

‘Wait and watch’, says Yeddyurappa as Karnataka govt plunges into crisis



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The Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) government of Karnataka is tottering after 12 MLAs of the ruling coalition handed their resignations to the assembly speaker. The Congress has accused the BJP of trying to topple the state government and dismissed talk of a crisis.

Senior Congress leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah said, “Nothing will happen, government will continue. How will it (government) be unstable? Resignations have to get accepted, right? They have not been accepted yet.” Out of the 12 legislators who submitted their resignations to Speaker KR Ramesh Kumar, nine were from the Congress

and three from the JD(S). The legislators were not able to meet the Speaker, who was not in his chamber, and left their resignations with aides in his office. The BJP has said it is ready to form the government if the governor invites them but insisted that it had nothing to do with the differences in the Congress-JD(S) combine. “Let’s wait and see. I don’t want to answer to what HD Kumaraswamy and Siddaramaiah say. I am nowhere related to this (crisis),” Yeddyurappa was quoted as saying by ANI. Union minister DV Sadananda Gowda had Saturday said Yeddyurappa is BJP’s CM candidate in case the party forms the government in Karnataka. If the 13 resignations,

including that of Singh, are accepted, the effective strength of the 224-member House would be reduced to 211. The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), with 105 MLAs, will fall just two short of a simple majority. The coalition’s strength will come down to 106, including the Speaker. The differences in the Congress-JD(S) government, which came together to forestall a BJP bid for power in the only southern state it has ever ruled, have been out in the open for quite sometime. Leaders of both the parties have been involved in war of words. The Congress and JD(S) won just one Lok Sabha seat each in the Lok Sabha elections while the BJP won 25 of the 28 seats in the state.

Pakistani terrorists being trained in Afghanistan after Balakot

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India’s diplomatic missions and offices in Kabul and Kandahar have been put on high alert after intelligence inputs indicated that cadre of terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have shifted to Kunar, Nangarhar, Nuristan and Kandahar provinces of Afghanistan after the Indian Air Force’s strike on the Balakot terror camp. Indian Air Force (IAF) Mirage jets attacked JeM’s Balakot terror camp at Manshera in Pakistan, retaliating to the February 14 attack by a Jaish suicide-bomber on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy in Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir. According to documents reviewed by Hindustan Times, both the Pakistan-based proscribed groups have joined hands

with the Afghan Taliban and Afghan insurgent group, Haqqani Network, across the Durand Line that separates Pakistan from Afghanistan, for training their extremist cadre in subversive activity. It is perhaps due to this reason that the Modi government has not taken at face value the action taken by Pakistan’s Imran Khan government on July 1-2 on 15 over-ground LeT leaders and five charity organisations linked to terror funding. India has called for visible and verifiable action against armed terror groups and not window-dressing. Indian security agencies believe that the terrorist cadre’s shift to across the Durand Line has been done to avoid black-listing of Pakistan by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in its Paris conference later this year. The multilateral body formed to crack down on

cross-border money laundering and terror financing has been extremely critical of Pakistan and placed it on a grey list. Indeed, people familiar with the matter in India’s counterterror agencies say that even as Pakistan was launching its July actions, Indian diplomatic establishments, including the embassy in Kabul, were under threat from a heavily-armed group of JeM terrorists led by Haji Abdul Safi. There was also a threat from another terrorist Qari Wari Gul to carry out a vehicle-borne IED attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul. And there was an alert against a Taliban attack on the Indian consulate in Kandahar. The people added that these were very real threats. The North Block has also been informed that a significant number of Jaish cadre shifted to Kot and Momandara (Nangarhar); Sanguin and Marja (Helmand);

