

National News

Top Jaish bomb maker killed in south Kashmir's overnight operation

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A top commander of Jaish-e-Mohammed Munna Lahori was killed on Saturday morning in an overnight gunfight with security forces in south Kashmir's Shopian district. An associate of Munna Lahori, yet to be identified, was also killed in the same operation.

"A cordon and search operation was launched jointly by police and security forces in Banday Mohalla Bonbazar area of district Shopian. During the search operation, the hiding militants fired on the search party. The fire was retaliated leading to encounter," a statement issued by police said.

Munna Lahori, also known as Bihari, was from Pakistan and is accused of plotting several IED attacks in the south Kashmir region.

The 19-year-old Pakistani national had crossed over to



Kashmir from Pakistan last year and is reported to have led the terror group's use of bombs in vehicles, a tactic that could let them carry out attacks without risking their lives. Security officials say he had turned into some sort of an expert in making explosives and fitting them in vehicles for maximum impact.

Jaish had also used him to brainwash youngsters in the Kashmir valley and recruit them to the terror group. Security forces had stepped up the intensive search for Munna Lahori after intelligence officials linked a terror attack on a mobile patrol team of the Rashtriya Rifles to the Jaish

commander. Two soldiers were killed in this attack in Pulwama, several others including civilians were hurt. The attack had taken place just about 30 km from the location where a suicide bomber had attacked a convoy of the Central Reserve Police Force in February this year.

Mumbai and suburbs continue to receive heavy to very heavy rain

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The Mumbai city and its neighbouring areas continued to receive heavy to very intense rain spells throughout the last night. As many as seventeen incoming flights were diverted and many delayed by up to an hour in Mumbai yesterday evening due to very heavy rain and low visibility.

The heavy downpour also caused water-logging and traffic snarls in several parts of Mumbai and also led to delays in suburban local train services.

The Central Railways has

informed that it has suspended services from Kalyan to Karjat and Khopoli as a precautionary measure since very heavy rainfall in Kurla-Thane belt and beyond Kalyan had led to water rushing on to the tracks.

Heavier rainfall was reported from the suburbs and neighbouring areas till wee hours today. Meanwhile, heavy rains since Wednesday has brought some more cheer for the city residents as there was a significant increase in the level in all the seven lakes supplying water to Mumbai. The Modak Sagar lake, one of the seven reservoirs supplying water to Mumbai,

started overflowing on Friday afternoon. This came a day after the Tansa lake, another key source of potable water for Mumbai, started overflowing.

The Indian Meteorological Department has predicted intense spells of rain are likely to continue in the districts of Thane, Raigad and Mumbai. It has also stated that the monsoon is likely to become active throughout Maharashtra over this weekend and as a result, Mumbai Konkan and surrounding areas are likely to receive widespread rain till July 30 with very heavy rain at isolated places on July 27, 28 and 29.

Earlier, the IMD has also issued a warning for Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts indicating that the intense heavy rain may turn situation severe.

The incessant rains have caused much chaos hitting the rail, road and air traffic. 17 flights have been diverted due to heavy rains in Mumbai and many parts being waterlogged. Suburban areas including Kurla, Dombivli, Badlapur, Tilak Nagar, Hindmata, Andheri, Matunga and many other areas saw huge waterlogging. Regular office commuters were adversely affected, with many being stranded on roads for long hours.

News from the World of Medicine

Timely intervention can prevent Hepatitis from becoming an epidemic in India

By a Correspondent
New Delhi, July 27,

Despite dramatic advances and developments in the treatment of Hepatitis B and C, elimination of both types of the disease remains difficult due to lack of awareness among masses. Globally, around 325 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B and becoming a prime reason for liver cancer and failure. Among 11 countries, India stands fourth which carries almost 50% of the global burden of chronic hepatitis.

World Hepatitis Day is witnessed every year on 28th July to provide an opportunity to step up national and international efforts to spread awareness about Hepatitis. This year World Hepatitis day is urging all countries and partners to promote the theme 'Invest in eliminating hepatitis and policymakers to increase political and financial commitments for its response.

Inflammation of the liver (commonly known as hepatitis) can result from viral infection and as all the symptoms are nearly close enough, without a diagnostic test, it is impossible to differentiate. Hepatitis is widespread in India. Lack of regular check-up and diagnosis are the prime reasons for being undetected and sufferings. The other reason includes people who have had tattoos, or injects drugs, unsafe blood transfusion and lack of universal hepatitis B



immunization.

"As the function of the liver is to help in digestion by producing proteins, enzymes and other substances, clear toxins from the body and generate energy from food. Any abnormality in the production of the components is a serious indication of an ailment that the liver is not functioning well. In case suspecting an improper functioning of the liver, liver function test (LFT) may be done wherein a sample of blood is taken for analysis." **Dr. Deepak Lahoti, Director & Head, Dept. of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Max Super Speciality hospital, Partparganj.**

There are 5 types of Hepatitis known as A, B, C, D and E, in which A and E are water borne and spreads through contaminated food or water, then Hepatitis B, C and D are blood borne and at last Hepatitis D causes infection only along with Hepatitis B. The major concern is being

focused for Hepatitis B which can spread unknowingly from a mother who is infected to a new born child. Over 90% of new hepatitis B infections occur through mother-to-child transmission and during the early age of childhood. So it is mandatory to test a mother for Hepatitis B during pregnancy and take prevention after positive results.

