

Karnataka Political Crisis: Rebel MLAs staying at Mumbai's Renaissance

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Rebel MLAs of Karnataka have written to Mumbai police citing danger to their life and said that they do not want to meet Chief Minister of Karnataka HD Kumaraswamy and DK Shivakumar. In a letter, addressed to Mumbai Commissioner of Police, 10 rebel Karnataka Congress-JD(S) MLAs said, "We are staying at Hotel Renaissance Powai in Mumbai. We have heard HD Kumaraswamy and DK Shivakumar are going to storm the hotel. We feel threatened. Do not allow them to enter hotel premises."

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sent the letter to DCP, local police station Powai and management of Renaissance hotel.

In the letter, the MLAs have written that CM Karnataka and DK Shivakumar may come to meet them at the hotel and storm into hotel premises and they don't want to meet them, therefore the cops and hotel management should not allow them to enter hotel. Sources in Mumbai police said that they won't allow DK Shivakumar or anyone to meet the rebel MLAs if they don't want to meet.

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Commissioner of Police stating "We've heard CM & DK Shivakumar are going to storm the hotel, we feel threatened." Maharashtra State Reserve Police Force & Riot Control Police are also present at the hotel where 10 rebel Karnataka Congress-JD(S) MLAs are staying. The MLAs had earlier

written a letter to Police stating "We heard CM & DK Shivakumar are going to storm the hotel, we feel threatened." Dilip Sawant, Additional Commissioner of Police (Northern Region) reached Hotel Renaissance at 5 am on Wednesday where 10 rebel Karnataka Congress-JD(S) MLAs are staying.

Goa Gets Four New Ministers in Cabinet Reshuffle, Chandrakant Kavlekar to Become New Deputy Chief Minister

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Former leader of opposition Chandrakant Kavlekar and Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo were among the four legislators inducted into the Goa cabinet on Saturday. Kavlekar has will be sworn in as deputy chief minister of the state on Monday.

The leader, who was earlier leader of the opposition, would be designated as deputy chief minister on Monday, CM Pramod Sawant told reporters here on Sunday, but refused to divulge any further details.

Ten Congress MLAs had on Wednesday joined the BJP, increasing the strength of the party to 27 on the floor of the House.

The chief minister dropped three members from its coalition partner Goa Forward Party (GFP) and an Independent MLA Rohan Khaunte from the Cabinet on

Friday. Jennifer Monserrate and Philip Neri Rodrigues were the other new ministers sworn in.

Goa Governor Mridula Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to the new ministers at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in the afternoon.

Prior to the oath-taking, the chief minister issued a notification, dropping all GFP ministers — Deputy Chief Minister Vijai Sardesai, Water Resources Minister Vinod Palekar, Rural Development Minister Jayesh Salgaonkar — and Independent MLA and Revenue Minister Rohan Khaunte from the cabinet to accommodate the new members.

This is the second cabinet reshuffle by Sawant since he took over as chief minister three months ago. In the first reshuffle, Sawant had inducted MGP's breakaway MLA Deepak Pauskar after dropping the then deputy

chief minister Sudin Dhavalikar.

Asked why allies are being dropped from the cabinet, the chief minister said the decision has been taken as per the directives of the central leadership. "I don't want to go into details. We have taken this decision to give good governance to the people," he said.

Sawant has the support of three GFP MLAs and an Independent lawmaker. GFP president and Deputy Chief Minister Vijai Sardesai had earlier said he was hoping for an amicable solution to the crisis.

"The GFP is a part of the NDA and had joined the BJP-led government after talks with the saffron party's national leadership," Sardesai said. "The present state BJP leaders were not part of the discussions then. As such, we will take appropriate steps only after talking to NDA leadership at the Centre."

"We have not yet received any official communication from the BJP leaders. On the contrary, we have received indications that the matter will be sorted out amicably," he said.

Sardesai on Saturday said the induction of the 10 Congress MLAs was the "death of the legacy" of late chief minister Manohar Parrikar — the tallest saffron leader in the coastal state credited for forming the coalition government in 2017 by bringing together regional parties.

Ten of the 15 Congress MLAs, led by Kavlekar, switched sides and joined the BJP on Wednesday. While the 10 MLAs and Lobo returned here from Delhi, Sawant stayed back to attend a high-level meeting on Friday evening on the issue of mining in Goa, which has come to a standstill following a February 2018 Supreme Court order.

Kumaraswamy no longer enjoys majority in the House: Yeddyurappa

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Bangalore, July 15,

A buoyant BJP, which is confident of the number game after Congress MLA N. Nagaraju (MTB) joined the other rebels in Mumbai, is now keen on forcing a trust vote being sought by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in the Assembly immediately. BJP State president B.S. Yeddyurappa told mediapersons on Sunday he would attend the Assembly business advisory committee meeting on Monday and demand that the Chief Minister take the floor test immediately, preferably on Monday itself.

Mr. Yeddyurappa told reporters that the political situation was in favour of the BJP. He indicated that the party was inching towards forming the government, by saying that "the party will get an

opportunity to serve the people of the State in the next two to three days".

He said, "The Chief Minister no longer enjoys a majority in the House. He must resign immediately and vacate the seat."

While Mr. Kumaraswamy on Friday sought a trust vote in the Assembly, Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar said he would fix a date for it after consulting Leader of the Opposition Mr. Yeddyurappa. The BJP, caught unawares by the Chief Minister's move, however, did not attend the business advisory committee meeting on Friday. The party appeared to have gained confidence on Sunday and was pushing for the trust vote.

