

**International News**

**US wants to see improved relations between Pakistan, India: State Department official**

Agency  
Washington August 2,

The US would like to see improved relations between Pakistan and India and that is why President Donald Trump offered his "assistance" to resolve the Kashmir issue, a senior State Department official said Thursday.

The official, on the condition of anonymity, was responding to a question on the position of the

US on the Kashmir issue after Trump last week offered to be the "mediator" between India and Pakistan on the issue during his meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan at the White House.

India firmly rejected Trump's offer, saying that New Delhi's consistent position has been that all outstanding issues with Pakistan are discussed only bilaterally.

"On Kashmir as I said, we would

all like to see improved relations between India and Pakistan. That's why you heard the president's offer of assistance," the official said.

"We recognise that Kashmir has been a bilateral issue but there are opportunities as Pakistan takes steps that build confidence in its own efforts to counter terrorism for their ultimately towards constructive dialogue. We stand ready to assist if asked by the parties to do so," the official said.

**Blasts hit Bangkok as city hosts major security meeting**

Agency  
Bangkok August 2,

Six bomb blasts wounded at least four people at three sites in Bangkok on Friday, as the Thai capital hosted a Southeast Asian security meeting with top diplomats from the United States, China and other world powers.

The first small explosions were heard during rush hour, just before 9 a.m. (0200 GMT) at two sites near central Bangkok. A third blast was heard shortly afterwards at a government complex hosting several ministries on the northern side of the city. Four people were wounded,

the Erawan Medical Center said. It added that "none are serious and all are receiving medical attention at hospitals."

Three of those hurt were women cleaning the street when a bomb went off. Pictures on local websites showed them looking dazed and getting treatment from medics. One was seen being loaded into an ambulance.

The other casualty was from a device that exploded near the 77-storey King Power Mahanakhon building, one of the tallest in the city. Police Colonel Kamton Uicharoen told Reuters a total of six bombs exploded. One was

recovered before it blew up. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

"I would like to condemn those causing the situation which destroys peace and damages the country's image," Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said on Twitter.

"I have instructed officials to take care of public safety and those affected promptly."

**Top Diplomats In Town**

Bangkok is currently hosting a regional security meeting of foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and their counterparts from world powers including the United States, China and Russia.

**News from South East Asia**

**3 injured after multiple blasts hit Bangkok as Thailand hosts Asean meeting**

Courtesy The Straits Times  
Bangkok Aug 2,

Several small explosions were heard in Bangkok in at least three locations on Friday (Aug 2) and police said that two street cleaners and a security guard had been hurt by what appeared to be homemade bombs.

There were no other immediate reports of injuries. Thai police said they were investigating the cause of the explosions.

The Thai government confirmed that a number of small "bombing incidents" had taken place as the city hosts a major summit, and urged the public not to panic as police tighten security.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha

was told of the bombing incidents and has ordered an immediate investigation, spokeswoman Narumon Pinyosinwat said, adding: "Security measures have been tightened. The public is urged not to panic."

Mr Prayut condemned those behind the blasts. "On the bombing this morning, I would like to condemn those causing the situation which destroys peace and damages the country's image. I have instructed officials to take care of public safety and those affected promptly," Mr Prayut said.

Some explosions were heard at a government office and near at least two other sites near central Bangkok.

The Nation reported that two

explosions took place near the BTS Skytrain Chong Nonsi station. One explosion occurred in front of the King Power Mahanakhon Building near the station and a second in the sidewalk park under the station.

Eyewitnesses said a security guard had been hurt close to the 77-storey King Power Mahanakhon building. The area was partly cordoned off as police conducted a search.

The blast at the park under the BTS station caused soil to spill out onto the pavement, and a crack to appear in a glass panel at the station.

The station closed its Gates 2 and 4 following the explosions. Police said the explosions happened at around 7am, at almost the same time as blasts at the Government Complex in Chaeng Wattana.

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A senior police officer said two street cleaners were injured by what appeared to be a homemade bomb in the Suan Luang district.

Local news websites showed pictures of them - one sitting on the ground with medics and the other being taken into an ambulance. Neither appeared to have major wounds.

