

Internet enabling extremists to spread their ideology at faster pace: UK minister

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- Baroness Williams, the UK's Minister of State for Countering Extremism, today said the world faced unprecedented threat from extremists and that the Internet was enabling them to spread their ideologies and gave them access into every family. Britain will "act decisively" to disrupt extremist activity where its legal thresholds are breached, she said. Williams was delivering an address at an Observer Research Foundation (ORF) conference on "Tackling insurgent ideologies".

She said extremists also use their "twisted narratives" to justify hatred and division, spread intolerance, isolate communities and erode the rights of women and minorities. "The threat we face from extremists is unprecedented. The Internet is enabling them to spread their ideologies at a pace and scale never seen before. It also gives them access into every family home," she said. While defining extremism, she termed it as the vocal and active opposition to the UK's fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Noting that countering extremism was complex, she said it was necessary to balance the rights of individuals to practice a faith, or their right to have free speech. Citing the influence of Scottish nationalism, she said that "law abiding campaigning and nationalism is acceptable in our democracy".

A referendum on Scottish independence from the United Kingdom that was carried out in 2014, saw an over-whelming majority rejecting it. Elaborating on the UK's counter-extremism strategy, she said her country's approach is based on four pillars, which include vigorously countering extremist ideology, actively supporting mainstream voices, disrupting the most harmful extremists and building more cohesive communities. "Let me be clear, this is not about limiting free speech or about enforcing British values overseas. This strategy is about ensuring that individuals' freedoms, such as the right of women, or minorities, to take a full part in society, are protected," she said. (PTI)

British man accused of killing RSS leaders in Punjab has to face law: India to UK

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- A British man, accused of conspiring targeted killings of RSS leaders in Punjab, will have to face law in India, Union minister Kiren Rijiju is believed to have told his UK counterpart Baroness Williams. During an hour-long meeting here yesterday, Rijiju is said to have conveyed that Jagtar Singh is currently in a jail in Punjab and other cases against him are under various stages. Rijiju told Williams that regular consular access is being provided to diplomats of the British High Commission to meet him and so far 11 consular visits have been facilitated. All legal avenues are available for him and his lawyers to pursue his case through India's independent judicial system, the Union minister of state for home told his British counterpart. India has been maintaining that Johal, a citizen of the UK, has become a rallying point for Sikh groups in Britain. There was also a delay in the UK Parliament on Johal's issue and providing the consular access to him.

The National Investigation Agency, in a charge sheet filed in a court in Punjab's Mohali on May 4, had claimed that Johal was involved in the funding of the conspiracy to kill Rashtriya Swamisedhak Sangh (RSS) leader Ravinder Gossain in Ludhiana last October. Johal is currently in a jail in Punjab and other cases against him are under various stages. Rijiju told Williams that regular consular access is being provided to diplomats of the British High Commission to meet him and so far 11 consular visits have been facilitated. All legal avenues are available for him and his lawyers to pursue his case through India's independent judicial system, the Union minister of state for home told his British counterpart. India has been maintaining that Johal, a citizen of the UK, has become a rallying point for Sikh groups in Britain. There was also a delay in the UK Parliament on Johal's issue and providing the consular access to him.

Since Johal's arrest, a false, slanderous and orchestrated media campaign has been initiated by militants and their sympathisers as well as radical elements based in Britain and other Western countries against the Punjab government and the Punjab Police, another official said. There were instances when Punjab Police officers received death threats targeted at them and their family members from such elements over recently. WhatsApp and various social media platforms have been used to spread such messages with his UK counterpart recently. NSA Ajit Doval had even suggested that one can approach the National Human Rights Commission, which is an independent body with investigative and judicial powers, to look into allegations of mistreatment. "Johal had claimed that police threatened to shoot him and set him alight with petrol, according to the British media reports. (PTI)

HRD Ministry writes to MoHUA over name of metro station outside IIT-Delhi

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- The HRD Ministry has written to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, seeking its intervention in the ongoing row over the name of a metro station outside the IIT-Delhi campus. The premier engineering institute has objected to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) selling the branding rights of the IIT Metro station to FIITJEE, a private coaching school and moved court last month. "The naming of the metro station is giving the false impression that it is a coaching centre," the institute, in association with IIT-Delhi and we have asked the MoHUA to ensure that the general public is not misled by the association of a coaching institute with IIT-Delhi," a senior HRD Ministry official said.

A senior DMRC official, when contacted, said, "The matter is sub judice, so we will not comment at the moment." The Delhi High Court had sought the response of the DMRC on a plea by the IIT-D against coupling of its name with FIITJEE at the metro station near the engineering institute. Justice Rajiv Shakdher, before whom the matter came up for hearing, had issued notice to the DMRC and FIITJEE and sought their stands on the IIT's plea that the co-branding has misled people to think that both have partnered together. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), in its plea, has sought directions to the Delhi Metro to not use its name in conjunction with that of FIITJEE, claiming it is tarnishing the image of the premier engineering institute.

