

## Dubai's Princess Haya flees UAE with money, kids: Reports

Agency  
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Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, the sixth wife of Dubai's billionaire ruler, has reportedly fled the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with 31 million pounds and their two children following the break-up of their marriage.

According to media reports, the wife of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum — the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE — is believed to be in hiding in London.

The princess, the half-sister of King Abdullah of Jordan, is said to be seeking a divorce after initially fleeing to Germany with her children Jalia, 11, and Zayed, 7, where she requested political asylum.

She is understood to have taken 31 million pounds with her to start a new life, reports say.

Oxford educated Princess Haya has not been seen in

public since May 20 and her social media accounts, which are usually full of photos of her charitable work, have not been active since February. Unconfirmed reports in Arab media say that a German diplomat helped the princess "escape" from Dubai, leading to a potential diplomatic crisis between the two countries.

It is claimed that German authorities refused a request from Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, one of the world's richest men, to return his wife to Dubai.

Two sources close to the Sheikh's family were cited as saying by media reports that Princess Haya has indeed left the country and is seeking a divorce.

It comes after one of the Sheikh's daughters, Princess Latifa attempted to flee from her father and Dubai. She was captured on a boat off the Indian coast and has since disappeared, but is believed to have been

returned to the UAE. Princess Latifa said abuse forced her to flee the kingdom - and human rights groups claim she is being held in captivity in Dubai.

Radha Stirling, Chief Executive of watchdog Detained in Dubai, said: "Whenever someone applies for political asylum, obviously, it is because their lives are in danger, and because they have suffered severe abuses and violations of their human rights."

"We already know that Princess Latifa, Sheikh Mohammed's daughter, fled the UAE seeking asylum and alleging unspeakable abuse at the hands of her father."

"Now, it seems, Princess Haya, Sheikh Mohammed's wife, has also fled the country and sought refuge in Germany."

She said there are now "serious questions" about what prompted Princess Haya to flee.

## Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel tears up while handing over state Congress president post

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Raipur June 30,

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's eyes were filled with tears while speaking at the event organised for passing the post of President of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CPCC) to Mohan Markam.

Congress leader PL Punia and newly appointed CPCC president Markam were also present at the event held on Saturday.

In his speech, Baghel thanked all party leaders who worked with him over the past five years and remembered their contribution to the party in Chhattisgarh.

"I was appointed to the post by Rahul Gandhi after we lost the elections in 2013. 2014 Lok Sabha elections were near. We

were worried about the party's prospects in the state after the 2014 elections. The fight we party leaders started after June 2014 continued till the time we came to power in Chhattisgarh," Baghel said.

He praised the newly appointed CPCC President by saying Markam was a "hardworking and simple man". Earlier, Markam was appointed the president of CPCC through an All India Congress Committee (AICC) release signed by party general secretary KC Venugopal on June 28.

He replaced Baghel who had been the CPCC president since 2014 and was asked to continue in the post till his replacement was announced after he became the Chief Minister in December last year.

## US, Taliban open fresh negotiations in Doha on ending war

Agency  
New Delhi June 30,

The United States and the Taliban have opened fresh negotiations in Doha. The talks mark the seventh round of negotiations aimed at ending Afghanistan's longest war.

The negotiations have, so far, centred on four issues - counter-terrorism, presence of foreign troop presence, an intra-Afghan dialogue and a permanent ceasefire.

US officials previously said, they are hoping for a deal before the upcoming Afghan presidential elections in September, which have already been delayed twice.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who paid an unannounced visit to Kabul on Tuesday, said he hoped for a peace deal with the Taliban before 1st September.

A potential deal would see the US agreeing to withdraw its troops after more than 17 years in Afghanistan, in return for the Taliban guaranteeing the country never again becomes a safe haven for violent extremist groups, as was the case with Al-Qaeda before the September 11, 2001 attacks.

## China, US agree at Xi-Trump meeting to restart trade talks

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New Delhi June 30,

US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping have agreed to relaunch the stalled negotiations to end the trade war.

The move came as Mr Trump held a lengthy meeting with the Chinese President on the sidelines of the G-20 summit at Osaka in Japan.

According to the Chinese state media, during the meeting, the US said it will not add new tariffs on Chinese exports. It said the negotiating teams from the two countries are to discuss specific issues. Mr Trump said, he harbours no hostility towards China and hopes for better relations between the two countries. The US and China have been fighting a trade war over the past year.

## PM Modi to share his thoughts in Mann Ki Baat programme this morning

Agency  
New Delhi June 30,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in his Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio at 11 this morning. It will be the first edition of the programme after Mr Modi assumed office for the second term.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, after four long months, Mann Ki Baat is back to do what it has always loved, celebrate the power of positivity and the strengths of 130 crore Indians.

The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of All India Radio and Doordarshan. It will also be streamed live on the YouTube channels of the Prime Minister's Office,

Information and Broadcasting Ministry, AIR and DD News. It will also be simultaneously broadcast on AIR's website www.allindiaradio.gov.in.

