

Srikanth, Sai Praneeth guide Raptors to victory as Ahmedabad leg starts from today at Vodafone PBL4

From Correspondent Ahmedabad, Jan 4

Bengaluru Raptors rode on skipper Kidambi Srikanth and B. Sai Praneeth's winning efforts to beat former champions Delhi Dashers 3-1 at the Vodafone Premier Badminton League Season 4 at The Arena by SE TransStadia, here on Wednesday. This was the Raptors' second consecutive victory at the league. With this, Srikanth continues his unbeaten streak this season, having won all three of his matches so far. The teams opted to have their Trump matches up first. Sai Praneeth's cancellation of Delhi's Trump HS Prannoy was followed by the Raptors losing their own mixed doubles Trump. Srikanth then took the court to get a three-game win before Vu Thi Trang completed the job for Team Bengaluru. In the first rubber of the game, Bengaluru's Sai Praneeth met his Pulella Gopichand Academy training partner HS Prannoy, who represented the Delhi franchise. When the match started, it was evident that Prannoy, already hobbled by a right knee injury, wasn't at his best. Facing breathing issues, the Indian national champion had a hard time stringing together points. Sai showed beautiful control of the shuttle to build a 6-2 lead. It was only after the mid-



game break that Prannoy started showing signs of resurgence and drew level at 10-10 before Praneeth dashed his hopes with a 15-12 scoreline. Having gone down 8-10 in the second game, Prannoy found a second gear to explode to 13-10. With the score tied at 14-14, a struggling Prannoy found a wondrous drop shot to take the second game. Sai cut down on his errors to take an 8-6 lead in the decider and extended it to 12-8 with a superb round-the-head shot, and finally slammed shut the match 15-12, 14-15, 15-13. Bengaluru Raptors began their mixed doubles on a grand note, racing away to 5-0 through Commonwealth Games silver medalists Marcus Ellis and Lauren Smith. But a spirited fightback from Delhi's Manepong Jongjit and Evgeniya Kosetskaya saw the latter snatching the

game 15-13. Agile as ever, the Thai shuttler simply kept oozing brilliance and carried the Dashers to 12-9 before adding the next three points as well to take the 15-13, 15-9 win. Riding on his jump smashes, Bengaluru captain Kidambi Srikanth went ahead to 6-2 against Delhi's Tommy Sugiarto. Looking fully in control of the play, he was relentless as he kept the scoreboard ticking to move up to 12-6, and then grabbed the one-sided opener 15-6. The Indonesian showed real character to force an 8-3 turnaround in the next game. Srikanth went on a lull to allow Sugiarto to build a 13-8 advantage. A brief spark from the Indian couldn't stop Sugiarto who pocketed the game. The former World No. 1, however, managed to

rebound strongly in the deciding game. Varying his shots, the aggressive Srikanth quickly went up to 8-4 as his opponent started looking more and more clueless. It was just a matter of time before the Raptors man wrapped up the rubber with a 15-6, 12-15, 15-10 victory. Delhi Dashers erased that setback soon through their women's singles exponent Chia Hsin Lee. She opened the rubber with a strong play to get the first game 15-12. However, having never met Bengaluru's Vu Thi Trang on the international circuit, she simply wasn't prepared for the fightback. The Bengaluru player absolutely toyed with her to grab the second game 15-3 in some smashing display. Vu refused to give up in the decider despite Chia keeping it competitive till 6-6. Vu is ranked 59th and is placed 18 spots below Chia. That did not matter at all as a determined Vu kept cruising to add seven of the next nine points to fetch the tie win for Bengaluru. However Delhi's men's doubles pair of C.Biao and M Jongjit ensured that established pair of M.Ahsan and H.Setiawan were stunned as they won lone team for the point and registered the only win of the night with a scoreline of 15-7, 11-15, 15-14. The Ahmedabad leg will continue till January 6 before the league moves on to Bengaluru for the final proceeding of Vodafone PBL Season 4.

