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BJP President Amit Shah yesterday met with Shiv Sena chief Uddav Thackeray to resolve the crisis in Mumbai. PHOTO: PTI

# BJP, Shiv Sena part ways in Maharastra

Congress, NCP declare split on seat-sharing row

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The 25-year-old BJP-Shiv Sena alliance split yesterday amid continued deadlock over seat-sharing for the October 15 Maharashtra assembly polls.

Meanwhile, barely an hour after the Shiv Sena and the BJP announced their split, the NCP said it was breaking away from the Congress to fight the Maharashtra assembly polls alone.

After several rounds of talks over the last said. few days, senior state BJP leaders announced yesterday evening severing of the ties between the two parties, blaming Shiv Sena's "inflexibility" for it.

"We have conveyed our decision to snap ties to Shiv Sena. The decision was taken with a heavy heart," Maharashtra BJP chief Devendra Fadnavis told reporters after a meeting of the state party's Core Committee.

BJP, however, hinted at the possibility of a post-poll alliance with its estranged ally, saying the party would not criticise Sena during the campaign and remain friends.

"Our aim is to prevent the corrupt Congress-NCP government from coming to power. We will not criticise Shiv Sena during the campaign, we don't want any bitterness

with our ally of 25 years," leader of opposition in the assembly Eknath Khadse said.

Fadnavis said BJP will go to polls with smaller 'Mahayuti' allies.

He said BJP had worked out a seat-

sharing deal with Mahadeo Jankar's Rashtriya Samaj Paksha and Raju Shetty's Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana. Our talks with Vinayak Mete of Shiv

Sangram are in final stages and we will also speak to RPI's Ramdas Athawale, Fadnavis "We reiterate that Shiv Sena is still our friend. We will not criticise Sena and our

combine," he said. Meanwhile, NCP state president Sunil Tatkare accused Congress of betraying trust. "Congress declared seats without consult-

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ing alliance partners and betrayed our trust, NCP state president Sunil Tatkare said.

"When Sharad Pawar met Sonia Gandhi, he told her he wants to stay in the alliance, the NCP leader added.

NCP leader and Maharashtra deputy CM Ajit Pawar blamed Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan for the split, saying NCP was never neglected by earlier Congress CMs. Ajit Pawar and other NCP ministers will resign from the cabinet.

## Indian PM leaves for

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday left for New York on an official visit focused on boosting trade and resetting ties with the world's largest economy.

Modi said ahead of his departure he was "confident that the visit will mark the start of a new chapter in our strategic partnership".

A bitter diplomatic row broke out last December when US authorities arrested and then stripsearched an Indian diplomat in New York. Modi headed to New

York hours after launching "Make in India", an initiative to attract global manufacturing to his country. He is scheduled to have

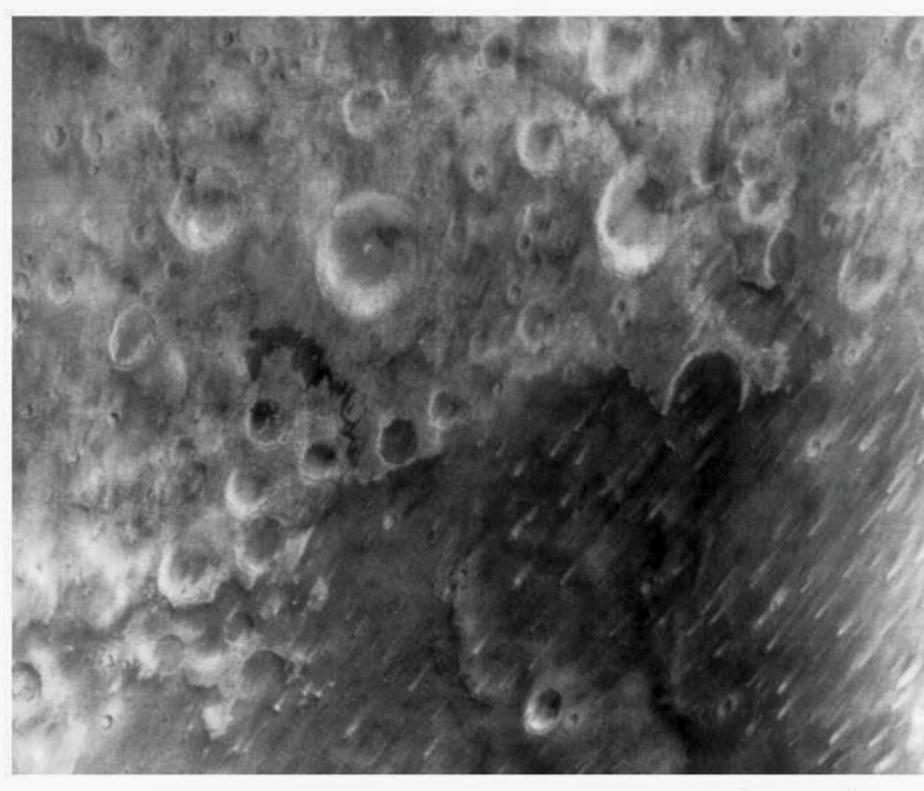
breakfast in New York on Monday with heads of top global firms including Google's Eric Schmidt and PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi. Modi will kick off his

