

Veteran India leader Sheila Dikshit dies

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Veteran Indian Congress leader Sheila Dikshit, the longest serving chief minister of Delhi, has died of a cardiac arrest. She was 81.



Sheila Dikshit was admitted to Escorts hospital this morning. She died at 3.55 pm. Her body has been taken to her home in Delhi's Nizamuddin area; her last rites will take place today.

Sheila Dikshit took over as Delhi Congress chief in January, ahead of the national elections. She had contested the Lok Sabha elections from North East Delhi constituency, but lost to the BJP's Manoj Tiwari.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was deeply saddened by the death of Sheila Dikshit. "Blessed with a warm and affable personality, she made a noteworthy contribution to Delhi's development. Condolences to her family and supporters. Om Shanti," PM Modi tweeted.

"I'm devastated to hear about the passing away of Sheila Dikshit Ji, a beloved daughter of the Congress Party, with whom I shared a close personal bond," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

President Ram Nath Kovind also offered his condolences. Sheila Dikshit had served as Delhi's chief minister for three consecutive terms between 1998 and 2013. She was succeeded by Aam Aadmi Party's Arvind Kejriwal.

Mr Kejriwal tweeted to say Sheila Dikshit's contribution to Delhi will always be remembered.

Sheila Dikshit, after her stint as Delhi chief minister, was sworn in as Kerala's Governor in 2014, but resigned in just six months.

She started off as a reluctant politician, assisting her father-in-law, veteran Uttar Pradesh Congress leader Uma Shankar Dikshit, who was a minister in Indira Gandhi's cabinet. Sheila Dikshit became a lawmaker for the first time from the Kannauj Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh in 1984. She was a close associate of former PM Rajiv Gandhi and a minister in his cabinet.



A Chinese flag is held at a rally in support of the police in Tamar Park outside the government headquarters in Hong Kong, yesterday. Tens of thousands of people rallied in support of Hong Kong's police and to condemn violent protests yesterday, a vivid illustration of the polarisation coursing through the city after weeks of anti-government demonstrations.

PHOTO: AFP

NEWS IN brief

Toll rises to 10 after China gas plant blast

AFP, Beijing

The death toll from a huge explosion that rocked a gas plant in central China rose to 10, state media said yesterday, with five people still missing. Friday's blast at the Henan Coal Gas Group factory left another 19 people seriously injured and more with light injuries, said state broadcaster CCTV. The blast at Henan Coal's factory shattered windows and doors of buildings in a three-kilometre radius.

US sanctions Venezuelan intelligence officials

AFP, Washington

The US Treasury placed four senior Venezuelan military intelligence officials on its sanctions blacklist Friday, tying them to the death in custody of a navy captain who was allegedly tortured. Division General Rafael Ramon Blanco Marrero, Colonel Hannover Esteban Guerrero Mijares, Major Alexander Enrique Granko Arteaga and Colonel Rafael Antonio Franco Quintero are officials of the General Directorate of Military Counterintelligence, which was sanctioned as an entity on July 11.

Hong Kong actor stabbed in China

AFP, Beijing

Hong Kong actor Simon Yam was stabbed in the stomach while appearing on stage for a promotional event in southern China yesterday. A man ran onto the stage and stabbed and slashed the veteran actor, video broadcast on local media showed. Sources said Yam was receiving treatment at a local hospital and his wounds are not life-threatening. The attacker was arrested but the motive behind it remains unknown.

Major US cities brace for extreme heat

AFP, Washington

The United States is bracing for a weekend of extremely hot weather, with major cities including New York and Washington expecting temperatures close to or exceeding 38 degrees Celsius. Nearly 150 million people across the country are facing hazardous temperatures in a heatwave forecast to stretch from the Midwestern plains to the Atlantic coast, the National Weather Service said Friday.

Hafiz Saeed's arrest 'window dressing'

Says US citing previous moves

PTI, Washington

The Trump administration on Friday expressed doubts over Pakistan's intentions in arresting terrorist Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the 2001 parliament attack and the 2008 Mumbai attack, saying his previous arrests made no difference either to his activities or that of his terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"We've seen this happen in the past. And we have been looking for sustained and concrete steps, not just window dressing," a senior administration official told reporters Friday, ahead of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to the US next week.

Hafiz Saeed, a UN-designated terrorist, was arrested on Wednesday - the seventh time since December 2001, when he was arrested in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attack on the parliament.

"Let me reassure you, we are clear eyed about the history here. We're under no illusions about the support that we could see from Pakistan's military intelligence services to these groups. So we will look for concrete action," the official said when asked about the actions that Pakistan has taken against the terrorist group and if the US believes in them.

The official quickly noted that this was the seventh time that Hafiz Saeed was arrested since the 2001 attack on parliament, when he was detained right after that attack and was subsequently released.

The US "remains concerned" about terrorist groups that continue to operate in Pakistan, such as Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Haqqani network. "We do have concerns about link between these groups and Pakistan intelligence services in military. That's no secret," the official said.