Logan, Nawa (Ghazni), Zurmat (Paktia), Kunar, Faryab and Kunduz provinces of Afghanistan in coordination with the Taliban. Intelligence reports also indicate that both the Taliban and the Haqqani Network offered shelter to Jaish emir Maulana Masood Azhar in Afghanistan in February 2019 but the latter felt more safe under the protection of the Pakistani Army in Bawalpur. The revelation about increased JeM footprint in Afghanistan came when two of its terrorists, identified as Sediq Akbar and Ataulah were arrested by Afghan National Security Force in January this year from Jalalabad while they were en-route to Kabul. Trained at Markaz Usman-e-Ali in Bawalpur and Balakot terror camps, the two revealed that they had been tasked to conduct surveillance on Indian interests in Kabul and Kandahar. Apart from this, LeT has established training centres for its cadre in Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar, Helmand and Kandahar provinces of Afghanistan. It has moved its cadre from Peshawar to Kabul, and also decided to train its cadre in subversion and sabotage with the help of Taliban. A recent Pentagon report noted that the LeT, with more than 300 fighters in Afghanistan, posed a significant threat to the US and allied forces. The group has also been instrumental in forging peace between Taliban and so-called Islamic State of Khyber-Paktunkhwa.

Forensic audit detects 38 billion rupee fraud, says Punjab National Bank

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The Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Saturday said it had reported a borrowing fraud of 38.05 billion Indian rupees (\$556 million) in Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd’s account to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The fraud, “alleging diversion of funds from the banking system” was being reported to the RBI on the basis of the

findings of forensic audit and the federal police filing a first information report, the PNB said in a statement to stock exchanges. “It has been observed that the company has misappropriated bank funds, manipulated books of accounts to raise funds from consortium lender banks,” PNB said, adding that it had already made provisions of 19.32 billion rupees in Bhushan’s account.

PNB has been defrauded of over \$2 billion in a separate scam that came to light last year. Bhushan Power and Steel, one of India’s most indebted companies, was among the first 12 companies referred by the RBI India to a bankruptcy court for a debt restructuring process under India’s new insolvency law. The company could not be reached for comment on the PNB statement.

Assam family taken into custody for allegedly trying to sacrifice child

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Police in Assam’s Udalguri district have taken seven members of a family into custody for allegedly trying to sacrifice a three-year-old child on Saturday. The child has been rescued. According to reports, the family of Jadab Saharia, a science teacher at a government high school, was conducting rituals at his residence in Kalsipar since Saturday morning, allegedly in

preparation of the human sacrifice. “We got information around 12 pm. When we reached, we found that eight people, three women, four men and a child were conducting some rituals inside a temple,” said Rinal Ghosh, sub-divisional police officer Bhergaon. The police tried to stop them but the family members turned violent and started attacking neighbours, the police team and journalists who had gathered at the spot with stones.

“We fired in the air to bring the situation under control. But when that failed, we fired at their legs. Three persons including Saharia, his son and a relative were injured. They have been admitted to Guwahati Medical College Hospital,” said Ghosh. Eyewitnesses said that the rituals went on for nearly five hours and the family was reportedly preparing to sacrifice the child, who was a relative. The parents of the child were part of the

rituals. The family also tried to burn down their house, set a motorcycle on fire and damaged their own car. “As of now we haven’t arrested the family members. They are in custody and being interrogated,” said Ghosh. According to reports, the family came under the influence of a ‘tantrik’ (practitioner of occult) after a family member committed suicide some years back. The ‘tantrik’ was present during the rituals on Saturday.

Sport News

Haryana’s Yashwardhan Singh and Delhi’s Karan Vats continue their fine run and enter semi-finals



From a Correspondent
Rohtak, July 7,

Yashwardhan Singh of Haryana and Karan Vats of Delhi continue being the standout performers as they entered the semi-finals and confirmed medals at the first ever Sub Junior Boys’ Boxing Nationals held at the National Boxing Academy (NBA) in Rohtak on Saturday. Singh, a trainee at the NBA in Rohtak under the Khelo India scheme, demolished Karan Bisht of Services 5-0 to keep his fine run going. Vats, who was the silver medalist at the School Nationals last year, was equally impressive in his 40kg quarter-final bout with Bengal’s Anshu Routh whom he beat 5-0. The highly-skilled Vats was not the only one to win from

