leader Kim lashes out at South Korean drones



North Korea's Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of leader Kim Jong-un, on Saturday warned Seoul of a "horrible escalation" if South Korean drones are found flying over Pyongyang. She also criticised the South Korean military over its response to the North's claim that South Korean drones entered the sky of the capital city.

KARACHI

Pakistan separatist militants B.A deny involvement in mine attack



The Baloch Liberation Army, a militant separatist group in Pakistan, denied involvement in an attack that killed at least 21 mine workers, condemning the violence. Dozens of attackers stormed a cluster of small private coal mines in Pakistan's restive southwest Duki on Friday with guns, killing some after lining them up.

U.S. to send missile defence system and troops to Israel

The delivery of THAAD battery risks further inflaming the conflict in West Asia; Pentagon spokesperson says the deployment underscores United States' commitment to defence of Israel

Associated Press WASHINGTON

The United States will send a Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) battery to Israel, along with the troops needed to operate it, the Pentagon said on Sunday, even as Iran warned Washington to keep American military forces out of Israel.



Added armour: A Terminal High Altitude Area Defence Interceptor being launched during a successful intercept test.

Gen. Mark Ryder, Pentagon spokesperson, said in a statement that the defence secretary Lloyd Austin authorised the deployment of the THAAD battery at the direction of President Joe Biden. He said the system will help bolster Israel's air defences following Iran's ballistic missile attacks on Israel in April and October.

The delivery of the sophisticated missile defence system risks further inflaming the conflict in the West Asia despite widespread diplomatic efforts to

avoid an all-out war. The Iranian warning came in a post on X, long associated with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who noted the earlier reports that the United States was considering the deployment.

Israeli forces and Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon on Saturday clashed since October 8, 2023, when the Lebanese militant group began firing rockets over the border in support of its ally Hamas in Gaza. Late

Mr. Biden spoke at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa after making a quick visit to see the damage caused by Hurricane Milton and meet with first responders, residents and local leaders.

Mr. Ryder, in his statement, said the deployment "underscores the United States' ironclad commitment to the defence of Israel, and to defend Americans in Israel," he said.

It was not immediately clear where the THAAD battery was coming from or when it will arrive. Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an Israeli Army spokesperson, declined to provide any timeline for its arrival, but thanked the U.S. for its support.

The THAAD is considered a complementary system to the Patriot, but it can defend a wider area. It can hit targets at ranges of 150 to 200 kilometres.

Drone strike in central Israel wounds almost 40

Associated Press DEIR AL-BALAH

Israeli rescue services said almost 40 people were wounded in a drone strike in the central city of Binyamina on Sunday, three of them critically. The Hezbollah militant group was blamed for one of the most serious strikes to land in Israel in a year of war.

Israel's advanced air-defence systems mean that it is rare for so many people to be hurt by drones or missiles, Israeli media reported that two drones were launched from Lebanon, and Israel's military said one was intercepted.

It was immediately clear who was hurt, military or civilians, or what was hit.

Second time It was the second time in two days that a drone has struck in Israel.

On Saturday, during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, a drone struck in a suburb of Tel Aviv, causing damage but no injuries.

Hindus in Bangladesh defy odds to celebrate festival

Agence France-Presse DHAKA

In Muslim-majority Bangladesh, vast crowds celebrate the biggest Hindu festival of the year under tight security, after a spate of attacks against the minority following the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Whirling dancers jump to ear-popping loud music for Durga Puja on Sunday, a joyful culmination of a week of prayer and party for the South Asian nation's Hindu devotees, who make up less than a tenth of its 170 million people.

"We pray for a better and inclusive Bangladesh," said Sourav Das, 34, who works for a private company and came to the packed Dhakeshwari Hindu temple in the capital with his wife and family.

This year, the colourful celebrations are a defiant expression of faith, after the Hindu community was hit in the chaotic aftermath of the 2024 general election that forced the prime minister to flee.

Ms. Hasina left by helicopter on August 5, and was given shelter by her ally, the Government of India.



Bangladeshi Hindu devotees immerse an idol of Durga into the Buriganga river in Dhaka on Sunday. AFP

Ms. Hasina's 15-year rule saw widespread human rights abuses, including the mass detention and extrajudicial killings of her political opponents.

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Some Bangladeshi Hindus and Hindu temples were targeted in attacks in the chaos that followed, because some were perceived to have supported Hasina's now toppled government.

The attacks were condemned by the new caretaker government, and its leader, Nobel Peace Prize

winner Muhammad Yunus who visited the Dhakeshwari temple on Saturday to celebrate with Hindus what he called the "auspicious occasion".

On Sunday, security was tight around the Dhakeshwari temple as police and armed forces stood guard.

But Hindu worshipper Das said all had been "good".

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Russia says its forces captured another east Ukrainian village

Agence France-Presse MOSCOW

Russia on Sunday said it has captured another east Ukrainian village as it closes on the important city of Pokrovsk, where its forces have been advancing for weeks.

Russian troops have moved westwards in the Donetsk region for months, with the saying this weekend that the situation was "very difficult".

Moscow's Defence Ministry said its forces have now taken Mykhailivka, at the gates of the town of Selydove, and south of Pokrovsk.

Pokrovsk is a mining town that was home to some 60,000 people before Moscow launched its offensive on Ukraine in 2022.

Selydove has been badly shelled and seen most of its population flee.

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Spiritual connection



Blessed moments: Devotees pray next to votive candles while paying tributes to Our Lady of Aparecida, national patroness of Brazil, at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Aparecida in Brazil's Sao Paulo State on October 12.

