

Short story

Who killed the looter?

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Once a 70 years old man - Bonbihar Meinsamba was very worried as his only son Radheshyam left him all alone after becoming a victim of dreaded AIDS. The day he left for heavenly abode was the first death anniversary (Phiroi) of his mother, Bonbihari's lovely wife Memtombi.

Money was never a problem to Bonbihari but God is not so kind to him that he had to live a life desperately all alone.

A relative so concerned arranged a 25 years old girl Memthoi to once more begin a new life. The girl happily agreed as she knows that she will be one among the richest lady after her husband leaves for heavenly abode.

Days passed so well that Bonbihari started feeling a life worth living with his new wife. The only thing he kept on worrying was that he could never make his wife conceive; he knew that because doctor had once told him about his health condition.

That was Monday morning, as usual Bonbihari dressed up to visit his work place. He was supposed to say something to his beloved wife, but before he could say a word Memthoi rushed to him happily and told him that he will soon become a father. Bonbihari was very excited and did not have a single word to express. Until he remembered that doctor Punshiba, who had told him about the impossibility of having a child due to infertility and aged factor, Bonbihari have no words to express how happy he was at the moment.

But still he was worried about something. "How could my wife get pregnant when doctor had already told I would never had one", Bonbihari thought but again he thought the child might have been a gift by the almighty as he desperately need one.

Since the day his wife had told him about her pregnancy Bonbihari started taking extra care for his young wife but with some doubt on how he could give her a child.

One day, in order to give a befitting reply to the doctor he went to his clinic and met him. Mockingly he asked the doctor that sometimes it is wrong to tell other about their fate.

"See my wife is pregnant now, I wonder what makes you a doctor", Bonbihari boasted.

The doctor, a specialize in Gynae,

and also a brother of a close friend of Bonbihari think for a while and then said,

"Tamo (Brother) can I tell you a story".

"Yes of course, its celebration time, carry on", Bonbihari added. Just as the doctor was supposed to begin the story his daughter came out and treated them tea.

"Uncle have tea, this is for you papa", Memcha, the doctor's daughter served them and went inside.

The doctor then continue - Well there was a Police officer called Rajen, whose name spreads far and wide because of his excellent specialization in encounter. He was conferred may medal in recognition to his service. Most of the people including those criminal were very afraid that sometimes criminals never enter to the place where he was posted.

Well that morning he was having lunch at his home with his wife. When he was having lunch his son Abisek took his service revolver and in place put his toy gun.

The moment he was supposed to finish his lunch, an emergency phone called said Imphal Industry Bank has been looted and a fierce encounter is being taken place at the heart of Imphal city.

Without finishing his lunch he went directly along with his team and rushed to the spot. At Paona Keithel he moved toward the encounter site. On his way, a looter was seen running towards his direction. Making no delay he shouted "HALT". The looter even though was equipped with AK rifle after knowing that he was Encounter specialist Rajen was so terrified that he stand for a while and tried to attack. But Rajen was quick enough to act. He quickly pulled out his gun and shot. But was shocked to learn that the gun he fired was only his son's toy gun.

What more surprises and relieved him was that the looter died on the spot as he shot with the toy gun.

The doctor then turned towards Bonbihari and asked him - Well Tada (Brother) how do you think the looter was killed. Bonbihari said - It is easy everyone will know, even a 10 years old kid will know.

"It was not the bullet from the toy gun but bullet which was fired by some other police personnel which cause the death", what is it there to think on ?

The doctor then said with a smile - Well in that case consider yourself as Rajen with the Toygun.

If all swans are not white, then how can all APs be only one AP?

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In Philosophy of Science, Karl Popper, in his Logic of Scientific Discovery (1959), used an example of a black swan to disprove "all swans are white" and strengthened the falsifiability theory in scientific epistemology. If all APs are only one AP and that 'one AP' is none other than Ahmed Patel, the political secretary to the Congress President, then there should be no other 'AP' which or who is not 'Ahmed Patel'.

A counter argument could be, "Are Italians crazy to pay an AP who is not Ahmed Patel?" but before giving such counter argument, there needs to establish a scientific fact that "all Italians consider and accept 'an AP' only as 'Ahmed Patel' of India only." So, the counter to that counter argument could be, "Have all Italians become crazy enough to accept an AP, or any AP in the world, as none other than the 'Ahmed Patel' - the political secretary of the Congress President - of India only?"

AP could even signify not only a person but an organization called 'Assam Police' or a state in India called 'Andhra Pradesh' or a city in Italy namely 'Ascoli Piceno', and 'AP' could also point to the present Chief Minister of Gujarat. Should these APs ostensibly point to only 'one' and 'that' Ahmed Patel of all the probable Ahmed Patels, who have same name with the political secretary to the Congress President, in India? How can all Italians be crazy enough to suddenly forget their own city Ascoli Piceno just for one AP in India?

