



PHOTO: AFP

An aerial view of residents at their houses surrounded by floodwaters in Peer Kot in Jhang, in central Punjab province, yesterday.

AMIT SHAH'S HATE SPEECH CASE Court returns chargesheet

PTI, Muzaffarnagar

In an embarrassment to UP police, a court in Muzaffarnagar yesterday refused to take cognisance of the chargesheet against BJP president Amit Shah in connection with the alleged hate speech made by him and returned it to the police.

Additional chief judicial magistrate Sunder Lal denied the motion as police had not followed the provisions of 173[2] CrPc in which they did not try to arrest the accused before filing the chargesheet in court.

Returning the chargesheet to remove errors, the court said police cannot file it under section 188 IPC as it should be filed as a private complaint by the concerned officer, who had imposed prohibitory orders which were violated.

Shah was on Wednesday charged by the police for his alleged hate speech during campaigning for the Lok Sabha elections.

The charges were filed against Shah under Section 123(3) of Representation of the People Act for allegedly seeking votes on the grounds of religion, race, caste and community and under Section 188 of the IPC relating to disobedience to order promulgated by public servant.



Pakistan rushes to protect cities from floods

AFP, Multan

Pakistani authorities yesterday moved to protect two major cities from raging floodwaters, readying explosives to divert swollen rivers, in a crisis which has hit more than a million people.

The floods and landslides from days of heavy monsoon rains have now claimed more than 450 lives in Pakistan and India, with hospitals struggling to cope with the disaster.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 people remain stranded in Indian-administered Kashmir, where phone lines have been down for days and food and water supplies are running low, although the floods have begun to recede.

The floodwaters are moving downstream through Pakistan's Punjab province, inundating huge swathes of farmland in the country's breadbasket and most prosperous area.

The army yesterday planted explosives in preparation for breaching three strategic dykes to divert waters away from the southern Punjab cities of Muzaffargarh and Multan, a major agricultural centre of two million people and the main hub for Pakistan's important cotton industry.

A senior Multan government official told AFP the dykes were likely to be blown in the evening, but the blast may be put off if the waters abate.

Similar drastic measures were taken on Wednesday to protect the city of Jhang, further upstream, where 10,000 people were evacuated overnight, according to senior rescue official Rizwan Naseer.

Hafiz Shaikat Ali, a senior administration official in Multan, said all schools in the area would be closed for the next two days.

The military, which often plays an important role in disaster relief efforts, said troops had rescued 22,000 people stranded by floodwaters around Punjab and Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

The country's National Disaster Management Authority said 257 people had been killed and more than 1.1 million affected -- a figure that includes both those stranded at home and those who fled after the floods hit.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited flooded parts of Pakistan-administered Kashmir on Thursday, announcing \$10,000 compensation for families who lost loved ones in the floods and pledging to reopen blocked roads as soon as possible.

Xi's VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA India, China in wary dance

AFP, New Delhi

China's president will kick off his first South Asia tour with a visit to Beijing's latest investment in Sri Lanka, a \$1.4-billion port city development to include a marina and a Formula One track -- all just 250 kilometres from India's coast.

Xi Jinping's trip to the site, next to a major Chinese-funded commercial port, will provide a vivid reminder of Beijing's growing economic clout in India's backyard ahead of his maiden visit to New Delhi next week.

Despite his hardline nationalist reputation, India's new Prime Minister Narendra Modi moved quickly to engage with traditional rival China after taking office in May, inviting Xi to India.

But he has also sought to stop India's neighbours falling further into China's embrace, choosing Bhutan and Nepal for his first foreign trips as prime minister and extending an olive branch to arch-rival Pakistan.

That may not worry China too much. Modi's close relationship with Tokyo, on the other hand, is likely to raise alarm bells in Beijing that analysts say he may be able to use to his advantage.

Modi enjoys a particularly warm friendship with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe, who welcomed him even as he was shunned by Western powers over claims he failed to stop deadly religious riots in Gujarat, the state he used to run.

Both India and Japan are wary of what many see as Beijing's growing territorial assertiveness, and Washington is eager for them to step up their cooperation by way of counterweight to China.

"China is concerned that we would get closer to Japan and to the US under Modi. They don't want that to happen," said Jayadeva Ranade, president of the Centre for China Analysis and Strategy in New Delhi.

Ranade said this could give New Delhi valuable leverage in its negotiations with Beijing, after Japan pledged during a recent visit by Modi to double its investment in the country over the next five years.

Liu Jianchao, assistant minister of foreign affairs, said this week Xi would discuss investment in India's railways as well as nuclear cooperation during his visit.

Developing India's crumbling infrastructure is a key priority of the Modi government, which has said it will upgrade existing railways and build the country's first high-speed train line.

Liu also said the two sides would seek to push forward negotiations on their disputed border during Xi's visit.

While the frontier between China and India has never been formally demarcated, the two sides have signed accords, and analysts said Beijing was eager to maintain the peace with its western neighbour.



NEWSIN brief

Five million Gmail passwords leaked

CNN ONLINE

A list of 5 million Gmail addresses and passwords appeared on a Russian Bitcoin forum Wednesday. It is still unclear how anyone obtained the vast collection of usernames and passwords. Google says its servers were not breached. However, Google has locked out anyone whose email account was included in the leak. The company is directing them to this Google site to reset their password and regain access to their account.

Catalonia too wants independence

AFP, Barcelona

Catalonia's president warned Wednesday it was "practically impossible" to stop the region voting on secession from Spain and looked to Scotland to smooth the way with its own independence referendum. Artur Mas, who has defied Madrid by calling a vote on independence for the rich northeastern region on November 9, predicted Scotland would stay in the European Union even if it chooses independence.

China, Russia to build seaport

AFP, Beijing

China and Russia will build one of the largest ports in northeast Asia on Russia's Sea of Japan coast, reports said, in a further sign of the powerhouses' growing alliance. The new facility will be located in far eastern Russia, just 18 kilometres away from the Chinese border. The region is also close to North Korea.

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TUITION FOR INT'L STUDENTS Australia costliest, India cheapest

AFP, Sydney

Australia is the most expensive place for an international student to attend university, ahead of Singapore and the United States, with India the cheapest, a study showed.

The research report by banking giant HSBC, which surveyed 15 countries, said an overseas student would need US\$42,000 a year to meet university fees and living costs in Australia.

This was nearly US\$3,000 more than Singapore, and US\$36,000 greater than a student heading to India.

Despite the cost, the United States was regarded as offering the highest quality of education, followed by Britain and Germany with Australia only ranked fourth, said the study released late Wednesday.

"The key reasons to send children overseas are the acquisition of foreign languages, international experience, and independence," said HSBC's head of wealth management Simon Williams.

"But an international education brings an extra dimension of complexity to planning, particularly financial planning.

"The majority of overseas education is privately funded by parents, and while the concept of a college fund is well established in the US, it is still the exception elsewhere."

The report, The Value of Education, said that of the nearly 5,000 parents questioned, 89 percent wanted their children to go to university and 74 percent would consider sending them abroad.

Indonesians were keenest on an overseas education (89 percent), followed by Malaysia, Turkey and Hong Kong.

15 Indian youths wanted to join IS

TNN, Hyderabad

At least 15 engineering students, including a girl, from Hyderabad, attracted to the idea of fighting alongside IS in Iraq and Syria, were tracked down by the Telangana police in West Bengal this week after their parents complained they were missing. Police sources said their investigations have revealed the outreach of the Islamist jihadists in the country was greater than previously thought. The police did not arrest or book any of them.

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