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Three-party coalition govt. in Iceland collapses, new election set for November

Agence France-Presse REYKJAVIK

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Sectarian clash in northwest Pakistan kills 16, including 3 women, two children

Agence France-Presse ISLAMABAD

At least 16 people, including three women and two children, were killed in a fresh sectarian clash in Pakistan's northwest, officials said. Sunni and Shia Muslim tribes have been engaged in intermittent fighting for several months in the Kurram district of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

history of bloody confrontations between tribes belonging to the Sunni and Shia sects of Islam that have claimed hundreds of lives over the years.

A convoy of Sunnis was travelling under the protection of paramilitary soldiers on Saturday when they came under attack, a senior Kurram administration official said on the condition of anonymity.

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U.S. to send missile defence system and troops to Israel

The delivery of THAAD battery risks further inflaming the conflict in West Asia; Pentagon spokesperson says the deployment underscores United States' commitment to defence of Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The United States will send a Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) battery to Israel, along with the troops needed to operate it, the Pentagon said on Sunday, even as Iran warned Washington to keep American military forces out of Israel.

Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, Pentagon spokesperson, said in a statement that Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin authorised the deployment of the THAAD battery at the direction of President Joe Biden. He said the system will help bolster Israel's air defences following Iran's ballistic missile attacks on Israel in April and October.

The delivery of the sophisticated missile defence system risks further inflaming the conflict in the West Asia despite widespread diplomatic efforts to



Added armour: A Terminal High Altitude Area Defence interceptor being launched during a successful intercept test. REUTERS

avoid an all-out war. The Iranian warning came in a post on X long associated with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who noted the earlier reports that the United States was considering the deployment.

Israeli forces and Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon have been clashing since October 8, 2023, when the Lebanese militant group began firing rockets over the border in support of its ally Hamas in Gaza. Late

last month, Israel launched a ground invasion into Lebanon.

Military response

Israel is widely believed to be preparing a military response to Iran's October 1 attack when it fired roughly 180 missiles into Israel.

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Mr. Biden spoke at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa after making a quick visit to see the damage caused by Hurricane Milton and meet with first responders, residents and local leaders.

Mr. Ryder, in his statement, said the deployment "underscores the United States' ironclad commitment to the defence of Israel, and to defend Americans in Israel, from any further ballistic missile attacks by Iran".

It was not immediately clear where the THAAD battery was coming from or when it will arrive. Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an Israeli Army spokesperson, declined to provide any timeline for its arrival, but thanked the U.S. for its support.

The THAAD is considered a complementary system to the Patriot, but it can defend a wider area. It can hit targets at ranges of 150 to 200 kilometres.



IRON DOME TO ARROW: COMPONENTS OF AIR DEFENCE

Israel intercepted 99% of missiles and drones that Iran launched on Saturday night, Israel's military said. None of the 170 drones and 30 cruise missiles entered Israeli territory, though a few of the 110 ballistic missiles that Iran fired did. Israel is at least 1,000 km away from Iran — with Iraq, Syria, and Jordan in between

IRON DOME

For short-range rockets and shells, like the ones fired from Gaza. Developed by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems; world's most successful missile defence system with 90% success rate, according to the company. Operational since 2011. (right)



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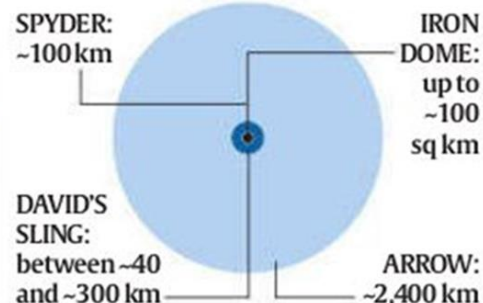
detects airborne rocket/shell, transmits data to the control unit.



Illustration: Suvajit Dey; Photos: Reuters, Rafael Advanced Defence Systems; Information: AP, Rafael, CSIS



RANGE OF ISRAEL'S AIR DEFENCE MISSILES: FROM 100-2,400 KM



DAVID'S SLING

Intermediate layer of air defence system, for ballistic and

cruise missiles and longer-range rockets. Developed by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems along with American defence contractor Raytheon. Carrier has upto 12 Stunner interceptors, according to the firm. Operational since 2017. (above)



SPYDER

Family of multirange mobile air defence systems to

defend large areas against aerial attacks by fighter and bomber aircraft, helicopters, cruise missiles, UAVs. All-weather system can be activated within seconds of a target being declared hostile, according to the manufacturer Rafael. (above)

ARROW

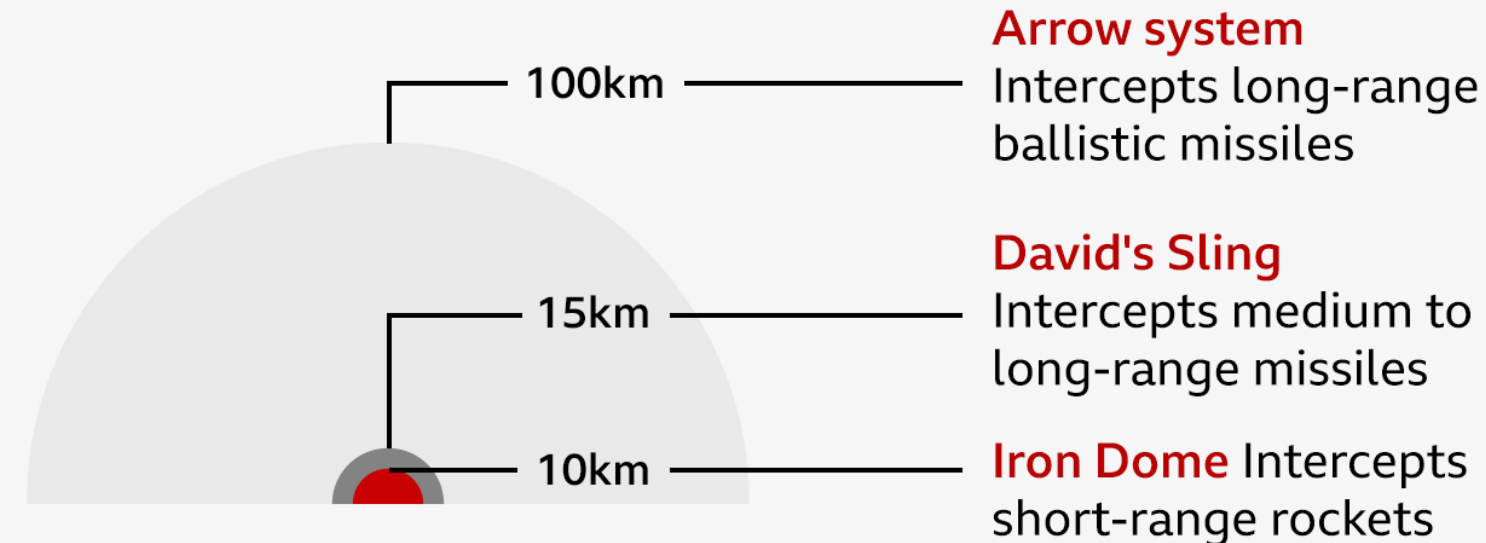
A mobile system consisting of hypersonic anti-missile interceptors, ground-based 'Green Pine' missile defence radar, early warning radar, and command and launch control centres. Arrow 3 is most modern, longest range interceptor. Range 1,400 miles-plus, altitude 62 miles; meant for targets in the upper atmosphere.