In today's The Hindu, Defence

Minister Manohar Parrikar talks about "invisible hand" while BJP, though nominated by the President to Rajya Sabha, MP Dr Subramanian Swamy, who appears to have already seen and identified the "invisible hand" mentioned by the Defence Minister, wants "the person who is mentioned in the Italian court judgment as the driving force behind the AgustaWestland chopper deal be questioned." Is the hand of the "invisible hand" and the "driving force" same or not? - is the question whose answer, even before MoD (Ministry of Defence) replies, seems vividly known to someone who is neither CBI nor ED but from outside the MoD. If merely scribbling of some initials with some numerals in a note amounts to the projection and justification of the relationship of exchange of money meant to be ultimately passed on to those initials, then any scribbling of some other initials with the names like some terrorist organizations or some numerals could also be read to an extent that those initials had a terror funding mechanism. Deciphering of ancient script or writing is different from reading or observing what is written in such a note. Why is there no questioning of decoding what those initials and numerals mean or are supposed to mean? The meaning, or semantics, attached to such note could be also discovered after decoding the codes represented in those initials and numerals. How can those initials and numerals be not a codified communication at all? Why should they appear so obvious in India when Guido Haschke, a middleman hired by Agusta

allegedly to pay kickbacks to Indian decision-makers, said "I don't know what AP stands for?" Haschke's statement could also unfailingly mean that he also did not know that AP stands for Ahmed Patel only because he did state that he did not know what AP stands for. But, the initials are made to be so obvious in India, particularly in New Delhi. Why? When they are made to appear so obvious, that also shows that the reason behind such a target is quite obvious that who wants to target whom and why? Hence, the question of politically motivated move to tarnish the image of the Gandhi Nehru family and the Congress becomes logically evident. It is with this manufacture, Narendra Modi could not fail to be perceived as eying for not 'Congress - mukt Bharat' (Congress-free India) but rather 'Gandhi - mukt Bharat' (Gandhi-free India) from the political space of modern India. Can Modi win again in 2019 by merely being an anti - Nehru Gandhi family? Modi can not choose to be quiet and shoot the gun from someone's shoulder but must bravely fight and openly disclose the "driving force", as mentioned by Dr. Subramanian Swamy, to the people of India. Modi's failure to expose the "driving force" shall mean his dishonor to the people of India. If CP, VP and AP only and only means Congress President, Vice President and Ahmed Patel, then why is not KS also mentioned along with CP, VP and AP? Why should BJP demand an investigation against Kanishka Singh, an aide to the Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi, when his

initial - KS - was not mentioned along with CP, VP and AP? If merely scribbling 'VP' amounts to not only pointing, as per BJP, to the Congress Vice President, but also his own aide whose initial is not found in a note, then it only shows that BJP chooses its own convenience to target even a person whose initial is not found among 'CP, VP and AP', thereby meaning that the intent of BJP is not to find out the truth but only to harass and threaten the Congress and innocent people whose names are unnecessarily dragged in only via some unverified de-codification and deeply motivated meaning attached to some initials scribbled in the note.

It is in such a scenario when truth is rather concealed or attempts are made to maneuver the path leading to the truth, the Congress President Sonia Gandhi, unhesitatingly, welcomed and was ready for a debate on any revelation by BJP on AgustaWestland chopper issue in the Parliament. The question, today, is - what and who stops the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with his thumping majority in Lok Sabha, to investigate on the issue and even question those who are involved in it? Why is Modi unable to find and expose the person to which that "invisible" hand, as mentioned by his Defence Minister, belongs? Why is Modi failing to bring out that invisible hand in public for the entire country? If Modi can not bring that invisible hand out in public before 2019, then why should he be voted back to power in New Delhi in 2019 by the people of India?

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National & International News

India may witness Mercury transit across the sun on May 9

New Delhi, May 8: The planet mercury will pass across the face of the Sun and as a dot on solar disc. This transit of 7 hours and 30 minutes might be visible from most parts of Asia except Japan and south-eastern parts of the continent. "Depending upon the sunset time of different places in India, the observers located in the extreme east of the country (Port Blair) will see the event for about one hour from the beginning (4.41 PM) while the ones located in the extreme west (Dwarka in Gujarat) will be able to see it for about 2 hours and 45 minutes from 4.41 PM onwards", said an official of the ministry of earth sciences.

According to the ministry, it would be difficult to see the transit without

optical magnification. "This event can be viewed with the help of binocular or telescope attached with proper solar filter or by making projection of the Sun's image on a white board by telescope," the ministry noted. The ministry explains that such a transit of Mercury over the disc of the Sun happens only when the Sun, the Mercury and the Earth are lined up in one plane. It appears as a dot (black spot) on the solar disc because its angular size is very small compared to that of the Sun as seen from the Earth. The event can be seen from 4.41 PM onward in all parts of India. In Delhi, for a duration of about 2 hours 20 minutes from 4.41 PM onward, in Kolkata for 1 hour and 26 minutes,

