

Protest demanding justice for Babysana staged



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Thoubal, July 30,

Saraswati Coaching Institute of Heirok Heitupokpi Mamang Leikai today organised a protest

demonstration demanding justice for Babysana, who was found dead in mysterious condition at the hostel room of Standard Robarth School. The protest staged in

front of the institute at Thoubal district demanded speedy investigation to the cause of the death and also to deliver justice with impartiality to Babysana.

“Nungshi Khungun Liba” a play by GA Ghanapriya to be released

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A “Nungshi Khungun Liba” a Manipuri play written by Guru Aribam Ghanapriya Devi will be released in a function organised by Leimarol Khorjeikol (LEIKOL) at Manipur Dramatic Union, Yaikul Police Lane Imphal on August 4. A statement by the LEIKOL said that the releasing function of the play will be attended by Nongmathem Kirankumar, Convenor Manipuri Language Advisory Board, Ksh Subadini Devi, President Leikol and Prof. nahakpam Aruna, former President Leikol as dignitaries.

SEACO’s 9th Anniversary

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South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) is all set to observe its 9th Anniversary on August 5. The anniversary function will be held at Lanyanba Saglen Palace Compound.

SEACO is an organization which has been working relentlessly to protect the cultural identity and tradition of the region. In a statement the organization appealed all organizations and people of the state not to call any bandh or blockade on August 4 and August 5 as many members from across the state are coming to attend the foundation day.

Sports News

BCCI suspends Prithvi Shaw for doping violation

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New Delhi July 31,

Indian Test opener Prithvi Shaw has been suspended by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) till November 15, 2019, for a doping violation. According to a BCCI release, Shaw had inadvertently ingested a prohibited substance, which can be commonly found in cough syrups. Mr Shaw had provided a urine sample as part of the BCCI’s anti-doping testing program during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match on 22nd February 2019 in Indore. His sample was subsequently tested and found to contain Terbutaline. Terbutaline, a specified substance, is



prohibited both In & Out of Competition in the WADA Prohibited List of Substances. On 16th July 2019, Mr Shaw was charged with the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) under the BCCI Anti-Doping Rules (ADR) and provisionally suspended pending determination of the charge. Mr Shaw responded to the charge but asserting that it

was inadvertent, being caused by his ingestion of the over the counter cough syrup he had taken for his cough. The BCCI was satisfied with Mr Shaw’s explanation. However, according to rules, he was suspended for an eight-month period of Ineligibility started to run from 16th March 2019, so that it will end at midnight on 15th November 2019.

Sai Praneeth enters top 20 in World Badminton Rankings

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Indian shuttler B.Sai Praneeth has jumped four places to

enter in the top 20 players in the latest World Badminton Rankings. Praneeth is now World No.19 in Men’s Singles badminton ranking.

Among other Indian Men’s singles shuttlers, Kidambi Srikanth has maintained his tenth position while Sameer Verma retains his 13th position.

In Women’s Singles, P.V.Sindhu has retained her 5th position and Saina Nehwal 8th position. In Men’s Doubles, the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have moved up by two points to 16th position. Japan’s Kento Momota tops the rankings in Men’s Singles while another Japanese Yamaguchi leads the rankings in Women’s singles.

Voter ID card Lost

I have Lost my Voter ID card namely Kshtrimayum Preet S/o. Kshtrimayum Ito Singh from KhuraiSajor Leikai (KhuraiAC) on the way from Khurai to Paona Bazar on 25th July 2019.

Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Kshtrimayum Preet
KhuraiSajor Leikai
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International News

Afghanistan highway blast kills at least 34 on bus, injures 17

Agency
Kabul July 31,

An explosion on Wednesday hit a bus travelling on a highway between two key cities in western Afghanistan, killing at least 34 passengers, including children, and injuring 17, officials said. Security has been deteriorating across Afghanistan, with the Taliban and Islamic State

fighters mounting near-daily attacks on Afghan forces, government employees and civilians. The blast on the highway linking the provincial capitals of Herat and Kandahar took place in the Ab Khorma area of Farah province, said provincial police spokesman Mohibullah Mohib. “The bomb was freshly planted by the Taliban,

insurgents to target Afghan and foreign security forces,” he said. Taliban officials were not immediately available to comment on the statement and there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. Government and aid officials say the numbers of those being killed and maimed is rising because of explosives newly planted by the Taliban,

who now control more territory than at any point since their ouster nearly 18 years ago. Wednesday’s blast comes ahead of presidential elections next month, when U.S. officials and Taliban representatives are also due to resume talks to agree a timetable for the withdrawal of foreign forces in exchange for security guarantees.

