

# SIR affected election results in West Bengal

TMC lawyer tells SC BJP's winning margin in 31 seats lower than deleted voters

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Trinamool Congress (TMC) yesterday claimed that deletions in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll materially affected the results in certain assembly constituencies in West Bengal.

The claim was made during a hearing in the Supreme Court of India before a bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Jyoti Basu.

TMC leader and senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee submitted that in 31 constituencies, the BJP's winning margin over the TMC was less than the number of persons deleted in the SIR adjudication process, LiveLaw reported.

In many cases, the deletions and the margin of defeat were almost the same, he added.

Banerjee submitted that one candidate lost by 862 votes in a constituency where over 5,432 persons were removed from the rolls for adjudication. He claimed that

➔ Indian SC allows TMC to file fresh applications

➔ ECI opposes submissions

➔ Three arrested over killing of Suwendu Adhikari's aide

the vote gap between the TMC and the BJP was nearly 32 lakh, and nearly 35 lakh appeals were pending before the appellate tribunals.

He also referred to an earlier observation made by Justice Basu that if the winning margin was less than the number of deleted voters, the matter might require judicial examination.

The Election Commission opposed the submissions, saying the remedy was an election petition and that the poll panel could not be held accountable for issues related to the SIR and consequential appeals against the addition or deletion of voters.

The top court bench said that former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and others could file fresh applications regarding their claims.

Meanwhile, the West Bengal police yesterday arrested three suspects in connection with the killing of Chandranath Rath, an aide to state Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.



An Airbus belonging to Turkish Airlines is seen parked at Tribhuvan International Airport after a minor fire broke out during landing in Kathmandu, Nepal, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## ISRAELI-ANNEXED EAST JERUSALEM Rights group warns of land grab in registration drive

AFP, Jerusalem

Initial data from a land registration drive launched in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem point to a "deeply alarming" trend of land appropriation by the Israeli state, an Israeli rights group said yesterday.

Israel resumed land registration in east Jerusalem in 2018, reviving a process that had largely been suspended after it occupied and annexed the territory in 1967.

Bimkom, an Israeli rights group focused on urban planning and the protection of Palestinian rights in east Jerusalem, examined the first official data covering roughly 2.3 square kilometres, or about three percent of east Jerusalem, where registration procedures have been

completed.

It found that 82 percent of the land surveyed had been registered under the Israeli state or the Jerusalem municipality.

Another nine percent was listed under "unknown owners" — a classification the group described as an initial step toward eventual state takeover — while four percent was registered to Jewish owners, most of them allegedly connected to the settler movement.

According to the NGO, approximately four percent of the plots were registered to churches, while only one percent were recorded under Palestinian ownership.

Bimkom warned that the

registration process is being used by Israeli authorities for "effectively taking land... from beneath people's feet", calling it "deeply alarming".

"This data clearly indicates that the renewed... procedures do not serve — and were not intended to serve — the Palestinian residents of the city, but rather to provide a bureaucratic tool for the appropriation of Palestinian land for the benefit of the state."

The registration process advances plot by plot and lacks transparency, Bimkom architect Sari Kronish told AFP.

"There is no transparency regarding why and how the choices of where to begin are made," Kronish said.

# UK PM vows to prove 'doubters' wrong

Seeks to quell leadership threat after polls defeat

AFP, London

Embattled British Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday vowed to prove his "doubters" wrong, as he sought to quell a growing threat to his leadership following disastrous local and regional polls.

Starmer pledged his ruling Labour party would do "better" as he tried to convince angry and restless lawmakers to back him in a crunch speech designed to reset his flagging premiership.

"I know that people are frustrated by the state of Britain, frustrated by politics, and some people frustrated with me," he said during an address in central London.

"I know I have my doubters, and I know I need to prove them wrong, and I will," added Starmer, who returned Labour to power after 14 years of Conservative rule in 2024.

Starmer has swerved from one policy misstep to another since then, and is engulfed in a scandal over the appointment — and sacking — of Peter Mandelson as UK ambassador to Washington, after revelations about the envoy's ties to the sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The prime minister has failed to spur economic growth as British citizens continue to feel the effects of a years-long cost-of-living pinch, but has been praised for resisting US President Donald Trump over Iran.

Voters issued a damning indictment of Starmer's 22 months in power in local elections Thursday, which saw huge gains for the hard-right Reform UK party and left-wing populists the Greens at Labour's expense.

Starmer's party also saw decades of dominance in Wales come to an end and failed to make up ground on the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP) in the devolved parliament in Edinburgh.

In his speech, Starmer acknowledged that "incremental change won't cut it" with an increasingly disgruntled public, promising "a bigger response" in areas such as economic growth, closer European ties and energy.



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## Philippines VP Sara Duterte impeached

Awaits Senate trial that could end her 2028 presidential bid

REUTERS, Manila

Philippine lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte yesterday, setting the stage for a trial in the Senate that could kill off her hopes for a presidential run in 2028.

Duterte was accused in an impeachment complaint of misusing public funds, accumulating unexplained wealth and threatening the lives of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, his wife and the former House speaker, which she denies.

The complaint by activists, religious groups and lawyers was backed yesterday by 255 lawmakers, easily passing the required threshold of one-third of house seats, with 26 voting against and nine abstentions.

With her ally-turned-enemy Marcos limited by the constitution to a single term in office, Duterte, 47, has been the clear favourite to succeed him in 2028, but the impeachment could derail her bid.

The Senate must now convene a trial with its members as jurors and if convicted, she faces removal from office and a ban from politics.

"We are fully prepared to defend the Vice President before the Senate sitting as an impeachment court, where it is incumbent upon the prosecution to discharge the burden of proof," Duterte's legal team said in a statement.

The impeachment is the latest in a series of setbacks for the influential Duterte family, with the vice president feeling heat from her bitter feud with Marcos and her father Rodrigo Duterte awaiting trial at the International Criminal Court over a war on drugs that killed thousands of people during his 2016-2022 presidency.

The House had also voted to impeach the vice president last year, but that was later struck down by the Supreme Court over a procedural flaw.

But in what could be a major boost for Duterte, as the lower house prepared to vote yesterday, drama unfolded in the Senate, where a motion was passed to remove its president and replace him with Alan Peter Cayetano, a staunch loyalist of her family.

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