The US, the official said, welcomes Prime Minister Khan's pledge that Pakistan will not allow its soil to be used by terror groups and its vocal leadership and the Trump administration is pressing for a new direction in this regard.



KILLING OF TRIBAL FARMERS OVER A LAND DISPUTE IN UP

'I will be back'

Says Priyanka after meeting victims' families and detention

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Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, after meeting the families of the Sonbhadra shootout victims following a night of detention and high drama in Uttar Pradesh, has decided to return home to Delhi, but with a promise that she will return.

"I'll be back," she said outside the guest house in Mirzapur district where she had been taken by the police on Friday.

"My objective has been served as I have met them (victims of Sonbhadra firing). I am still under detention, let's see what the administration says," Priyanka Gandhi told reporters.

A UP official said the Congress leader is "free to go anywhere" but the site of the shootout in Sonbhadra, where 10 people were killed over a land dispute earlier this week.

Priyanka Gandhi had this morning tried to move out of the guest house, saying she would not leave without meeting the victims, but was not allowed to by the police. However, when the family members of the shootout victims arrived, the police decided to let them enter the guest house.

Priyanka said the Congress will compensate the families affected by the shootout with Rs 10 lakh each.

She also made five demands to the state government: Rs 25 lakh compensation for the affected families, fast track court for trial in Sonbhadra case, land titles for the tribals, security for the affected families and withdrawal of case against the villagers in the last few years over land dispute.

A Trinamool Congress delegation too was stopped yesterday morning at the Varanasi airport when they were on their way to Sonbhadra, said party leader Derek O'Brien.

Earlier this week, 10 people were killed and over 24 injured in a village in Sonbhadra when a village chief and his associates, fired on a group of tribal farmers over a land dispute.

Priyanka Gandhi's decision to visit Sonbhadra was seen to indicate that she planned to keep an intense focus on UP in the run-up to state polls in 2022. This is her second visit to UP since the national election, in which the Congress could manage just one of 80 seats despite a high-profile campaign by the Gandhi siblings.



Case against daughter of ex-Pak PM dismissed

PTI, Islamabad

In a relief to jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter Maryam Nawaz, a Pakistani anti-corruption court on Friday dismissed a plea filed against her for submitting a fake document in the high-profile Avenfield Apartments case.

Maryam, 45, the vice president of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) was accused of providing a fake trust deed during the hearing of the case. The deed was written in Calibri font in 2006 when the font was not available for public use.

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) moved an application before the accountability judge Mohammad Bashir against Maryam for the bogus trust deed.

Bashir after hearing the case reserved the judgment and after a while announced that the case was dismissed.

Maryam, who was accompanied by her husband, former army captain, Mohammad Safdar and senior party leaders, was wearing a shirt with a picture of Sharif that read "Free Nawaz Sharif" when she arrived for the hearing.

She was sentenced to seven years in jail in July 2018 in connection with the case that pertains to the ownership of the Sharif family's posh apartments at Avenfield House, London. The sentence was, however, suspended by the Islamabad High Court.



Children play with waves during the opening of the beach to members of the public at Kita Izumi in Minami Soma city, Fukushima prefecture yesterday. The beach was closed for more than eight years following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster in 2011.

PHOTO: AFP

RAIDS ON SYNTHETIC MILK PLANTS

Indian cops bust 3 plants, arrest 57

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Fifty seven people have been arrested after three factories producing "highly toxic synthetic milk" were raided in the Gwalior-Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh in India on Friday, the Special Task Force of the state police has said. The spurious milk was being supplied to branded milk units in six states - Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Maharashtra.

The three synthetic milk units were busted in Amba in Morena district and Lahar in Bhind district of the Gwalior-Chambal region.

Rajesh Bhadoria, STF Superintendent of Police, said the teams seized around 10,000 litres of spurious milk.

In every one litre of the spurious milk manufactured at the three units, 30 per cent milk was used in combination with refined oil, liquid detergent, white paint and glucose powder, officials said. Sources said the synthetic milk was produced at the cost of Rs. 5 per litre but it was supplied to major markets at prices spanning between Rs. 45 to Rs. 50 per liter. Sources in the STF also said some food inspectors were also involved with the gang operating these units. They will soon be identified and action will be taken against them, they said.

Pakistan announces madrassa reform ahead of PM's US visit

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan on Friday said it has agreed with the country's clergy to introduce reforms in madrassa religious schools to bring them in line with conventional schools, curbing hate speech and extremist narratives.

The announcement came just before Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Washington for a Monday meeting with President Donald Trump, whose administration continues to press Pakistan over terrorist financing and curbing militancy.

The government will register more than 30,000 madrassas, which will teach subjects like English, mathematics and science, Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Shafiqat Mehmood said.

He said the government will conduct their exams and is aiming for a first batch next June, although that is not a firm goal.

Pakistan's madrassas have long been accused of promoting extremist narratives and have been dubbed "nurseries of

extremism". "There will be no preaching of hate speech against any religion or sect," the minister said.