maiden US visit in New York, where he will address the UN General Assembly and address people of Indian origin at Madison Square Garden, a 18,200capacity Manhattan arena.

On Thursday, he said he would press for reform of the United Nations "to ensure that it remains relevant and effective in dealing with the challenges of the 21st Century" and urge stronger global commitment on issues including Ebola, climate change and poverty.

On Monday he will head to Washington for private meetings with Obama, marking a transformation of fortunes for a man refused a US visa in 2005 over charges he failed to prevent anti-Muslim violence as chief minister of Gujarat state. Modi has always denied any wrongdoing.

## Mangalyaan beams back NEWSIN brief first US tour first photos of Red Planet



AFP, Bangalore

India's spacecraft has beamed back its first photos of Mars, showing its crater-marked surface, as the country glowed with pride yesterday after winning Asia's race to the Red Planet.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) uploaded one of the photos to its Facebook page, showing an orange surface with dark holes, taken from a height of 7,300 kilometres.

ISRO also posted the photo on Twitter, with the caption "The view is nice up here".

The organisation's senior scientist V Koteswara Rao said the spacecraft, called the Mars Orbiter Mission, has taken a dozen photos and that everything was working well. India became the first Asian country to

reach Mars on Wednesday when the unmanned Mangalyaan spacecraft entered the planet's orbit after a 10-month journey, all on a shoestring budget. The mission, which is designed to search

for evidence of life on the planet, is a huge source of national pride for India as it competes with Asian rivals for success in space. India beat rival neighbour China, whose

first attempt flopped in 2011 despite the Asian superpower pouring billions of dollars into its programme.

At just \$74 million, India's mission cost less than the estimated \$100 million budget of the sci-fi blockbuster "Gravity".

It also represents just a fraction of the cost of Nasa's \$671 million MAVEN spacecraft, which successfully began orbiting the fourth planet from the sun on Sunday.

India now joins an elite club of the United States, Russia and Europe who can boast of reaching Mars. More than half of all missions to the planet have ended in failure. No single nation had previously suc-

ceeded on its first go, although the

European Space Agency, which represents a

consortium of countries, pulled off the feat at its first attempt. The mission's success received front-page coverage in Indian newspapers Thursday with the Hindustan Times declaring "MAR-

TIAN RACE WON" and the Times of India, "India enters super exclusive Mars club." Indians, from government ministers to office workers and cricketers poured onto Twitter to show their national pride, while school students celebrated by eating tradi-

tional Indian sweets. "The space exploration arena is getting crowded and it is important to be ahead of your competition," the Hindustan Times said in an editorial.

"India, by becoming the first Asian country to launch a successful Mars mission, has taken the wind out of the sails of nations like China, Japan and South Korea," it said.

Critics of the programme say a country that struggles to feed its people adequately and where roughly half have no toilets should not be splurging on space travel.

## Nigeria Ebola free, president tells UN

AFP, United Nations

President Goodluck Jonathan appeared to jump the gun on medical advice at home on Wednesday to tell an applauding UN General Assembly that Nigeria was free of the deadly Ebola virus. Doctors said earlier they would have to wait to declare the outbreak over despite the Nigerian federal health ministry saying all patients being monitored for the virus had been cleared. The World Health Organization says eight people have died out of 20 confirmed cases in Nigeria since July.

#### Myanmar frees dozens more child troops

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's army yesterday released 109 children and young people from its armed forces, the United Nations said, commending the country's "accelerated" efforts to end the use of child soldiers. A total of 472 children and young people have been released since it Myanmar army signed a pact with the UN in a June 2012.