Israel's air defence systems

Missile distance range



Missile altitude



WHAT IS 'AXIS OF RESISTANCE'?

Armed groups supported by Iran dedicated to countering American and Israeli influence in West Asia. Iran supports them with arms, training and financial backing

Hamas in Gaza | Was behind attacks on Israel on Oct 7. Israel has responded with a massive military operation in Gaza

Hezbollah in Lebanon | Began trading missiles with Israel after Oct 7. In Sept, Israel detonated booby-trapped Hezbollah pagers and walkie-talkies, killed its chief Hassan Nasrallah

Houthis of Yemen | After Oct 7, Houthis began launching drones and missiles at vessels in the Red Sea, threatening maritime traffic in one of world's busiest waterways. They have also launched missiles and drones at Israel, triggering retaliatory air strikes



Iran fired 180+ ballistic missiles at Israel on Oct 1 amid an escalation in fighting between Israel & Hezbollah

Syrian govt | Iran has propped up Prez Bashar Assad by providing loans, oil and the services of Hezbollah. Israel says Iran-backed forces use country to manufacture and store weapons. Syria also hosts fighters who are recruited in Iran and controlled by the Quds Force, the external military and intelligence service of Iran's Revolutionary Guard

Iraqi militias | Main focus on attacking US troops. Most recently some of these groups have also targeted Israel, including multiple strikes since the killing of Nasrallah

Source: NYT

S-400 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM



S-400 TRIUMF (SA-21 Growler)

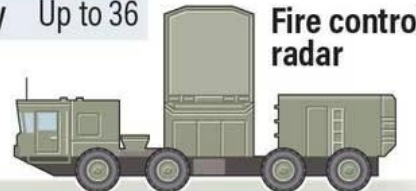
Maximum detection range	600km
Maximum altitude	30km
Maximum target speed	4.8km/sec
Targets engaged simultaneously	Up to 36

Missile ranges

9M96:	120km
48N6:	250km
40N6:	400km



Mobile command post



Fire control radar



Launcher: Equipped with four missile canisters. Up to eight launchers in S-400 battery

Each canister holds four short-range missiles or one longer range missile

- Can shoot down up to 80 target simultaneously
- Cannot yet accurately target low-flying aircraft and missiles (altitude below 30,000 ft) at great distances



Several countries have argued over origins of the divisive figure who led Spanish-funded expeditions. REUTERS

Study traces origin of Columbus back to Sephardic Jews

Reuters
MADRID

The 15th-century explorer Christopher Columbus was a Sephardic Jew from Western Europe, Spanish scientists said on Saturday, after using DNA analysis to tackle a centuries-old mystery.

Several countries have argued over the origins and the final burial place of the divisive figure who led Spanish-funded expeditions from the 1490s onward, opening the way for the European conquest of the Americas. To solve the mystery, researchers conducted a 22-year investigation, led by forensic expert Miguel Lorente, by testing tiny samples of remains buried in Seville Cathedral, long marked by authorities there as the last resting place of Columbus, though there had been rival claims. They compared them with those of known relatives and descendants and their findings were announced in a documentary titled *Columbus DNA: The true origin on Spain's national broadcaster TVE* on Saturday.

"We have DNA from Christopher Columbus, very partial, but sufficient. We have DNA from Hernando Colon, his son," Mr. Lorente said in the programme. "And both in the Y chromosome (male) and in the mitochondrial DNA transmitted by the mother of Hernando there are traits compatible with Jewish origin."

Around 3,00,000 Jews lived in Spain before Catholic monarchs Isabella and Ferdinand ordered Jews and Muslims to convert to the Catholic faith or leave the country. The word Sephardic comes from *Sefarad*, or Spain in Hebrew.

After analysing 25 possible places, Mr. Lorente said it was only possible to say Columbus was born in Western Europe.

Publish medical records, 'healthy' Harris tells Trump

After publishing a report saying the Vice-President is in excellent health, Harris's campaign draws attention to a series of newspaper articles pointing at Trump's possible cognitive decline

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris is in "excellent health" and fit for the presidency, according to a medical report published by the White House on Saturday, as she challenged Republican rival Donald Trump to publish his own health records.

"Vice President Harris remains in excellent health," her physician Joshua Simmons said in the report, adding that she "possesses the physical and mental resiliency required to successfully execute the duties of the presidency."

Speaking to presspersons on Saturday ahead of a trip to North Carolina, Ms. Harris called Mr. Trump's unwillingness to publish his records "a further example of his lack of transparency."