A R Conducts Security Meet

IT News Imphal Jan, 4

Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) conducted monthly security meets at Mayang Imphal, Nambol, Patsoi, and Tulihal Company Operating Bases. The forums were attended by Village Pradhans and Ward members of Gram Panchayats, Councillors, Village Secretaries, Youth Club members, Ex-Servicemen, representatives of local Police Stations, School Principals and local contractors and local vendors. Various issues pertaining to security, maintenance of peace and harmony in the area and current situation



existing in the area of responsibility was discussed. Problems of extortion demands, drug peddlers and drug addiction were discussed in detail and the role of Meira Paibis in curbing the drugs menace was highlighted. In addition to the security issues, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps,

provision of Solar Street lights, recruitment in Assam Rifles and Army and career counseling for youth were also discussed during the meet. Villagers were also educated on the importance of hygiene and sanitation and ways have been suggested to the villagers to keep their surrounding clean and healthy. The response of the meets

was constructive and locals expressed their gratitude to Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

Will contest Assembly polls: Bhaichung Bhutia

Agency Gangtok, Jan 4, Bhaichung Bhutia, India's iconic former football captain, is set to try his political luck again, this time in his native state Sikkim, as he plans to contest the assembly elections due this year. Mr Bhutia said his Hamro Sikkim Party (HSP) may contest up to 18-20 seats in the assembly polls to the 32-member House. "My commitment to stay in state politics is long-term, and I am also going to contest the forthcoming Sikkim

Assembly polls and take any responsibility that my party entrusts on me," the 43-year-old former striker told PTL. On the electoral prospects of an opposition alliance to take over the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), Mr Bhutia said serious deliberation was underway with the BJP and other like-minded parties. Not new to politics, the former footballer had unsuccessfully contested the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Darjeeling and the 2016 West Bengal Assembly elections from

Siliguri. In February last year, he resigned from the Trinamool Congress (TMC). The SDF-led government under Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling has proved to be a "disaster" in the state, he alleged. "Chamling is an elected dictator who behaves like a monarch... he is also corrupt," Mr Bhutia claimed and asserted that continuation of the SDF supremo as chief minister will be detrimental to Sikkim's democracy, governance and economy. The HSP vice-president

also accused Mr Chamling of keeping a vice-like grip on his party colleagues. "There has never been a second person or leader in the SDF in its 25 years of existence... it is Chamling and Chamling alone." Mr Bhutia came down heavily on the chief minister for the issue of unemployment in Sikkim, and said his government had done very little to provide jobs to the youth. Improving education and sports infrastructure will be a key agenda of HSP to overcome the high suicide rate, the Padma Shri awardee said.

Ajay Maken resigns as Congress's Delhi unit chief

Agency New Delhi, Jan 4

Senior Congress leader Ajay Maken Friday resigned as the party's Delhi unit chief citing health reasons, a few months before the Lok Sabha elections, sources said. Congress president Rahul Gandhi, Delhi Congress party affairs

in-charge P C Chacko and Maken held a meeting Thursday evening. Gandhi has accepted his resignation, they said. The 54-year-old leader had taken over as the Congress's Delhi unit chief four years ago, after the party lost the 2015 assembly elections. Later, Maken took to

Twitter to announce his resignation. "After the 2015 Delhi assembly elections, as its Delhi unit president I received a lot of love from Congress workers, the media covering the party and our leader Rahul Gandhiji. It was not easy in these difficult times. Thank you all," he tweeted.