On Thursday, Thai police said they had found two fake bombs near the venue of the regional security meeting.

The packages prompted a brief security scare but were quickly deemed harmless.

It was unclear whether the meeting was the target.

**Indonesia finance minister says will consider another tax amnesty: media**

Courtesy The Straits Times  
Jakarta Aug 2,

Indonesia might again offer a tax amnesty but it is aware of shortcomings of the one launched in 2016, media quoted Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati as saying on Friday.

Southeast Asia's largest economy offered a pardon for tax offenders in exchange for low penalty rates for nine months ending in March 2017. Jakarta's amnesty was regarded as among the world's most successful due to the size of assets declared and the revenue generated, but some also criticized it for failing to significantly widen Indonesia's

narrow tax base.

The program unearthed assets worth \$330 billion and added 135 trillion rupiah (\$9.51 billion) to state coffers, with less than one million taxpayers participating.

Media outlets said when asked at a forum about a repeat of the tax amnesty, Indrawati said it's possible, though she also said she feared a second one might encourage more tax avoidance.

President Joko Widodo had also asked Indrawati for her view on a second amnesty after receiving requests from those who missed the first one. Kompas.com reported the minister as saying,

**IABP saved life at SKY Hospital**

By a Correspondent  
Imphal Aug 2,



IABP (Intra Aortic Balloon Pump) saved the life of a young man Mr. Azad Khan, 35 years old, resident of Mayang Imphal. Mr. Khan presented to emergency room at 8:30 pm of 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 with acute massive heart attack. By the time he arrived at the hospital he already developed severe heart failure and cardiogenic shock as a complication of the heart attack. Within minutes of his arrival at SKY, appropriate treatment with loading dose of dual antiplatelets, thrombolytic agent (Tenecteplase) and low molecular weight heparin were started. Simultaneously, multiple intravenous inotropic drugs were initiated to support his severely failing heart. Bipap machine was also put on him to support his breathing difficulty and hypoxia. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019, coronary angiogram performed with a view to coronary stenting showed recanalised Left Anterior Descending Artery. In view of cardiogenic shock on presentation and failure to raise blood pressure with multiple drug supports, IABP was implanted under fluoroscopic screening in

the Cath Lab at 11:00 pm of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019. IABP works by improving myocardial (heart) oxygen supply and decreasing myocardial oxygen demand, thereby improving the function of failing myocardial cells thereby improving the overall blood pressure and organ perfusion. This mechanism helps supply of blood to vital organs of the body including heart itself and thereby helps save and sustains the life of the patient with severe intractable heart failure. The deflated balloon (size 34cc 7.5F, Maquet, USA) was inserted via right femoral artery at groin level and was implanted in the descending thoracic and abdominal aorta (between left subclavian artery above and renal artery below). It works by inflating the balloon during the diastolic phase of cardiac cycle (when heart is in relaxation) and deflating during the systolic phase of the cardiac cycle when heart contracts to eject more blood to the vital organs of the body. Immediately after starting the inflation and deflation of the intra-aortic balloon with the pump the blood pressure (BP) improved from 85/75 mmHg to 112/83 mmHg with augmented BP at 102 mmHg. Mr. Khan's left ventricular function (heart function) also started to improve. Left Ventricular Ejection Function (LVEF) from

36.8% on admission (1/7/19) to 55.1% (5/7/19) on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of starting IABP therapy (normal value of LVEF ranges from 55% to 80%). On 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019, on the day of his follow up, Mr. Khan's LVEF normalized to 62%. Mr. Khan thinks that he was dying on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019. But now he smiles and is like any normal person (seen with a smile with Dr. L. Shyamkishore Singh, Chief Cardiologist & Chairman, SKY Hospital, Imphal West).

Dr. L. Shyamkishore stated that IABP is a life saving machine, if timely used in the hand of experienced cardiologists, saves life. This life saving machine should be made available in any hospital where patients with heart attack and heart failure are treated, where coronary angioplasty or heart surgery is routinely performed to support the heart when heart fails during or immediately in post-operative period. SKY Hospital has USA made IABP Machine and uses it routinely in the process of saving life of critically ill patients with heart attack/heart failure/PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention)/CABG (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery).