It is obvious that his team at least, does not want the American people to see everything about who he is... and whether or not he is actually fit to do the job of being President of the United States," she said.

But as Ms. Harris ramped up pressure for details on the physical health and mental acuity of the 78-year-old Mr. Trump, the former President's campaign pushed back.

Mr. Trump is also in perfect and excellent health to be Commander



Power play: Republican campaign charges that the Vice-President lacks the former President's strength to lead the country. REUTERS

in Chief." It said in a statement, and charged that Ms. Harris lacked his strength to lead the country.

"Unremarkable" test
Ms. Harris's most recent physical exam, conducted in April, was "unremarkable," according to Mr. Simmons.

In the detailed report, her physician noted that Ms. Harris suffers from seasonal allergies and hives, which are managed by non-prescription as well as prescription medications. The Vice-President is also slightly nearsighted and wears contact lenses, the report said.

Mr. Trump became the oldest presidential nominee from a major political party in U.S. history after 81-year-old President Joe Biden withdrew from the White House race in July. Ms. Harris is 59.

Mr. Biden passed the torch to Harris after a disastrous debate against Mr. Trump raised concerns in the Democratic Party about his own mental sharpness.

But Mr. Trump's age has not appeared to be a deal-breaker for voters, as polls show a knife-edge battle with Ms. Harris in the November 5 presidential election.

Ms. Harris's campaign drew attention to a recent series of articles in *The New York Times* that raised concerns about Mr. Trump's failure to disclose basic information about his health. The newspaper also published an analysis of Mr. Trump's language showing that his speeches are increasingly long and "confused," and include vulgarities — a trend seen by experts as a possible sign of cognitive decline.

Mr. Trump has conti-

nued to insist he is fit for office, and on Saturday, his campaign republished statements from his former White House doctor, Ronny Jackson, that were released following the assassination attempt on Mr. Trump in which a bullet grazed his right ear.

In the statement dated July 26, Mr. Jackson, who is now a Republican Congressman from Texas, said Mr. Trump was doing "extremely well" and "rapidly recovering" from the wound.

Active campaigns
Mr. Trump's campaign also circulated a note from another doctor who examined him in September 2023. Mr. Trump's campaign said he had maintained "an extremely busy and active schedule unlike any other in political history," and asserted that Ms. Harris's campaign schedule was "unparalleled to the President of the United States."

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Centre-left set to win in pro-Ukraine Lithuania polls

Agence France-Presse
VILNIUS

Lithuanians voted on Sunday in an election likely to change the government but keep much else the same, including the NATO and EU member's strong support for Ukraine and moves to bolster defence policy.

The vote is likely to see the centre-left replace the ruling conservatives, and could see a new populist party whose leader is on trial for alleged anti-Semitic comments enter parliament for the first time.

The Baltic state of 2.8 million people has been warily eyeing neighbouring Russia, fearing it could be the next target if Moscow were to succeed in its war against Ukraine.

Lithuania's main parties all agree on the need for strong support for Ukraine and to maintain or increase defence spending, currently around three per cent of GDP. Opinion polls show the Social Democratic Party, which last led the government from 2012 to 2016, ahead of 14 other parties and coalitions, with the latest survey predicting they will secure around 20% of the vote. The ruling centre-right Homeland Union-Lithuanian Christian Democrats are expected to receive around 19%. Seven parties are likely to cross the electoral threshold to get a seat in parliament.

Despite the potential government shakeup, no major foreign policy changes are anticipated.

President Gitanas Nausėda, who won a second term in May with backing from the Social Democrats, is believed to support a change in government.

Catwalk



Feline fiesta: People dressed as cats and supernatural cats, known as bokkeneko, take part in a parade on Sunday during the Kagurazaka Bokkeneko Festival in Tokyo. REUTERS

Agence France-Presse
IMILCHIL

As a young girl growing up in the Atlas mountains, Hannou Mouloud's family took her to have her chin tattooed with the cherished lines of her ancestors' faces.

"When I was six, they told me tattoos were pretty adornments," recalled the 67-year-old from Imilchil village of the once-common practice among women in North Africa's Amazigh groups.

Long referred to as Berbers, many tribespeople draw the designs on our

called Amazigh, or imazighen, which means "free people".

Today, like in many of the Indigenous cultures across the world where facial tattoos were long prevalent, the practice has largely faded.

Changing attitudes
Many attribute the near-disappearance of facial tattoos to Morocco's changing religious attitudes in recent decades, with interpretations of Islam, where inked skin and other body modifications like piercings are prohibited, taking hold.

"We would use charcoal to draw the designs on our



On the wearer: Amazigh women with tattoos on their chin in the village of Imilchil in central Morocco. JEP

faces, then a woman would prick the drawing with a needle until blood came out," Ms. Mouloud said, adding that they would rub

the wound daily with a chewed green herb to deepen the tattoos's colour. The markings vary in design between the minor-

Determation to rebuild follows Florida's hurricanes

Associated Press
VENICE

No sooner had residents of the Bahia Vista Gulf condominium complex dug out and from Hurricane Helene than they were faced with the same daunting cleanup from new damage inflicted by Hurricane Milton.

The beachfront units had been gutted, treated, and dried out after Hurricane Helene and mounds of sand that had blown in from the beach had been removed. Then, just two weeks later, Hurricane Milton barreled in and undid all the progress.

"They have got to start the whole process over, cleaning, sanitising, bringing in drying equipment, getting the place prepped for renovations," lamented Bill O'Connell, a board member at the complex in Venice, about an hour's drive south of Tam-



U.S. President Joe Biden meets with officials in the wake of Hurricanes Milton and Helene in Florida on Sunday. REUTERS

pa. The second hurricane "brought all the sand back on our property."

