

# Troops, cops patrol Lanka

Int'l pressure mounts on Colombo to contain violence; Buddhist groups likely to blame for riots: minister

Troops and police patrolled parts of Sri Lanka yesterday as international pressure mounted on Colombo to contain anti-Muslim riots that killed one man in a backlash against the Easter terror attacks. Military spokesman Sumith Atapattu said there were no incidents of violence in the 24 hours that ended yesterday morning, but police and security forces continued to carry out search operations.

Police said they had detained at least 112 suspects by Wednesday evening and more arrests were being carried out to ensure there was no repetition of the riots that saw Muslim homes, businesses and mosques attacked.

A night curfew in North-Western Province (NWP), which has seen the worst of the anti-Muslim backlash after the Islamist suicide bombings on April 21, was relaxed yesterday morning.

But some 5,500 additional police were deployed in NWP. "We are carrying out search operations and have a large presence on the ground," Atapattu told AFP.

Meanwhile, Colombo-based ambassadors of European nations expressed concern over the communal violence and urged the authorities to ensure that all communities were protected.

connection with the violence, and call on the government to ensure that the rule of law is upheld and that the law is applied equally to all instigators and perpetrators of communal violence," a joint statement by the diplomats said.

They urged the government to take measures to reassure all citizens that it will protect and uphold their safety and their rights.

A government minister said on Wednesday that hardline Buddhist groups were likely to blame for the wave of anti-Muslim riots, reported Reuters.



ANTI-MUSLIM RIOTS

"These are organised attacks on Muslim business houses and premises," Navin Dissanayake, minister of plantation industries, said during a news conference about the security situation.

Asked who was organizing the attacks, Dissanayake said: "I think these organizations that Amith Weerasinghe, Dan Priyasad, and Namal Kumara (are heading)," referring to the three Buddhist extremists arrested on Tuesday.

A shopkeeper in Minuwangoda said roads were reopened yesterday amid a heavy military and police presence. "I normally have about 30 customers in the morning, but today there were just three," the electronic goods seller told AFP by telephone. "Banks have opened, but it will take a few weeks before we get back to our normal routine."



Relatives of Venezuelan soldiers and policemen who deserted to Colombia stay outside a hotel where they were staying in after being evicted in Cucuta, Colombia on Wednesday. Representatives of Venezuela's regime and the opposition are holding "peace negotiations" in Oslo this week, Norwegian media reported yesterday.

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The last day for submission of application forms is 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

Interested candidates may contact Mr. Golam Mowla for further information during office hours.

Director  
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## WhatsApp 'will never be secure'

Says founder of Telegram

AFP, Moscow

The Russian founder of popular messaging app Telegram has warned that WhatsApp, the world's top messaging app, will continue to be open to surveillance after the Facebook-owned platform had to tell users that their phones could be infected with spyware.

Pavel Durov, a maverick programmer who created Telegram to offer securely encrypted communications, late Wednesday posted a blog titled "Why WhatsApp will never be secure."

Telegram has repeatedly come under fire from authorities in Russia over its strong encryption and it is officially blocked in the country.

"WhatsApp has a consistent history -- from zero encryption at its inception to a succession of security issues strangely suitable for surveillance purposes," Durov wrote.

WhatsApp on Tuesday told more than 1.5 billion users around the world to upgrade the app to plug a security hole.

The flaw allowed for the injection of sophisticated malware that could be used to spy on journalists, activists and others.

"Every time WhatsApp has to fix a critical vulnerability in their app, a new one seems to appear in its place," Durov said.

He suggested the FBI could have forced WhatsApp or Facebook to include "backdoors" or secret ways to bypass security systems in their programming.

"For WhatsApp to become a privacy-oriented service, it has to risk losing entire markets and clashing with authorities in their home country," he wrote.

Telegram was founded by brothers Pavel and Nikolai Durov, who previously created Russia's popular VKontakte social networking site.

Telegram had 200 million users, 7 percent of them in Russia, according to the latest figures announced in 2018.

In March this year, Telegram said that it had gained 3 million users in 24 hours as Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp experienced difficulties.

## Mayawati, Congress rally behind Mamata Banerjee

West Bengal polls campaign cut short by a day

NDTV ONLINE

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, fighting to defend her turf against the BJP's aggressive campaign to score in the national election, yesterday thanked a range of opposition parties, including the Congress and Mayawati, for their support.

Several leaders rallied behind Mamata Banerjee as she attacked the Election Commission's decision to cut short the polls campaign in Bengal following violence on Tuesday at BJP president Amit Shah's roadshow in Kolkata.

"Thanks and gratitude to @Mayawati, @yadavakhilish, @INCIndia, @ncbn and others for expressing solidarity and support to us and the people of #Bengal. EC's biased actions under the directions of the #BJP are a direct attack on democracy. People will give a befitting reply," the chief minister tweeted.

Accusing the Election Commission of acting on the instructions of the BJP, Mamata Banerjee called the move "unethical and unconstitutional" and a "gift for Prime Minister Narendra Modi", who was set to address two more rallies yesterday.

She also commented: "You called Rajiv (Gandhi) a corrupt leader. You called Sonia ji (Gandhi) corrupt too. Rahul (Gandhi) too. Priyanka Gandhi too. Mayawati too and you called me corrupt too. Arvind (Kejriwal)

also. Who haven't you called corrupt?"

Yesterday, many of these leaders returned the gesture.

Backing Mamata, Mayawati accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and other BJP leaders of "planned targeting" of the Bengal Chief Minister in a "disgusting" and dangerous manner. "This is unbefitting for the Prime Minister of the country," the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader said.

The Congress called the election panel's move "an unpardonable betrayal of the Constitution" and alleged that the poll body had "become a pawn in the hands of the Modi-Shah duo."

The order was aimed "solely at giving a free pass to the PM's rallies," said Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala, questioning whether the MCC (Model Code of Conduct) had become "Modi Code of Misconduct".

The national election campaign and voting in Bengal has been marked by violence and clashes between workers of the BJP and Trinamool. On Tuesday evening, Amit Shah's first roadshow in Kolkata ended with clashes and the vandalising of a statue of iconic 19th century reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. Both parties accused each other of inciting the violence and desecrating the statue of an icon passionately revered by Bengalis.



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