**More State News**

**Assam Rifles Conducts Dental Camp**

IGAR (South)  
Imphal Aug 2,

Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted a Dental Camp at HTC Moreh, Tengnoupal district on yesterday. A Dental team of 26 Sector Assam Rifles inspected locals for dental check up and provided requisite medical aid to the dental patients. A total of 35 children and adults were given medical aid. Dental officer also advised the health and hygiene issues and remedial measures for dental patients. Due to



limited facilities of dental check up at Moreh Hospital, such camps help common people in an easy and convenient way to maintaining their dental healthy. Moreh Battalion has been making dedicated efforts

in improving the living standards of the people of Moreh town. The relentless endeavours of Assam Rifles in providing healing touch to common populace have been widely appreciated by all.

**Assam Rifles Conducts Pre-Recruitment Training**

IGAR (South)  
Imphal Aug 2,

In order to give a head start to aspiring youth for the upcoming Army Recruitment Rally in October, Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) commenced the training capsule in Ukhrul on yesterday. More than 40 candidates enrolled for the initiative on the first day itself and the numbers are sure to rise in coming days. The candidates were put through a physical training routine in the morning followed by theory classes later in the day. Medical check-up and practice for written exam are part of the training capsule in the coming days.

**One Day Vendor Development Programme cum Buyer Seller Meet**



IT News  
Imphal Aug 2,

One Day Vendor Development Programme cum Buyer Seller Meet was organized by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, Sub Office, Imphal in association with Group Centre, CRPF Langjing on 01/08/2019 at the Campus of CRPF Langjing with the aim and objective to create about the market platform by bringing larger buyer and Vendors. And also to promote the local MSMEs manufacturing item like industrial products, handloom & Handicraft, Textiles products and Fruit and Food base products. L. Lokendra Singh, DIG, CRPF Langjing, Dr. Nandini Elangbam, MS(EN) Head of RCWA, Group Centre, Langjing, Sh. Nansita, Deputy Commandant (Store) CRPF

Langjing, M.K. Singh, Commandant CRPF Langjing, Y. Raghuramani Singh, Retired general Manager, District Industries centre, P. Loken Singh, Chairman, Manipur Industries Development council, T.N. Singh, Assistant Director, MSME, Imphal, T. Sanajoba Singh, Secretary, All Manipur Food Processors Association, Takyelpat and G. Ramkumar Sharma, Branch Manager, SIDBI were attended as Presidium Members on the Dias.

L. Ibetombi Devi, Manager, NSIC, Imphal highlighted about the role and initiative taken by the Corporation to promote the MSME units of Manipur. She also highlighted about the Public Procurement Policy of 2012 for MSME which was notified by the Ministry of MSME Government of India

and the benefits of Single Point Registration Schemes and participation of Government Tenders. Total number of 53 Micro units have participated in the Vendor Development Programme.

**Popular Front announces Higher Education Scholarship - 2019**

IT News  
New Delhi Aug 2,

Popular Front of India has announced its **Scholarship programme-2019** in New Delhi today. This scheme supports poor and meritorious students who wish to pursue higher studies after completing the Higher Secondary (12th). Applications are invited from students who are pursuing their course in the academic year 2019-20. Popular Front is implementing this national scholarship scheme for higher education for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Students pursuing PG Courses, Degree, Diploma or other higher studies whose course duration is not less than a year are eligible

for the scholarship. Priority will be given to students studying Journalism, Law and Social work. Application should be submitted on [www.popularfrontindia.org](http://www.popularfrontindia.org). The application will be available online from 31st July 2019 and the last date for submission is 31st Aug 2019. Popular Front began the scholarship distribution in the 2011-12 academic year at the national level. So far 7.78 Crore rupees worth of scholarships have been distributed to 12545 students (6,024 boys and 6,521 girls), across India's 13 states. Popular Front urges scholars to contribute back to the society once they complete their courses and are employed as responsible citizens.