#### Egypt courts jail nearly 100 Morsi backers

AFP, Cairo

Egyptian courts sentenced nearly 100 people to prison for up to 25 years yesterday after finding them guilty of violence during protests in support of ousted Islamist president Mohamed Morsi. Hundreds of Morsi supporters have been handed lengthy jail terms and death sentences after speedy trials amid a brutal crackdown by the authorities since the Islamist's overthrow in July last year.

In this photograph taken on Wednesday, Pakistani students shout slogans during a protest against the police outside their college in Islamabad. Islamabad's students are growing frustrated with tens of thousands of armed police who have put their education on hold by converting schools into makeshift barracks, as a protest movement outside parliament enters its second month. PHOTO: AFP

AFP, Kiev

#### Afghan security deal within days, says US

AFP, New York

The United States is preparing to sign a delayed security deal with Afghanistan within days of the inauguration next week of president-elect Ashraf Ghani, a US official revealed Wednesday.

After reaching a powersharing accord for a unity government with his challenger Abdullah Abdullah, Ghani is to be inaugurated Monday as president.

Afghan election officials on Sunday named Ghani as the winner, but declined to release the margin of victory or the turnout figure -triggering accusations of lack of transparency.

Despite the row, Abdullah yesterday congratulated Ghani on his victory and vowed to support him in a national unity government.

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# Briton on death row Ukraine's Westward

A 70-year-old Scottish man sentenced to death in Pakistan for committing blasphemy was shot and wounded in prison yesterday, officials said, and is currently being treated in hospital.

Mohammad Asghar was sentenced to death in January for claiming to be a prophet of Islam, moving British Prime Minister David Cameron to say he was "deeply concerned" about the issue.

shot in Pak prison

AFP, Islamabad

Asghar, who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in Britain in 2010, had declared his prophethood in court and included a reference to it on his business card, a government prosecutor said at the time of his trial.

"A jail employee shot him (this) morning. He is in a stable condition," an official of Adiyala Prison in Rawalpindi told AFP. A member of his legal team, who also requested ano-

nymity, told AFP that Asghar was shot in the back and a criminal case had been started against a constable. Asghar's family has urged the British government to inter-

vene to bring him home, saying he had attempted suicide in jail. They also said the allegations against Asghar stemmed from a property dispute with one of his tenants. Blasphemy is an extremely sensitive issue in Pakistan, where 97 percent of the population is Muslim and insulting

the Prophet Mohammed can carry the death penalty. Though Asghar was on death row, Pakistan has had a de facto moratorium on civilian hangings since 2008. Only one person has been executed since then, a soldier convicted by a court martial and hanged in November 2012.

move takes shape Kiev to shut Russia border, seek EU membership in 2020

President Petro Poroshenko yesterday ordered a temporary closure of Ukraine's porous border with Russia and voiced plans

to apply for EU membership in 2020 as part of his ex-Soviet country's Westward shift. A senior Ukrainian security source told

AFP that the border security measures was designed to halt the alleged smuggling of weapons into the separatist east and would enter into force "soon". The two steps underscore the extent of

Kiev's alienation from its historic master and deal a further blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin's dream of folding Ukraine into a Kremlin-led alliance that could rival Nato and the European Union. The plunge in the neighbours' relations

comes in the wake of the February ouster in Kiev of a Moscow-backed leader and the Kremlin's subsequent annexation of Crimea and alleged backing of a bloody pro-Russian revolt.

But the announcements also threaten to further devastate Ukraine's imploding econnational security threat.

dependent nations and increasing the likelihood of Russia adopting retaliatory steps. A decree published on the presidential

omy by halting trade between the mutually

website ordered the government "to settle... the issue of temporarily closing checkpoints on Ukraine's state border with the Russian Federation to cars, sea and pedestrian traffic." It added that the 2,000-kilometre land

frontier with Ukraine's giant northeastern neighbour may be closed "to other forms of traffic" if necessary. The presidency said Poroshenko also told a meeting of judges that Ukraine would

make a formal EU membership bid in 2020 that was made possible by this year's signing of a landmark political and economic association pact. Poroshenko said his "Strategy 2020" plan "envisions 60 reforms and social programmes whose adoption will prepare Ukraine to apply for membership in the European Union in six years," his press service said. Ukraine has already infuriated Russia by announcing plans to seek future Nato membership -- a step the Kremlin views as a direct