Some longtime Floridians have grown accustomed to the annual cycle of storms that can shatter and upend lives in a State known mostly for its balmy weather, sunshine, and beaches. "It is the price you pay to live in paradise," Mr. O'Connell said.

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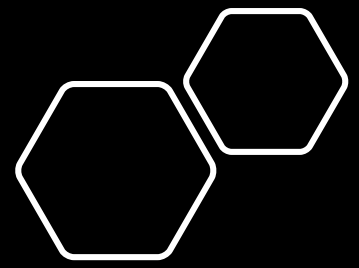
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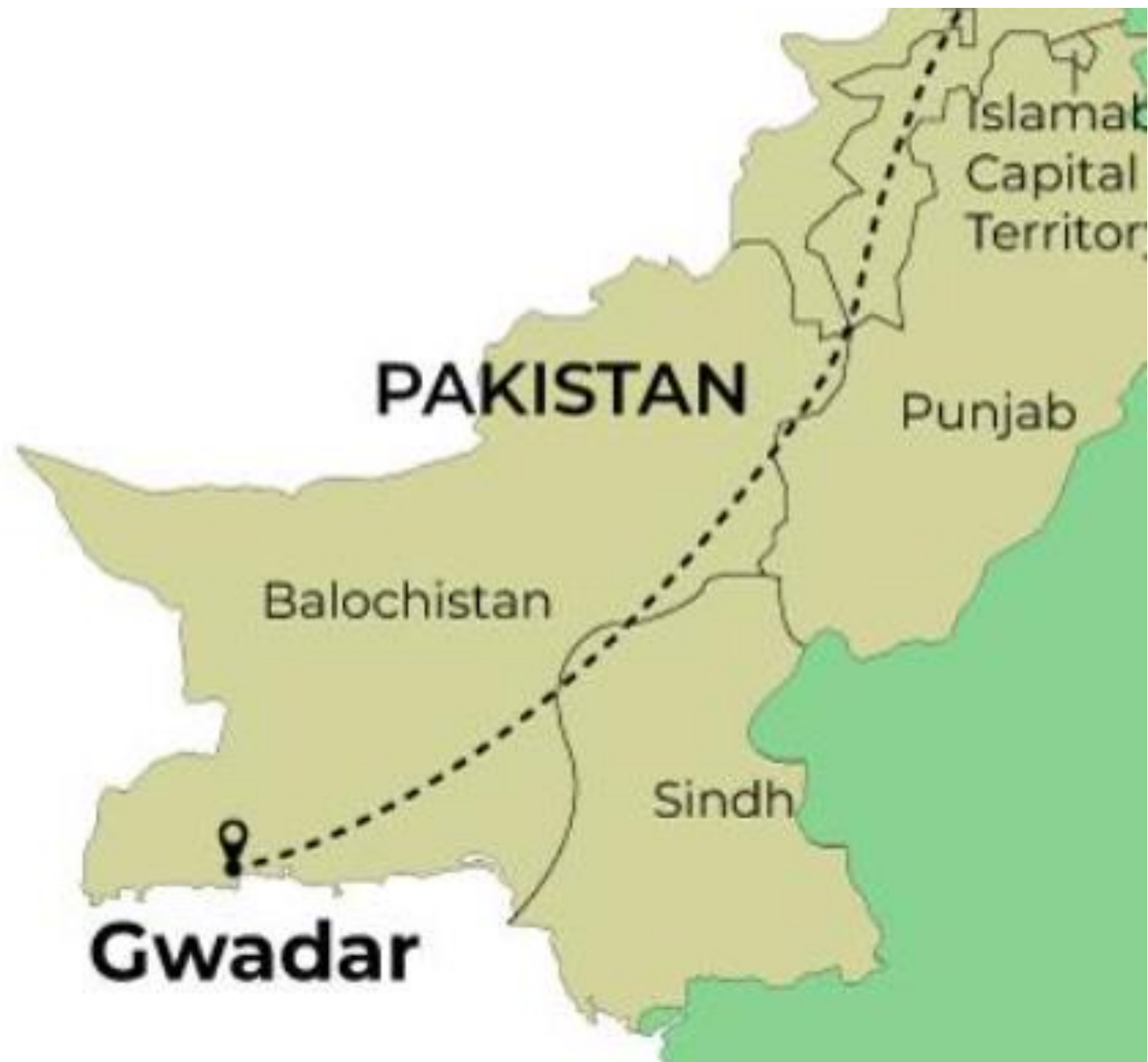
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China said on Thursday that it would work with Pakistan to protect the safety and security of Chinese personnel, projects, and institutions in Pakistan.

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Is Balochistan part of Pakistan?





About Baluchistan:

Topic	Details
Population	Ethnic Baloch live in Pakistan, Iran, and Afghanistan. Baloch nationalism emerged in the early 20th century due to new international borders in the region
Accession of Baluchistan	At the time of Partition, Baluchistan consisted of multiple chiefdoms under British influence. Ahmed Yar Khan, chief of Kalat, sought independence but was compelled to accede to Pakistan in 1948 after Pakistan's invasion of Kalat.
Insurgency	The forced accession led to violent insurgencies between Baloch nationalists and the Pakistani state.
State repression	Pakistani security forces have been accused of brutal repression, including extrajudicial killings, torture, and enforced disappearances of Baloch activists, journalists, and civilians. Amnesty International's 2011 report highlighted the use of 'kill and dump' strategies by Pakistani forces.

Power imbalance	among different Muslim ethnicities, with Punjab landlords holding significant influence.
Economic injustice	Despite significant natural resources like oil reserves and strategic locations such as Gwadar Port, Baloch people have not benefited economically.
Marginalization	Economic disparities, unemployment, and preferential treatment of outsiders in job opportunities fuel resentment among the Baloch population.
Growing militancy	Baloch nationalist groups like the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) have formed alliances with Islamist organizations such as the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Islamic State, leading to growing militancy.
Political turmoil	In 1974, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's assassination marked significant violence due to Balochistan's demand for autonomy
Majeed Brigade	A dedicated suicide squad within the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) responsible for high-profile attacks targeting security personnel, government officials, and infrastructure, including Chinese interests in Pakistan.

