



Lava flows from the crater of Mount Mayon volcano during a new eruption in Legazpi city, Albay province, Philippines yesterday. Inset, children staying at a temporary evacuation center queue for free snacks in the city. Philippine authorities said they will remove by force people who have refused to leave a no-go zone around the erupting volcano. PHOTO: REUTERS



CHILD ABUSE COMMENTS

Newsweek reviews Pak franchise ties

US publication Newsweek said it was reviewing ties with its Pakistan franchise after the magazine's local editor made offensive remarks about child abuse and rape.

Twitter posts by Fasih Ahmed, the scion of a wealthy family that owns the local Newsweek Pakistan magazine, sparked outrage on social media at a time of deep anger in the conservative Muslim nation over the rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl.

"The sexual abuse of children will always exist. You can never eliminate it. Sometimes it leads to great art. So there's also that," Ahmed wrote in a now deleted tweet on January 18.

In another deleted tweet, Ahmed wrote that unlike being raped by former US President Barack Obama, being raped by actor Tom Cruise is "everyone's dream come true", adding that everything is subjective.

Newsweek on Wednesday tweeted that it was "reviewing" its relationship with the Pakistan publication, "which operates under a license agreement".

Newsweek, which is owned by American digital news company IBT Media, and Newsweek Pakistan did not immediately respond to Reuters request for comment. Ahmed could not be reached for comment.

After the social media backlash against Ahmed, a prominent Pakistani literary festival held in the central city of Lahore announced that it had received "several complaints" and had accepted Ahmed's resignation from its board of governors.

Ahmed's father, Iqbal Z Ahmed, is one of Pakistan's most prominent businessmen and his brother is the founder of the Lahore Literature Festival.

Initially Ahmed responded to online criticism by saying the rest of the country was in denial about child abuse.

"Child sexual abuse has always happened, is happening, and will continue," he tweeted, adding that those showing outrage on social media or participating in vigils were not actually helping the victims.

Push for reunification

Pyongyang urges all Koreans in rare announcement as ice hockey players begin Olympics training

South Korea" while adding Pyongyang will "smash" all challenges against reunification of the Korean peninsula.

North and South Korea remain technically at war after their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce rather than a peace treaty. Tensions escalated dramatically last year as the regime of Kim Jong Un stepped up its programme aimed at developing a nuclear-tipped missile capable of striking the United States.

In a separate statement yesterday, North Korea advertised a new "large scale" tourist project in coastal Kangwon province, the same area where South Korean officials have agreed to hold joint athletic and cultural events around the Olympics.

Meanwhile, Washington on Wednesday imposed fresh sanctions on nine entities, 16 people and six North Korean ships it accuses of helping the North's weapons programmes. It also urged China and Russia, North Korea's main allies, to expel North Koreans raising funds for the programmes.

China, the main source of North Korea's fuel, said yesterday it had exported no oil products to North Korea in December except for a tiny cargo of jet fuel, the latest sign that Beijing has kept up pressure on its isolated neighbour.

Military tension on the Korean peninsula was a "fundamental obstacle" for the improvement of inter-Korean relations and unification, the North's official news agency said in its statement.

All Koreans should "promote contact, travel, cooperation between North and

N KOREA TENSIONS

S Korean president's ratings drop over joint plans for first time

US slaps new sanctions on N Korean entities

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Convict gets prison break to father child

An Indian court has freed for two weeks a convicted murderer serving a life jail term so that he can try to become a father, his lawyer said yesterday.

Siddique Ali, 40, was freed by the Madras High Court following a plea by his 32-year-old wife so the couple can undergo fertility treatment.

The court order, made last week but only revealed yesterday, is a rare judgment in India recognising prisoners' conjugal rights.

The judges said Ali was released under "extraordinary" circumstances for the "purpose of procreation".

They rejected a prosecution contention that the law does not provide for a prisoner to be freed to start a family.

The court order said the wife was "a suffering person" and "her legitimate expectation to have a child cannot be declined."

"Being human beings, prisoners also would like to share their problems with their life partner as well as the society. Just because they are termed as prisoner, their right to dignity can't be deprived," the 11-page judgement said.

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CO-OP ON SECURITY THREAT

Six SE Asian states launch intel pact

Six Southeast Asian nations yesterday launched an intelligence pact aimed at combating Islamist militants and improving co-operation on security threats, overcoming what analysts described as a high level of distrust.

Under the "Our Eyes" initiative, senior defence officials will meet every two weeks to swap information on militant groups and develop a common database of violent extremists.

The intelligence sharing arrangement comes after insurgents aligned to Islamic State laid siege to the southern Philippine city of Marawi last year.

Dozens of foreigners - most notably Indonesians and Malaysians - were among hundreds of militants who seized large parts of Marawi and engaged in a ferocious battle with Philippine forces that left more than 1,100 people dead, according to government figures.

Along with Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei - all members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations - have signed up to the pact.

Padmaavat opens in India amid violence threats

Thousands of police in riot gear yesterday guarded cinemas across India amid threats of violence by Hindu hardliners opposed to the release of a movie about a legendary Hindu queen and a Muslim king.

Some schools near Delhi closed after an attack on a school bus, while distributors in several states have said they will not show "Padmaavat" because of fears of violence.

The Bollywood epic still opened in nearly 5,000 cinemas across the country early yesterday under heightened security.

Paramilitary forces and police in riot gear manned barriers around cinemas in New Delhi, Mumbai and other main cities.

Radical groups say the film falsely portrays Queen Padmavati. The producers vehemently deny the claim while most historians doubt that Padmavati even existed.

Fanatical groups belonging to India's Rajput caste, who revere Padmavati, have led protests against the film for nearly a year. They have been supported by other Hindu groups since the film was cleared for release by the state censor this month.

Dozens of school children ducked inside a bus that was pelted with stones by anti-Padmaavat protesters in Gurgaon, a satellite city of Delhi. Another bus was set on fire.

On Tuesday several hundred people attacked shops, set alight dozens of motorbikes and damaged more than 150 cars across Gujarat state's main city Ahmedabad.

Nearly 250 accused have been arrested over the rampage, Gujarat state home minister Pradipsinh Jadeja said late Wednesday.

In Mumbai -- the home of India's Bollywood film industry -- police rounded up 50 people affiliated to a hardline Hindu group after protesters set car tyres ablaze during an angry demonstration late Tuesday.



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Tender ID No./Package No.	Name of goods	Last date & time for tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
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Tender/Proposal ID: 151574 Invitation Reference No.: btv.engineering.re-tender news Package No.: BTV-ENG-GD2	"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Redundant SAN Shared Storage Server, Play-out Server, Ingest Computers and related ancillary equipment for News of Bangladesh Television on Turn-Key Basis."	11-Feb-2018 12:00	11-Feb-2018 15:00

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1	31.02.00.00.012.1.3.001.18.02	Procurement and Installation of Servers	25-Jan-2018 17:00	04-Feb-2018 11:00	28-Jan-2018 14:00	04-Feb-2018 14:00	28-Jan-2018 14:00	04-Feb-2018 14:00	150763	Amended specification is included in e-GP System

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