

Women Power

Delhi, India. The newly-elected state government of the Indian capital Delhi hopes an all-female volunteer commando unit can form the front line of defense against sexual violence in the country's capital. Members of the unit will be trained by martial arts and military experts, and conduct night patrols in different parts of the city. The new voluntary unit is the brainchild of 26-year-old Rakhi Birla, Delhi's new Women and Child Welfare Minister and the youngest member of the state's government. According to The Telegraph, government figures indicate that the number of sexual assaults reported to the authorities in the ten months following the fatal bus gang rape increased more than three-fold.

A Hero's Death

Hangu, Pakistan. Aitizaz Hasan could have turned a blind eye to the suicide bomber outside his school. But the teenager decided to confront the bomber and lose his life in the process to save the lives of his friends and teachers of the school. According to witnesses at the scene, Aitizaz and his friends were outside their school when they spotted a man approaching with an explosive vest strapped to his body. Aitizaz first threw a rock at the bomber and then physically grabbed him, at which point the explosives detonated.





The Curious Case of Dead Cows

Copenhagen, Denmark. One doesn't expect cows to turn up on sea shores but that's exactly what happened in Denmark and Sweden, as carcasses of almost a dozen cows have washed ashore there puzzling police in the two countries. Since December 29, eight dead cows have been found by people strolling on beaches in southern Sweden and three in Denmark. All the animals had parts of their ears cut off. Investigators suspect this was done to remove the identification tags used to trace the cows. Dumping livestock like that is illegal in both countries. Veterinarians in Sweden found no traces of disease in the animals washed ashore there, Swedish police said.