The DMRC, in a statement, said that, "It had not done anything illegal in the matter." The IIT station comes under the recently-opened Kalkaji Mandir-Janakpuri West corridor of the Magenta Line, and falls in the busy south Delhi area. The coaching centre's co-branding with the IIT station name had upset the premier institute, prompting it to move the court late last month. The DMRC has rebranded names of some of its stations as part of its co-branding policy. As many as 41 stations have been taken up under the policy and many have been co-branded while others are in pipeline. The Vishwavidyalaya metro station was co-branded with Honda 2 Wheelers long back while the Jor Bagh station was recently co-branded with LIC. (PTI)

Chhatrapur encounter: Case transferred to Crime Branch from district police

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- The probe in an encounter in which four criminals were shot dead in south Delhi's Chhatrapur area on Saturday will be carried out by the Delhi Police's Crime Branch, a senior officer said here today. Gangster Rajesh Bharti and three of his associates - Sanjeev alias Sandeep Vidroh, Umesh alias Don and Vireesh Rana alias Bhiku - were killed, while the fourth, who was injured in the encounter. One of the gangsters, Kapil, who was injured in the encounter, is currently undergoing treatment at the AIIMS Trauma Centre and is slated to be out of danger. The case was transferred from the district police to the

Crime Branch yesterday for a thorough investigation, said a senior police officer. Bharti and Vidroh had escaped from the custody of Haryana Police around a year-and-a-half ago. Bharti's gang, also referred to as the "Kranti Gang", was mostly active in Haryana, but in the last one year, they had committed crimes in Delhi too. The Delhi Police's Special Cell had been tracking the gang for the last six-seven months. On Saturday, it was learnt that the gang members would be coming to Chandan Hola village in Chhatrapur and a team of the cell's Northern Range, comprising 30 personnel, was stationed on the route they were expected to take while

Militants to blame if forces hit them harder after peace initiative ends: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, JUN 12 /-/- Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah today said militants "will only have themselves to blame if security forces hit them harder than before after the Centre's peace initiative ends. On May 16, the Union government directed security forces not to launch counter-terror operations during Ramadan but said they reserve the right to retaliate if attacked. "With the militant organisations doing their best to make sure the ceasefire is a failure they will only have themselves to blame if the security forces come back at them even harder when the ceasefire ends," Abdullah tweeted. He was reacting to the two militant attacks in south Kashmir's Anantnag and Pulwama districts

in which two policemen were killed and six other security personnel were injured. Abdullah said those who killed the policemen in Pulwama "deserve the eternal flames of hell". "And that too on the night of Shab-e-Qadr. The killers of these police personnel deserve nothing but the eternal flames of hell & that is where they are destined to find themselves. Condemned to the flames of the deceased," he said on Twitter. In Anantnag, six Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans sustained minor injuries in a grenade attack by terrorists. Shab-e-Qadr (night of power and grace) is the holiest night of the holy month of Ramadan when Muslims through mosques to offer night-long prayers. (PTI)

Discharge of sewage into Ganga: NGT slams municipalities in Uttar Pradesh

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- The National Green Tribunal has slammed municipalities in Uttar Pradesh for failing to manage discharge of untreated sewage water into the Ganga river saying it appears that "environment and public health do not fall on their priority list".

A bench headed by acting NGT Chairperson Justice Javed Akhtar refused to agree with the submission that 'nagar palikas' were facing financial crunch as the state government has not released any money. "It appears that environment and public health do not fall on priority list of all these respondents," the bench observed. The counsel appearing for the municipalities of Mirzapur, Fatehpur, Chunar and Bhadohi told the bench that the state government had filed statement of the action taken and the reason

for non compliance is that the state government has not released the funds. "Be that as it may, we note it with regret that except procrastination of this proceedings on one pretext or other the municipalities concerned have shown least regard regarding compliance to the direction of the tribunal and hence, we direct the concerned commissioners and chief officers of each of the 'nagar palikas' together to be present on the next date of hearing with an affidavit sworn to detailing action taken for compliance to the direction issued by the tribunal or nature of compliance," the bench said. The matter was listed for next hearing on July 27.

The tribunal had earlier asked the Uttar Pradesh government to direct the municipalities to take necessary steps to ensure that they do not pollute the Ganga. The police retaliated and four persons were shot dead, while Kapil sustained injuries and was admitted in the AIIMS Trauma Centre.

The others managed to escape. More than 100 rounds were fired by the gang members and the Delhi police's Special Cell in the shoot-out, police said. Officers are waiting for Kapil's condition to improve so that they can ascertain the identity of the others who were accompanying him and the reason for which they had gathered at the farmhouse, the police said. The farmhouse owner, Sanjeev, is at large. It is still not clear whether he was accompanying the gang members at the time of the encounter. The seized Ford Endeavour car belongs to him. Bharti and Vidroh were carrying rewards of Rs 1 lakh each on their head, while Umesh was carrying a reward of Rs 50,000, the police said, adding that there were murder and extortion cases against them. (PTI)