What is Balochistan Liberation Army?

What it is

- The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), active since 2011, is the most prominent of the many separatist groups in Pakistan's Balochistan province
- **Majeed Brigade** is the BLA's dedicated suicide squad

The context

- Balochistan is the country's largest province. It has oil and other natural resources, but the ethnic Baloch are Pakistan's **poorest and most under-represented** people
- Till 1947, Balochistan comprised multiple chieftdoms.
- Ahmed Yar Khan, the chief of Kalat, was the most powerful. He was **forced to accede to Pakistan in 1948**, after Pakistan invaded Kalat
- This triggered an insurgency which remains ongoing due to **'unjust' behavior of Pakistan govt towards Balochs**



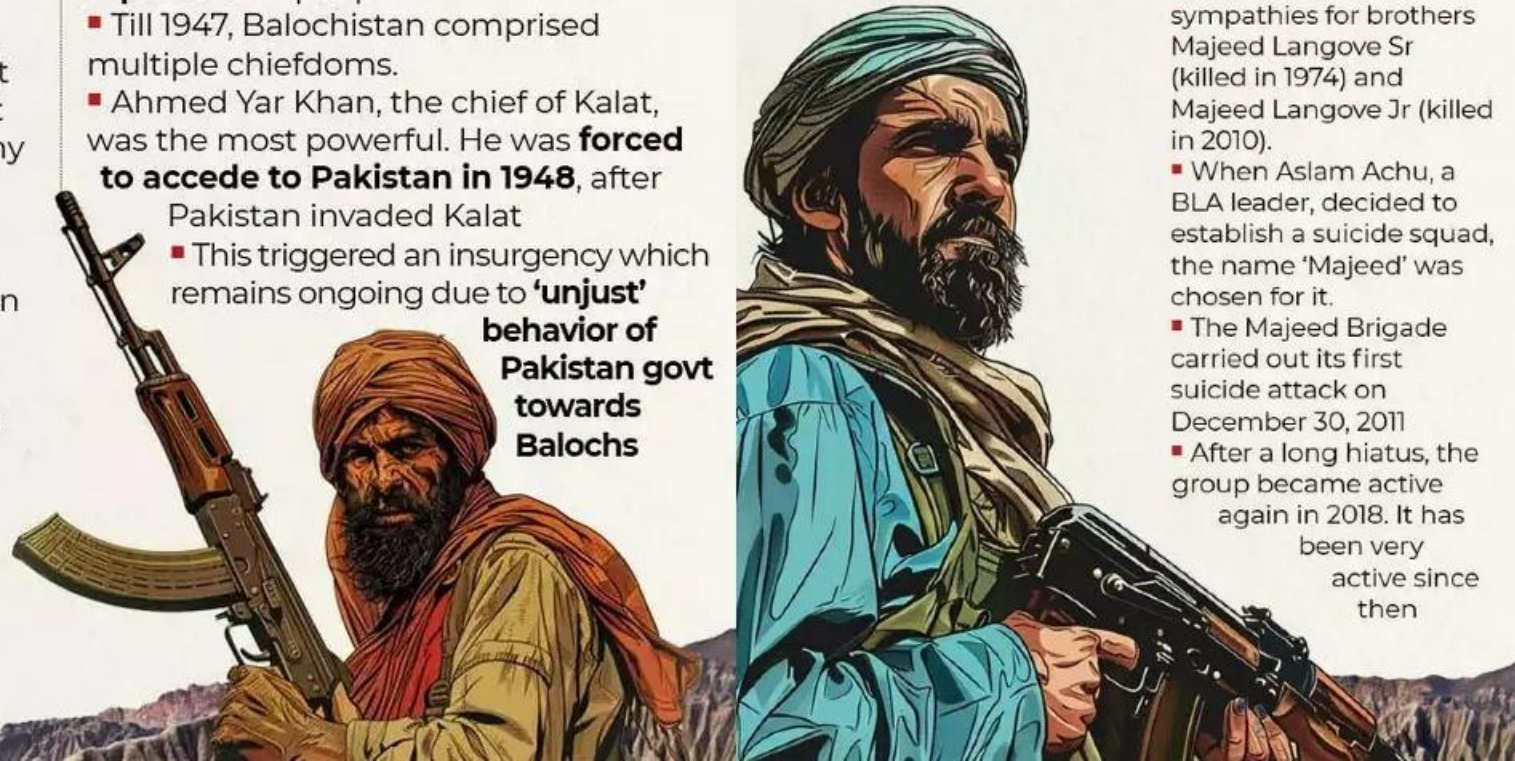
Current scenario

- China-backed Gwadar Port is a symbol of the economic injustice faced by the Baloch — despite rampant unemployment in the province, engineers and technical specialists were hired from Punjab, Sindh, and even China
- In recent years, Baloch militants have repeatedly targeted both Gwadar and Chinese nationals in the country



Demands for autonomy

- There have been demands for greater regional autonomy for Balochistan, and it was emboldened by the secession of Bangladesh in 1971
- Since the dismissal of the provincial govt (National Awami Party) by the then PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (Pakistan Peoples' Party) followed by 'human rights abuse' in the province, there has been a rise in insurgency.
- There have been sympathies for brothers Majeed Langove Sr (killed in 1974) and Majeed Langove Jr (killed in 2010).
- When Aslam Achu, a BLA leader, decided to establish a suicide squad, the name 'Majeed' was chosen for it.
- The Majeed Brigade carried out its first suicide attack on December 30, 2011
- After a long hiatus, the group became active again in 2018. It has been very active since then



In engineering feat, mechanical SpaceX arms catch Starship rocket booster back at launch pad

Co Demonstrates Key Tech Needed To Make Booster Completely Reusable

SpaceX pulled off a feat of technical wizardry on Sunday, not only flying a 233-foot rocket booster back to its launch site, but also catching it out of the air with two giant mechanical arms.