"Now the major change has been achieved after introduction of vaccine for Hepatitis B which is a safe, affordable, and well tested too. The improvement area is visible in the case of Hepatitis B infection is among children group which is being reduced from 4.7% (before introduction of vaccine) to 1.3% in 2015 after introduction of vaccine. It is very much important for everyone to get vaccinated against Hepatitis B as it works as armor around you to protect from this killer viral infection, **Added Dr Lahoti.**

Sports News

Nikhat Zareen leads 5 Indians into finals of Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament

Deepak, Hussamuddin, Ashish Kumar, Brijesh in summit clash
Manju Rani, Ashish, Bhagyabati settle for bronze

By a Correspondent
New Delhi, July 27,

Former world junior champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg) led five Indian boxers into the finals as the semi-final action concluded at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 in Bangkok on Friday. Along with Nikhat, the others aiming for the gold on Saturday will be Asian Championships silver medalist Deepak (49kg), GeeBee Boxing silver medalist Mohammed Hussamuddin (56kg), Asian Championships silver medalist Ashish Kumar (75kg), and India Open silver medalist Brijesh Yadav (81kg). The journey of Manju Rani (48kg), Ashish (69kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (75kg), however, came to an end in the semi-finals as they had to settle for the bronze.

Having begun the year with a gold medal at the Strandja Cup, the Asian Championships bronze medalist Nikhat



Zareen looked in no mood to stop as she booked her place in the final with a 4-1 win over Thailand's Jutamas Jitpong. In the final, she will face China's Asian Games gold medalist Chang Yuan in what would be

a tough bout. Deepak blazed past Bhutan's Tashi Wangdi 5-0 to set up a showdown with Uzbekistan's Mirzakmedov Nodirjon. In the bantamweight category, Hussamuddin passed a stern

test to register a narrow 3-2 win over Thailand's Ammarit Yaodam for a meeting with the reigning India Open champion Chatchai Decha Butdee. Ashish Kumar will hunt for the gold after a 4-0 victory over Uzbek Fanat Kakhranov. Korea's Kim Jinjae will be his opponent in the final showdown. In 81kg, Brijesh landed a flurry of punches to knock out Saranon Klompan of Thailand before being declared the winner by RSC in Round 2. Up next for him is Thailand's Anawat Thongkratok. Strandja Cup silver medalist Manju Rani failed to breach the barrier of Thailand's former World Championships bronze medalist Chuthamat Rakasat who inflicted a 4-1 defeat on the Indian.

While Ashish succumbed to a 1-4 defeat to Thailand's former Asian Games champion Wuttichai Masuk, Bhagyabati Kachari was outplayed 5-0 by China's Rio Olympic bronze medalist Li Qian.

Sutirtha stars for U Mumba in UTT

By Samikshan Dutta
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India's former women's national champion Sutirtha Mukherjee pulled off a massive upset over Germany's Petrisa Solja, helping debutants U Mumba TT down formidable Chennai Lions 9-6 in the Ultimate Table Tennis here on Friday.

India's top star Sharath Kamal drew his Lions back into the contest by recovering 5 points from U Mumba, 2 in the Mixed Doubles along with the valiant Petrisa and another 2 in the second Men's Singles contest to make it 6-6 going into the final fixture of the evening. But Hong Kong's experienced Doo Hoi Kem was too powerful for India's Madhurika Patkar, sweeping the last three points of the tie to give U Mumba a massive win.

Sutirtha Mukherjee set the ball rolling for U Mumba, cruising to an unexpected 5-1 lead in the opening game. She made the most of that stunning start to take the game 11-7. She then

showed an amazing composure, fighting back from 5-10 to win her own golden point.

Sutirtha, however, couldn't continue the momentum, losing the decider 5-11. But she had garnered two crucial points for U Mumba. Kazakhstan's Kirill Gerassimenko was quick to seize the opportunity, toppling Portugal's Tiago Apolonia (former World No. 13) 2-1 in the Men's Singles. It was a gripping contest, with the young Kirill showing great defensive skills while also unleashing deceptive shots from close to the table.

Kirill stayed ahead for most of the opening game although Tiago caught up with him twice, at 5-5 and 10-10. But Kirill was cool enough to conjure a backhand winner to pour another point into the team's kitty.

The next game too was close but Kirill managed to streak ahead from 7-7 to pick up a second point for himself and his team. He lost the third game tamely though, setting the stage for Sharath. Sharath and Petrisa Solja

combined much better to ease past Manav Thakkar and Doo Hoi Kem 2-1. They dominated the contest, with Sharath playing his usual attacking game. But true to day, the third game went to the losers.

Sharath began strongly against Manav, winning the first 11-7. Manav however, clawed back to take the next game 11-5. The decider proved to be a thriller, with the duo battling for every point, before the senior Indian's experience bailed him out.

Results
U Mumba TT bt Chennai Lions 9-6

1) Women's Singles - Sutirtha Mukherjee bt Petrisa Solja 2-1 (11-7, 11-0, 5-11)
2) Men's Singles - Kirill Gerassimenko bt Tiago Apolonia 2-1 (11-10, 11-9, 5-11)
3) Mixed Doubles - Manav Thakkar/Doo Hoi Kem lost to Sharath Kamal/Petrisa Solja 1-2 (8-11, 8-11, 11-7)
4) Men's Singles - Manav Thakkar lost to Sharath Kamal 1-2 (7-11, 11-5, 10-11)
5) Women's Singles - Doo Hoi Kem bt Madhurika Patkar 3-0 (11-10, 11-7, 11-5)