IMA initiative to sensitise doctors on patients' sexual health

MUMBAI, JUN 12 /-/- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has launched an initiative to sensitise doctors about how to respond to matters pertaining to a patient's sexual health. Due to the taboos associated with the subject of sexual health, people do not speak about it. But, they can overcome such health issues if they get proper treatment at the right time, IMA said in a statement while launching the initiative on Sunday. IMA national president Dr Ravi Wankhedkar said with this programme, they would try to sensitise the medical practitioners on the issue. Sex is still a taboo subject and doctors across the country need to break the barriers and clinical inertias by asking patients about their sexual health. Maharashtra's Additional Director General of Police R K Padmanabhan said, "It (sexual health) is not only a medical issue but also a social issue and in view of the increase in cases of sexual violence, it is important to educate the younger generation to dispel the taboos associated with this subject." Renowned ophthalmologist and Padma Shri awardee Dr T P Lahane hailed the initiative as a positive step. (PTI)

Govt mulls raising pension limit to Rs 10,000 month under APY

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 /-/- The government is considering a proposal to raise the pension limit under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) to up to Rs 10,000 per month from the current limit of up to Rs 5,000, a top official said today. There is a need to increase the value of pension under APY, Madhesh Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), said at a conference of officials of PFRDA. "We have seen the proposal (sent by PFRDA) of increasing the pension value to (up to) Rs 10,000 per month and it is under active consideration," Mishra said on the sidelines of the event. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman Hemant G Contractor said the proposal has been sent to the finance ministry with an aim to increase the subscriber base of APY. "Currently, we have five slabs of pension from Rs 1,000-5,000 per month. There have been a lot of feedback from the market asking for higher pension amounts because many people feel that Rs 5,000 at the age of 60 years, 20-30 years from now, will not be sufficient. We have placed this proposal with the government that it should be increased to up to Rs 10,000," Contractor said. PFRDA has sent two more proposals to the ministry - auto-enrolment for APY and raising the maximum age bar to enter the scheme to up to 50 years.

Currently, the age of entering APY is from 18-40 years but in the same year in the same by another 10 years - from 18-50 years - will help in expanding the subscriber base, he added. The subscriber base of APY is 1.02 crore. PFRDA added about 50 lakh new subscribers under the scheme in 2017-18 and hopes to add another 60-70 lakh in the ongoing financial year. Contractor said, (PTI)

If Law Ministry isn't a post office, it has no right to become a police station: Mayawati

LUCKNOW, JUN 12 /-/- BSP supremo Mayawati today accused the Narendra Modi government of "insulting" the judiciary as she slammed the central dispensation's "tendency to demean" one of the important pillars of democracy. "The malicious behaviour of the executive with the judiciary is not right. And it is an indication of the Centre's opinionated and arbitrary character," she said in a statement. "It is unfortunate as it is the judiciary alone which is a ray of hope for the people of the country and the opposition, as BJP governments at the Centre and states are working against the pious intention of the Constitution," she said. The BSP chief's response came after Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad stated yesterday that the executive was not committing a "cardinal sin" by seeking reconsideration of some proposals made by the Supreme Court collegium on the appointment of judges. Referring to allegations that the Centre was stalling appointments to the Supreme Court and the 24 high courts, Prasad said neither the law minister nor the law ministry was a "post office" which would only process recommendations of the collegium on the appointment of judges. Mayawati said if the BJP ministers were unable to respect the judiciary, they should at least refrain from insulting it. "If the Union Law Ministry is not a post office, it has no right to become a police station, as the same has not been guaranteed by the Constitution. This should be modestly accepted by the government of Narendra Modi, and an improvement in behaviour brought vis-a-vis insulting the judiciary. This will be in the interest of the nation," she said. The Modi government had come under attack when it returned to the collegium its recommendation to elevate Uttarakhand High Court Chief Justice K M Joseph to the Supreme Court, citing seniority and regional imbalance. (PTI)

Bhailyu Maharaj enjoyed large following among politicians

MUMBAI, JUN 12 /-/- Spiritual guru Bhailyu Maharaj, who allegedly killed himself in Indore today, enjoyed a large following among politicians. When Bhailyu Maharaj, whose real name was Udaysinh Deshmukh, was injured in a road accident in 2016, among those who came to meet him were RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and then Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel. This was an indication of the tremendous clout and fan following the 50-year-old model-turned-spiritual guru had among politicians, many of them from Maharashtra. Bhailyu Maharaj was one of the five 'saints' to whom the Shivraj Singh government of Madhya Pradesh had granted Minister of State (MoS) rank in April. However, he had refused to accept it, saying "a post holds no importance for a saint".

Past visitors to his 'ashram' at Indore, where he was based, included well-known personalities like Narendra Modi, Vilasrao Deshmukh, Pratibha Patil, Uddhav and Raj Thackeray, Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle. Former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said Bhailyu Maharaj was a saint who had done great social work he did in the state. "A lot of political people used to meet him. He was a spiritual person who motivated people to do good. He visited Maharashtra frequently and met a lot of people and was also involved in social work here," Chavan said in his condolence message. Born in 1968 in a family of agriculturists at Shajapur in Madhya Pradesh, Bhailyu Maharaj was invited by Modi when he undertook 'sabbhanna' as Chief Minister of Gujarat.

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