The event, which occurred during the latest test flight of the Starship rocket, was a major step forward for the ambitions of SpaceX and its founder, Elon Musk, which include one day taking people to Mars. In the more immediate future, NASA is paying SpaceX \$4 billion to take astronauts to the surface of the moon during two upcoming missions in its Artemis

programme. A jubilant Elon Musk called it “science fiction without the fiction part”. “The tower has caught the rocket!!!” Musk announced via X. “Big step towards making life multi-planetary was made today.”

Not only has Musk’s company built and flown the world’s largest and most powerful rocket, it has also demonstrated a key technology needed to make the vehicle completely reusable and able to fly again and again quickly, more like a jetliner than a rocket. Bill Nelson, the NASA administrator, congratulated SpaceX on flight in a post on X. “As we prepare to go back to



SpaceX's Starship lifts off for a test flight Sunday in Boca Chica, Texas



The booster ignites some of its 33 engines, looking like a giant cigarette

the Moon under Artemis, continued testing will prepare us for the bold missions that lie ahead — including to the South Pole region of the moon and then on to Mars,” he said.

At 8.25am (ET), the rocket li-

fted off from the company’s launch site near Brownsville, Texas. Together with the booster called the Super Heavy, the Starship is taller than the Statue of Liberty and its pedestal and will be capable of carrying over



As the booster descends close to the launch tower, the arms (‘chopsticks’) close gently around the booster, catching it before it hit the ground

100 metric tonnes to orbit.

After the Super Heavy booster, the rocket’s first stage, successfully pushed Starship upward through the densest part of the atmosphere, it dropped away as the upper-stage space-



craft, continued to head toward space. The booster then ignited some of its 33 engines, looking like a giant cigarette falling at an angle, with the glow of the engines at the bottom. Flames rose along one side of the booster,

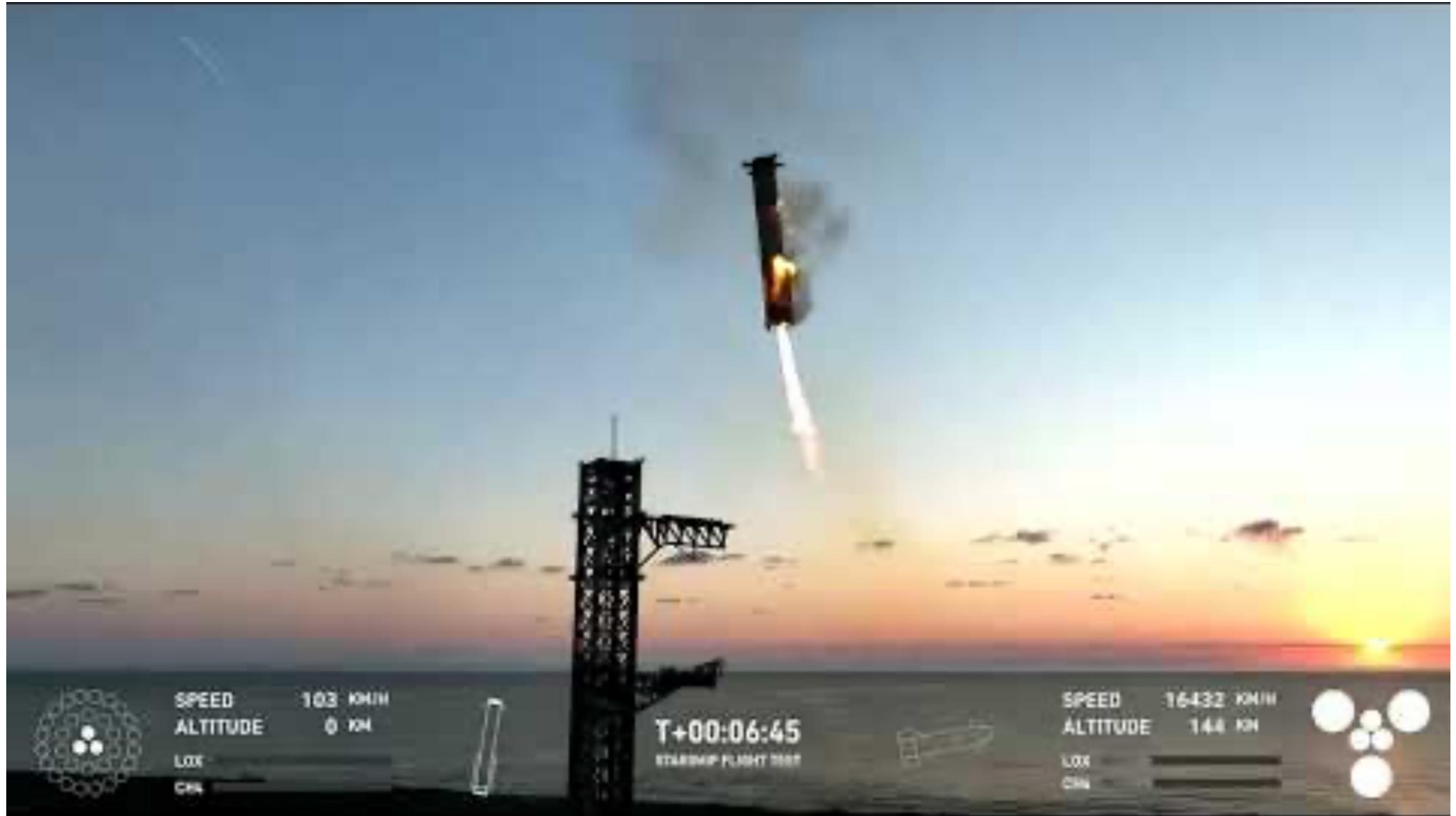
but that did not seem to knock it off course. As the booster descended close to launch tower, the arms closed gently around the booster, catching it before it hit the ground. When the engines switched off, the booster was still hanging in midair. A small fire continued to burn at the base of the booster, but the flames soon extinguished.