Delhi on Day 5 of this prestigious national tournament. In 35kg, Rudra outpunched Goa’s Laxman Toralkar 5-0 to enter the semis. Deepanshu in 43kg was another winner for Delhi after beating Daman & Diu’s Priyanshu Kumar 4-1. Punjab’s Nikhil dominated Daman & Diu’s Sumit 5-0 to keep hopes alive for the state. Chandigarh also registered a win through Aryan in 37kg who knocked out Sunil Kumar 5-0. Maharashtra had double delight through Vedantbengle in 40kg and Gopal Katta in 37kg. While the former showed his resilience in his narrow 3-2 victory over Haryana’s Divansh Shukla, the latter dominated Uttarakhand’s Aditya Tamta 5-0. Suraj Saini also assured a medal for Madhya Pradesh in

55kg after getting the better of Punjab’s Manmeet Singh 5-0. In 43kg, Goanese Rupesh Bind shone with a RSC in Round II victory over Madhya Pradesh’s Kishan Dadoriya. The North-East, a long-established powerhouse of Indian boxing, too entered the medal bracket thanks to the efforts of Mizoram’s LH Peihneisa in 37kg and Arunachal’s Tadar Tadang in 46kg. The Mizo pugilist hardly broke a sweat in his 5-0 victory over Himachal’s Jagjeet. In sharp contrast, Tadang was made to work very hard by Thokchon Robert of the Services before he could grab a 3-2 victory. 33 teams and 326 boxers have participated in this seven-day tournament which will conclude with a grand finale on July 8.

Stats prove why he is still one of the best

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India’s most successful captain, turns 38 on Sunday, July 7 2019. And coming to think of it, Dhoni’s birthday might be the only day in recent times when his retirement talks, slow strike rate, lack of intent, ageing body and what not will take a back seat (or so we think). For the last week or so Dhoni has been bombarded with criticism for his approach in India’s last few games in ICC World Cup 2019 but the two-time World Cup winning captain – T20 in 2007 and ODI in 2011 – has decided

to brush aside all the rumours and continue plying his trade in the World Cup. Dhoni, who is the most experienced player in India’s World Cup squad, is still considered to be an integral part of the Virat Kohli-led side. And there are valid reasons for that. Dhoni may have past heydays as a finisher but his presence in the Indian side is still worth of gold. The role Dhoni used to perform – the one of giving the Indian innings a flying finish – has changed now. He is now the grafter, the glue between the top and lower-

middle order, the sponge that absorbs everything, allowing the likes of Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya to go for their shots. Strike rate therefore, should not be the only criteria to measure Dhoni. When it comes to wicket-keeping, there is hardly anyone better going around in world cricket at the moment. Even in India’s last match against Sri Lanka, Dhoni accounted for four dismissals and currently holds the record for most number of stumpings in List A. Here are some stats that prove Dhoni’s worth in the Indian side:

IN THE COURT (ND&PS), MANIPUR LAMPHEL.PAT

S.T.No. : 938of 1995/1176of 2013
Ref. FIR No. : 117 (4) 1992 BORDER AFFAIRS PS
U/S : 21 of NDPS Act 1985

FROM NO.4

Proclamation requiring the Appearance of a person Accused
(See Section 82)

Whereas : complaint has been made before me that Smt.Sorokhaibam Ningol Ningthoujam Ongbi Numitlei Devi. Aged about 59 years W/o N.Rajit Singh of Thoubal Achouba Village .p.s. Thoubal has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence above said punishable under section 21 of NDPS Act 1985 and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said above accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said above accused has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Smt.Sorokhaibam Ningol Ningthoujam Ongbi Numitlei Devi .Aged about 59 years W/o N.Rajit Singh of Thoubal Achouba Village .p.s. Thoubal is required to appear at SPECIAL.COURT(ND&PS),MANIPUR LAMPHEL.PAT before this Court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on 21st day of may 2019.

Sd/-
Judge
Special Court (NDPS) Manipur
Imphal