Senior BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa told reporters that the Chief Minister had lost majority in the House and his government had no moral right to hold the session. "We will not let

the Assembly function till the Chief Minister accepts to seek a trust vote immediately or resigns," he said.

The BJP on Sunday held its legislature party meeting at a resort on the city's outskirts where its MLAs have been holed up. The party deliberated on its strategy for the session and decided to force a trust vote on the Chief Minister immediately.

"Mr. Yeddyurappa's mood was upbeat as he addressed the meeting and assured us that there would be a BJP government in the State by next week," said an MLA who attended the meeting.

Following a series of meetings Mr. Nagaraju held with Congress leaders, including Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday, the BJP was jittery. "Wooing back Mr. Nagaraju into the rebel fold was key as his return to the

Congress fold would have impacted K. Sudhakar and other rebel MLAs in Mumbai," a senior leader said.

BJP went into damage-control mode and was successful in making Dr. Sudhakar leave for New Delhi. Later, the party concentrated its efforts on Mr. Nagaraju. Senior party leaders, all through Saturday night, convinced the MLA that the BJP had the requisite numbers and assured him of taking care of his son's political career.

The results were seen on Sunday afternoon: Mr. Nagaraju left for Mumbai in a chartered flight from HAL Airport along with senior BJP leader R. Ashok. Mr. Yeddyurappa's personal assistant Santosh was also spotted at the airport. Speaking to reporters in Mumbai later in the day, Mr. Nagaraju, however, denied that Mr. Ashok travelled with him in the flight.

Tree plantation drive by Humanism Foundation and AR, Moreh Battalion



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Moreh, July 15

A mass plantation of tree saplings was jointly conducted by Humanism Foundation and 43 Assam Rifles, Moreh Battalion

today morning at Moreh Helipad.

A total of 60 trainees, who are undergoing skill development center at the multi-skill development center of Humanism Foundation along with jawans of 43 Assam

Rifles, Moreh Battalion led by its Major Ankit and staffs of Humanism Foundation attended the mass tree plantation drive. A total number of 100 tree saplings were planted during the drive.

Sport News

Salai Chess Academy Players Back With Trophies and Prizes

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Imphal, July 15,

The 3rd International FIDE Rating Chess Tournament, 2019, concluded yesterday with the completion of total 10 rounds followed by a closing ceremony and prize distribution at Down Town University, Guwahati. Players sponsored by Salai Chess Academy have done good performance, in the open category, Yambem Dhanabir ranks 9 position with 7.5 points, Aribam Muhindro gets 28 position with 6.5 points. In between 1800-1600 rated category, Thongam Nabachandra got 4th position prize with 6 points, while in unrated category, Sougajam Priyokumar has got best 2nd title with 6 points.



category, Nadia Sougajam is placed 4th position with 4.5 and 3.5 points respectively. In this International FIDE Rating Chess Tournament, the two

new players -Laishram Nelson and Sougajam Priyokumar will be getting FIDE Rating 1200 plus by the month of August, 2019.

Should England have got five, not six for overthrows? What rules say

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England's remarkable journey which began when they were ousted in the group stages back in 2015 to lifting the trophy this year has been nothing short of extraordinary. They have been the master of their own fate, barring a huge moment of luck in the finale. Ben Stokes, who was the man assigned with the task of dragging his side over the line, was playing an absolute stunning innings and destiny now chipped in to make his task easier. England needed 15 runs off the final over, the first two ball bowled by Trent Boult were dots. Stokes premeditated the third ball, shuffled across and almost swept a full ball on off over deep mid-wicket. The equation had shrunk to 9 off 3 balls. Stokes then tapped a full ball towards mid-wicket and sprinted. Martin Guptill pounced on the ball and hurled a throw towards the striker's end. The batsman put in a desperate dive and stuck his bat out to reach the crease. As fate would have it, Guptill's throw found Stokes' bat and

deflected past short fine leg and screamed away to the fence. 6 runs ensued all along the ground and the equation read 3 off the final two balls. The spotlight was now on the umpires, they were not having an entirely memorable match as well and in consultation with his colleagues, Kumar Dharmasena signalled six runs for the incident, meaning that England - who were staring down the barrel suddenly found hope. 2 more runs followed which resulted in a super over and the mad scenes continued even when the super over was tied. Now, we take a look at Law 19.8 which speaks about "Overthrow or wilful act of fielder" which was pointed out by ESPNcricinfo. The law states: "If the boundary results from a full ball on off from the wilful act of a fielder, the runs scored shall be any runs for penalties awarded to either side, and the allowance for the boundary, and the runs completed by the batsmen, together with the run in progress if they had already crossed at the instant of the throw or act." The final line is the grey area, but on replays it was revealed that when Guptill picked up the

ball Stokes was still at the non-striker's end and Adil Rashid was at the striker's end. There is no clarity over the throw or act, but the law does not speak about the role of batsman during the entire process. The ICC has not yet come up with an official statement, but the officials clearly made a call pertaining to this 'act' which came the moment the ball deflected off Stokes' bat. In a world of black and white, this grey shade potentially robbed New Zealand the World Cup and the skipper conceded that he would not want this to happen anytime in such a crunch game. "It was a shame that the ball hit Stokes' bat, but I just hope it doesn't happen in moments like that," Williamson said after England edged New Zealand in the Super Over thriller and clinched the World Cup 2019 finale on higher boundary count. "Unfortunately that sort of thing happens from time to time. It's a part of the game that we play. I don't wish to nitpick, just hope it never happens in such moments ever again," the disappointed skipper added.