"We will look at their curriculum to see there is no hatred against any sect or faith," he added.

Pakistan pledged to crack down on religious seminaries suspected of fostering extremism following a school massacre by the Taliban in December 2014 that left more than 130 children dead, but the move faces stiff resistance from conservatives.

Madrassa reforms attempted by the past governments have failed due to pressure from the clergy. Pakistan is a deeply religious Muslim-majority society and, despite misgivings about madrassas, clergy are generally well respected.

In another move ahead of Khan's US trip, Pakistan on Wednesday detained Hafiz Saeed, the alleged mastermind of an attack on the Indian city of Mumbai in 2008 that killed more than 160 people.

বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার প্রকল্প

রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো
টিসিবি বিল্ডিং (হেম ভলা)
১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা

প্লেনের টিকেট সংগ্রহ/সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি)

"বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার (বিসিএফইসি)" প্রকল্পের আর্থিক পিপি অনুযায়ী বিদেশে অবস্থিত এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার সরেজমিনে পরিদর্শনের জন্য আগামী ০৬-১৫ আগস্ট, ২০১৯ সময়কালে ০৭ সদস্য বিশিষ্ট পরিদর্শন দলের ব্রাজিল ও দক্ষিণ আফ্রিকা ভ্রমণে প্লেনের টিকেট ক্রয়/সরবরাহের জন্য রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো (ইপিবি) তে তাগিকাতন্ত্র ট্রাঙ্কেল এজেন্সি প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	সম্পর্কিত এজেন্সি/সংস্থা	রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো।
৩	জনকল সম্পর্কিত সংগঠন	বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার প্রকল্প।
৪	ক্রয়কারী সংগঠন	১৭০১০১-২২৪০০৪২০০
৫	ক্রয়কারী সংস্থার জেলা	ঢাকা।
৬	কাজের নাম	আগামী ০৬-১৫ আগস্ট, ২০১৯ সময়কালে ব্রাজিল ও দক্ষিণ আফ্রিকা ভ্রমণে ০৭ সদস্য বিশিষ্ট পরিদর্শন দলের জন্য প্লেনের টিকেট ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ/সরবরাহ।
৭	দরপত্রের নম্বর ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং-২৬.০২.০০০০.০০৬.১৪.০৮.০৭/৭৮৯, তারিখঃ ১৮-০৭-২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
৮	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২১-০৭-২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
৯	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
১০	জনকল সংগ্রহের অর্থের উৎস	প্রকল্প তহবিল।
১১	উন্নয়ন সহযোগী	চীন সরকার।
১২	দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রয়/প্রাপ্ত স্থান	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার, রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, টিসিবি বিল্ডিং (হেম ভলা), ১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা।
১৩	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার, রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, টিসিবি বিল্ডিং (হেম ভলা), ১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা এ রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তব।
১৪	যে অফিস/স্থানে দরপত্র খোলা হবে	কনফারেন্স রুম, রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, টিসিবি বিল্ডিং (হেম ভলা), ১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা।
১৫	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়/সংগ্রহের তারিখ ও সময়	২২-০৭-২০১৯ তারিখ থেকে ২৫-০৭-২০১৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস সময়ে এবং ২৮-০৭-২০১৯ তারিখে বেলা ১১টা পর্যন্ত।
১৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	বিকাল ৩.০০মিঃ, তারিখঃ ২৮-০৭-২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
১৭	দরপত্র উন্মুক্ত করার তারিখ ও সময়	বিকাল ৩.১৫ ঘটিকা, তারিখঃ ২৮-০৭-২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
১৮	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	প্লেনের টিকেট সরবরাহের জন্য রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরোতে তাগিকাতন্ত্র ট্রাঙ্কেল এজেন্সি প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ। যোগ্যতার অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।
১৯	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা।
২০	দরপত্রের জামানত	৭০,০০০/- (সত্তর হাজার) টাকার পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট (সেরতহায্যা)।
২১	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	মোহাম্মদ রেজাউল করিম।
২২	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	প্রকল্প পরিচালক।
২৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা	প্রকল্প পরিচালক এর কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার, রঞ্জানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, টিসিবি বিল্ডিং (হেম ভলা), ১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা।
২৪	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর সাথে যোগাযোগের কোন নম্বর, ই-মেইল ঠিকানা, ইত্যাদি	Phone: 02-8189038, 01718532976, Fax: 880-2-9119531, E-mail: rezax65@yahoo.com

০২। দাখিলকৃত যে কোন দরপত্র প্রকল্প কর্তৃপক্ষ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। এছাড়া দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির বা দরপত্র সিডিউলের যে কোন শর্ত পরবর্তীতে পরিবর্তন বা সংশোধন বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

২৬-০৭-২০১৯
মোহাম্মদ রেজাউল করিম
প্রকল্প পরিচালক

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বাংলাদেশ-চায়না ফ্রেডশীপ এক্সিবিশন সেন্টার প্রকল্প