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ON THE REFERENDUM IN IRAQI KURDISTAN

From the communists' point of view, during the era of imperialism, one cannot defend a national separation if that separation does not serve the interests of the proletariat. The disintegration of Yugoslavia, Sudan, Libya, Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, the Congo and others were in the interest of the strategic policy of hegemonic imperialism. We still remember the division of Vietnam and Korea. The communists will not support a policy of "divide and conquer". The imperialists want to divide the countries so that they can more easily challenge each nation's independence, threaten its survival, and rule more easily. At the time when the Great October Socialist Revolution became victorious, the imperialist policy was to unite the divided or isolated states that were not able to confront the influence of communism, to strengthen the central government in these countries, and to put them in confrontation with developing socialism. Reza Khan's (Reza Shah's) coup in Iran, the repression of Sheikh Khazal, Simko Shikak's followers, and the instalment of the central government in Iraq led by

King Faisal should be seen and examined in the context of this analysis. Now that the Soviet Union has disintegrated and its power has diminished, and China cannot yet play the role of the former Soviet Social Imperialist, the division of countries has been put on the imperialists' agenda. It is easier for the imperialists to dominate countries such as Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, and Serbia than it is for them to dominate a strong and unified country like Yugoslavia. It should be said that Bosnia-Herzegovina or Kosovo is essentially not a country, because their survival hangs by a hair. Stalin, describing Lenin's ideas and the Marxist-Leninist conception of the national question in the era of imperialism, wrote that: "It was formerly the 'accepted' idea that the only method of liberating the oppressed peoples is the method of bourgeois nationalism, the method of nations drawing apart from one another, the method of disuniting nations, and the method of intensifying national enmity among the labouring masses of the various nations. That legend must now be regarded as refuted. One

of the most important results of the October Revolution is that it dealt that legend a mortal blow, by demonstrating in practice the possibility and expediency of the proletarian, internationalist method of liberating the oppressed peoples, as the only correct method; by demonstrating in practice the possibility and expediency of a fraternal union of the workers and peasants of the most diverse nations based on the principles of voluntariness and internationalism. The existence of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which is the prototype of the future integration of the working people of all countries into a single world economic system, cannot but serve as direct proof of this." (The International Character of the October Revolution, On the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the October Revolution, November 6-7, 1927) 5) The Marxist-Leninist Kurds are placed along with the communists of other nationalities residing in Iran that fight for a common cause. The Kurdish organizations that declare themselves Iranian communists have not taken the smallest steps to expose the complicity of the reactionary Kurds with

Zionism and the imperialism and reaction of the region including Saudi Arabia. This conduct alone shows the extent to which they are caught in the web of the Zionist financial networks and the imperialist influences in the region. They are incapable of making independent moves. It is the duty of the Kurdish organizations and groups in particular to expose, on the basis of the tragic and undeniable experience of the past, the destructive roles of Zionism and imperialism in cooperation and relation with the Kurds, and in particular with the Iraqi Kurds. Unfortunately, in this context, the national chauvinism's spotlight has blinded the eyes and the opportunism of the Iranian liberal oppositions. Obviously, no organization with such a disgraceful stand can seize the leadership of the people's struggles. The deviant Kurdish organizations do not pay attention to this opposition and laugh at them for the service these cowards give to the Zionists. Long live the unity and solidarity of the people of the region against reaction, imperialism, and Zionism! Long live Socialism, the banner of human liberation! *The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) (Concluded)*

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (ND& PS) (FTC), MANIPUR
AT CHEIRAP COURT COMPLEX
Schedule 1 VIII, Form No. 100 ANNEXURE - 1
High Court Criminal Process No. 4
SPECIAL TRIAL CASE NO. 105 OF 2018
FIR No. 184(11)91 BA-PS
U/S 21 ND&PS Act
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED
(Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)

1) Name, description and address of the accused
Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL (27 years) W/o. Dilip Gurung of New Checkon, Officer Colony P.S PRT. IE
Whereas complaint has been made before me that Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL has committed the offence punishable under Section 21 ND & PS Act (FIR No. 184(11)91 BA-PS and it has been returned in the Warrant of Arrest thereupon stating that Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL has absconded to avoid the execution of the said warrant.

2) Name of the accused:
Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL
Police station is thereby made that the said Smt. Sarah @ Awon TKL is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the 7th day of January, 2019

2) Place:
Imphal
Dated the 30th Day of Novemehr, 2018

Sd/-
W. TONEN MEITEI
Special Judge (ND&PS) (FTC)
Manipur

IT/Adv/ 2 days