On the previous Starship test flight, the booster performed similar maneuvers, but over the Gulf of Mexico.

The return of the booster to the launch site was similar to how the first stage of SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rocket re-enters the atmosphere before landing on a floating platform or a landing pad. SpaceX now does that routinely, but the booster

still have to be brought back to the launch site.

Musk envisions that Starships will be able to fly much more often, so SpaceX built a tower with mechanical arms nicknamed chopsticks. SpaceX also plans to use those arms to catch Starships when they return from orbit. As the launch tower caught the booster in Texas, the upper-stage Starship spacecraft continued on an arc into space toward the Indian Ocean, essentially the same trajectory as the last flight. For this flight, SpaceX improved the thermal protection on Starship so that it could better withstand the searing heat of re-entry. On the previous flight, the flaps that control the descent almost burned up and disintegrated. *WVT*



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STARSHIP FLIGHT TEST



SPEED 16432 KM/H
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- SpaceX successfully launched a **233-foot rocket booster** and then caught it mid-air using two giant mechanical arms, nicknamed "chopsticks," at its launch site in **Boca Chica, Texas**.
 - This feat demonstrates critical technology that could make rocket boosters fully reusable, an essential step for SpaceX's ambitions to take humans to Mars.
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- **Elon Musk's Vision / एलोन मस्क की दृष्टि:**
- **Elon Musk** described the achievement as "science fiction without the fiction," adding that this brings SpaceX closer to making life multi-planetary.
- : **एलोन मस्क** ने इस उपलब्धि को "विज्ञान कथा बिना कल्पना के" कहा और कहा कि यह स्पेसएक्स को बह-ग्रह जीवन को वास्तविकता बनाने के करीब ले जाता है।

- **NASA Collaboration / नासा का सहयोग:**
- : NASA has invested **\$4 billion** in SpaceX to develop the Starship technology for future **Artemis missions**, which aim to send astronauts to the Moon and eventually to Mars.
- नासा ने SpaceX की **स्टारशिप तकनीक** को विकसित करने के लिए **4 बिलियन डॉलर** का निवेश किया है, जो भविष्य के **आर्टेमिस मिशनों** के लिए है, जिनका लक्ष्य चंद्रमा और अंततः मंगल ग्रह पर अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों को भेजना है।

Future Goals / भविष्य के लक्ष्य:

Musk envisions **Starship** being able to fly multiple times a day, making space travel more frequent and affordable, with plans for missions to the Moon and Mars.

मस्क का सपना है कि स्टारशिप दिन में कई बार उड़ सके, जिससे अंतरिक्ष यात्रा अधिक सामान्य और किफायती हो जाएगी, और चंद्रमा और मंगल तक मिशनों की योजना बनाई जा रही है।



A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) over a dark, silhouetted landscape. The sky is a deep green, with numerous small white stars visible. The aurora is a bright green band of light stretching across the horizon. The text "Aurora Borealis" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Aurora Borealis

LADAKH WITNESSES RARE SPECTACLE

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- On October 10, 2024, Leh, Ladakh experienced a rare display of aurora borealis, or northern lights, due to a severe geomagnetic storm triggered by a coronal mass ejection (CME) from the Sun.
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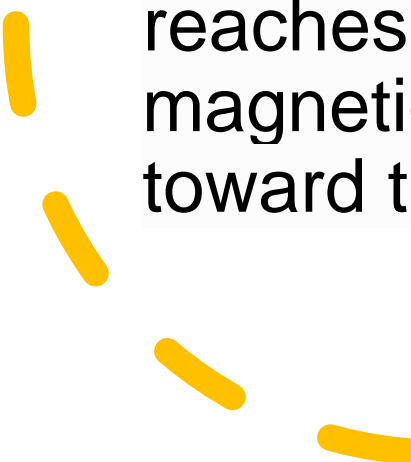



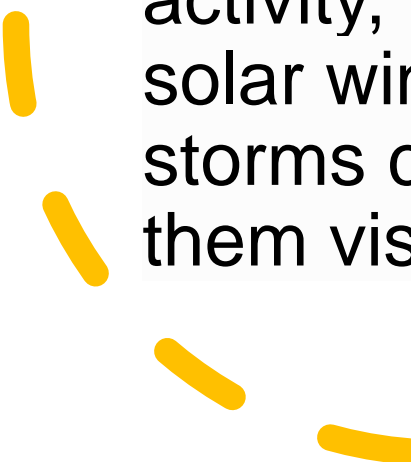


- **Why auroras occur:**

- **Caused by solar activity:** Auroras occur due to the interaction of charged particles from the Sun, known as the solar wind, with Earth's magnetic field.

- **Solar wind and earth's magnetic field:** As the solar wind reaches Earth, most particles are deflected by the planet's magnetic field. However, some particles get trapped and travel toward the poles.



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- **Interaction with atmospheric gases:** These charged particles collide with gases like oxygen and nitrogen in the upper atmosphere, producing light. Oxygen emits green hues, while nitrogen produces blue and purple tones.
 - **Influence of solar flares and CMEs:** During strong solar activity, like solar flares or coronal mass ejections (CMEs), the solar wind intensifies, leading to geomagnetic storms. These storms can cause auroras to expand to mid-latitudes, making them visible in regions farther from the poles.
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Word of the day

Extortionate:

greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

Synonyms: steep, outrageous, unconscionable, exorbitant

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Thank you
guys.