in Mumbai for 2 hours 24 minutes and for about 1 hour 45 minutes in Chennai. If missed, one will be able to witness after 16 years on November 13, 2032. Such astronomical event had last occurred on November 6, 2006 and only end of the event was visible from the extreme north-eastern parts of India. While, the next transit of Mercury will take place on November 11, 2019, the event will not be seen from India as it will begin after the sunset time of all places in the country. "The transit of Mercury will thus be visible next time from India on November 13, 2032", said the official. The phenomena is a relatively rare one which occurs 13 or 14 times in a

century. It occurs in the month of May and November. The interval between one November transit and next November transit may be 7, 13 or 33 years whereas the interval between one May transit and the next May transit may be 13 or 33 years. Besides Asia, the transit of Mercury will also be visible from Europe, Africa, Greenland, South America, North America, Arctic, North Atlantic Ocean and most of the Pacific Ocean. The entire transit, from beginning to end, will, however, be visible from eastern North America, north South America, the Arctic, Greenland, extreme north-western Africa, western Europe and the North Atlantic Ocean.

Bihar Teen Shot Dead Allegedly For Overtaking Politician's SUV

Patna, May 8: A 19-year-old boy was shot dead in Bihar's Gaya on Saturday night allegedly by the son of a Janata Dal (United) politician during a fight that happened after he overtook the SUV in which the latter was traveling. Aditya Sachdeva, the son of a prominent businessman, was travelling in his Swift car with his friend when he allegedly overtook the Range Rover that

belonged to JD(U) leader Manorama Devi's family. Her son, Rocky was travelling in it along with a security guard provided by the Bihar Police for the politician. Aditya's friend who was with him in the car has told the police that soon after they overtook the SUV, Rocky and the guard started firing in the air to stop them. "We were returning from Both

Gaya. Soon after we overtook their Range Rover, they started firing in the air and made us stop. Then they forced us to get out of the car and started punching us. When we tried to leave the spot, someone fired and my friend got hit," he said. Ms Devi is a member of Bihar's Legislative Council. Her husband Bindi Yadav is a "notorious" strongman. Rocky is still on the run. Police in Gaya has detained

Mr Yadav who has alleged that his son was beaten up by Aditya and his friend. The guard, Rajesh Kumar, who was in the SUV has also been detained. Aditya had recently given his Class 12 exams. KC Tyagi, senior JD(U) leader, has said if wrongdoing is proved, the guilty will not be spared. "Bihar has been known for its law and order and we will keep that intact," he said.

Dawood's men planned attack on RSS leaders, churches: NIA chargesheet

Ahmedabad, May 8: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet in an Ahmedabad court against ten members of the Dawood Ibrahim-led D Company who allegedly tried to spark communal tension by targeting churches and right-wing organisations, including the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). An NIA probe has found that the murder of two BJP leaders in Gujarat's Bharuch in 2015 was part of a larger conspiracy to kill men associated with saffron outfits in the state. Shirish Bangali, a former BJP

president in Bharuch, and Pragmesh Mistry, the party's youth wing general secretary in the city, were shot dead by two men on a motorcycle on November 2. Seven of the ten accused have been arrested in connection with the murders, which were committed allegedly to avenge the capital punishment to Mumbai serial blasts convict Yakub Memon, who was hanged in July. Yakub's brother, Tiger Memon, mob boss Dawood and his brother, Anees Ibrahim, are considered to be the key conspirators behind the 1993

blasts that killed more than 250 people. According to the chargesheet filed on Saturday, key accused Zahidmiya, who allegedly resides in South Africa, and Pakistan-based Javid Patel, alias Javed Chikna, an alleged key member of the Dawood gang, also planned to attack churches in Gujarat. "The Gujarat-based accused were lured with money, religion and even jobs outside India if they executed the plans of Javed Chikna and Zahidmiya," said an NIA official on condition of anonymity. The chargesheet said Chikna not only sent money from Dubai to

Gujarat through the hawala route - an illicit channel used for transferring money by circumventing legitimate banking channels - but also arranged for the weapons to gun down Bangali and Mistry. The NIA has asked Interpol to trace Chikna and hand him over to India. Haji Patel, MD Yunus Shaikh, Abdul Samad, Abid Patel, MD Altaf, Mohsin Khan and Nisar Ahmed are in custody for the alleged double murder. After the attack, Chikna allegedly sent Rs 5 lakh to the accused. A case has been registered against Chikna's brother Abid Patel.

On Mothers' Day

By: Shyam Lourembam

This is for all Moms out there  
I WAS THE WORLD TO YOU  
When I opened my eyes to this world  
I was the world to you  
You could fight the world for me  
Days, nights, sunrise and sunset  
You were there for me  
Hunger, thirst, pain didn't matter to you  
My pain, sickness became yours too  
You never did complain  
Countless days and sleepless nights  
You put the worlds together  
To give me the best  
Blood, sweat and tears sacrificed  
Can I not give you love now?  
Need I bury all that you've done?  
And look away the other side  
I understand what you wish for  
Material things hold no value to you  
Love is all you need and want  
I bow to you and your deeds  
Every vein and pulse in my body  
Will but sing for your glory  
Wish every child does this  
And sing your praise  
O Mother, O mother .

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