US ‘working hard’ with India to help grow its economy: Pompeo

Agency
New Delhi July 31,

United States is working hard with the Indian government to provide India with opportunities to grow its economy as a part of the Trump

Administration’s Indo-Pacific strategy, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said yesterday in response to a question. Pompeo’s remarks come weeks after a delegation of the US Trade Representatives travelled to India for talks on a

wide range of bilateral trade issues, in particular tax and tariffs. Meanwhile, India’s Ambassador to the US Harsh Vardhan Shringla said in Colorado that trade between the two countries has grown to

USD 142 billion in 2018, and is expected to reach USD 238 billion by 2025. He said the next stage of growth will be driven by the small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in both the countries

News from South East Asia

Hong Kong starts to shut down as tropical storm approaches

Courtesy The Star
Hong Kong July 31,

Hong Kong workers prepared to go home early on Wednesday (July 31) as a tropical storm drew nearer to the city, which has been wracked by protests for weeks.

The Hong Kong Observatory raised storm signal No. 8 at 1.40pm local time, which prompted the closure of the city’s stock exchange as well as businesses and some public transport.

Trading on Hong Kong’s exchange was suspended 15 minutes after the signal was raised, according to its rules. The MSCI Hong Kong Index was down 1.1 per cent. Airlines including Cathay Pacific Airways and Hong Kong Airlines have warned passengers of potential flight delays or cancellations as the storm approaches. Hundreds of workers are



trying to get onto trains in the Central business district before bus and ferry services are suspended. Roads were jammed with traffic as workers sought to get home early. The city’s statistics office said the storm signal won’t affect the release of gross domestic product data, scheduled for 4.30pm. Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam said on Tuesday that there is “no room for

optimism for the second quarter and the entire year”, according to a government statement citing her remarks at a luncheon. Wednesday’s weather disruption comes at a particularly bad time for Hong Kong. Eight consecutive weekends of unrest in the city have driven away tourists and forced retailers to close some stores in the city’s busiest areas, hitting sales of jewellery and cosmetics. It has also

affected landlords’ ability to raise rents. “Lots of stocks, especially heavyweights, are being sold off, including developers and consumer-related stocks,” said Mr Castor Pang, head of research at Core Pacific-Yamaichi International in Hong Kong. “That’s a signal that many long funds are pulling out of the market.” The stock declines reflect growing frustration over Hong Kong’s political impasse. Investors on Monday sold the city’s shares at the fastest rate in more than six weeks, after protesters clashed with police for an eighth weekend. Traders are worried the violence will disrupt the local economy, and a rare press briefing by Beijing did little to ease their concerns. The MSCI Hong Kong gauge headed for its lowest close since June 18. It is down 2.7 per cent this month as protests intensified.

China chemical crackdown hurting more than trade war: Industry official

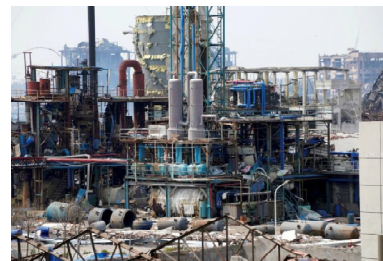
Courtesy The Star
Yantai, China July 31,

A crackdown on the chemical sector by the Chinese government is having a bigger impact on businesses than the United States-China trade war, an industry association official said on Wednesday (July 31), with supply chains disrupted by tough inspections and plant closures.

China has launched a series of inspection campaigns aimed at tackling illegal or irregular chemical production after a lethal explosion at an industrial park in Shandong province killed 78 people and injured dozens more in March.

The blast in the coastal city of Yancheng also drew attention to the role played by thousands of poorly regulated Chinese chemical manufacturers in the global supply chain, with the stricken Tianjiayi factory said to be providing components to

several multinational conglomerates. But the inspections have already disrupted the flow of key chemical ingredients, and forced international suppliers to look elsewhere or even consider moving their businesses abroad, said Mr Fu Xiangsheng, the vice-chairman of the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Association. “Blanket cuts at petrochemical industrial parks have much bigger impacts than the Sino-US trade war,” Mr Fu told an industry conference, without elaborating. He also said that some local authorities had made the closure of chemical plants one of the key performance indicators for government officials, which was another major concern for investors. China’s chemical sector crackdown is ongoing, with Jiangsu province itself promising to shut down



dozens of industrial parks and small-scale chemical manufacturers and improve the way surviving plants are regulated. Mr Shao Ji, a director of the petrochemical department of the National Development and Reform Commission, told the conference that Beijing was working to clean up, rectify and relocate chemical parks throughout the entire country, but he did not provide any

further details. China is planning to relocate more than 80 per cent of its hazardous chemical production capacity by the end of next year, with much of it being shifted to specialised industrial parks. The Caxin financial magazine said some factories were being forced to move for a second time as a result of increasingly stringent zoning restrictions.