AIR will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast. The regional language versions will be repeated at 8 PM.

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New Delhi June 30,

The first batch of over 2,200 pilgrims of the annual Amarnath Yatra left the Bhagwati Nagar-base camp in Jammu for the Kashmir Valley this morning, amidst tight security.

The pilgrims, 1,839 men, 333 women, 17 children and 45 Sadhus and Sadhvis' left the base camp in a cavalcade of

93 vehicles. "The first batch was formally flagged off by the Advisor to J&K Governor K.K. Sharma amid the chanting of mantras after the special puja performed at the Base camp around 4:30 am today.

This year's 46 day's annual pilgrimage to Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in Kashmir Valley is commencing from tomorrow. In the wake of the pilgrimage, security has been beefed up on Lakanpur-Jammu and Jammu-Srinagar highways to facilitate the smooth

conduct. Inspector General CRPF A.V. Chauhan told AIR that adequate number of CRPF, state police and armed police personnel have been deployed in Jammu city and on highways.

The convoy of vehicles ferrying pilgrims from Jammu base camp to Srinagar were being escorted by the security personnel. The annual Amarnath pilgrimage is undertaken by pilgrims from all over the country to reach the cave shrine, devoted to Lord Shiva, at an altitude of 13,500 feet.

## Ayurvedic doctors conduct OPD clinic at press club



NJ Thakuria  
Guwahati June 30,

Practicing Ayurvedic physicians Dr Binod Kalita MS (Ayu, Anorectal specialist) and Dr Jayanta Sarmah MD (ayur, Panchakarma) Yesterday

conducted a media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club. Over 30 scribes participated in the brief camp where they were offered free consultations and also the opportunity to check their blood pressure.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meet

IGAR (South)  
Imphal June 30,

Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a security meet at Andro Company Operating Base (COB). The security forum was attended by the meira paibis, ward councilors, pradhans and youth club members along with representatives of local youth clubs.

During the meet, various aspects concerning security in the area were discussed and the locals were sensitized on current situation existing in the area of responsibility. An interaction was carried out on

necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area. In addition to the security issues, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps, recruitment in Assam Rifles and Army and career counseling for youth were also discussed during the meet.

The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of 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.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Friendly Volleyball Tournament

IGAR (South)  
Imphal June 30,

With aim to strengthen the bond and mutual trust between locals and Security Forces, Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted friendly volleyball tournament as part of Youth Engagement Programme.

Yaingangkopki Company Operating Base (COB) of Mantripukhri Battalion organised a friendly Volleyball tournament on Yesterday which witnessed participation of three teams from Leiayaram village, New Cannan village and Yaingangkopki (Ngarumphung) Company



Operating Base. The young players from the villages showcased their talent and competitive spirit which was visible throughout the tournament. Each team played against the balance two in the best of three sets and the top two teams played in the final match. The final match was played

between the teams of Leiayaram village and New Cannan village in which Leiayaram village team emerged as the overall winner of the tournament. All the teams participated in the tournament played with great zeal and enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship during the tournament.

## Governor distributes water tanks to encourage rain water harvesting

DIPR  
Imphal, June 29,

Manipur Governor Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya today distributed 1000 litres capacity Water storage tanks to the beneficiaries of Orphanage and Old Age Home for the purpose of rain water harvesting at a function held at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. Speaking at the occasion, Governor PB Acharya said that in line with the appeal made by the Chief Minister to conserve rain water, Raj Bhavan has taken up the initiative to promote rain water harvesting by distributing the water tanks. Proprietor of Classic Hotel has kindly sponsored 40 nos.



of 1000 litres tanks for distribution, added, Governor. He further stated that if we want to strengthen India, the weakest be strengthened and empower those unempowered. Unless we

preserve water, life will be very difficult. Water is life, save water for sustenance of the future. God has blessed us with rain, therefore, we should conserve water and used it judiciously. He encouraged the

beneficiaries to set up water tanks and harvest the rain water to address the water scarcity problem in the state.

Some of the beneficiaries who received the Water storage Tanks are, All Manipur Senior Citizens' Welfare Association, Mahila Kalyan Samiti (Dewlahland), All Manipur Mentally Handicapped Persons' Welfare, Meitei Leimarol Sinnai Sang, Sneha Bhawan De-addiction Centre, Organization for the Underprivileged Group, Tabitha Children Home (Mantripukhri) and Destitute Children Home (Sagolband). Altogether, 40 tanks will be distributed including 5 nos. for the Ima Keithel.

## A R Distributed sports equipment

IGAR (South)  
Imphal June 30,

As part of ongoing efforts to render assistance to sports fraternities, Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) distributed Taekwondo equipment to Tanzeen Taekwondo Academy of Lilong, on Yesterday.

Based on the requirement of sports equipment projected by Tanzeen Taekwondo Academy of Lilong, Keithelmanbi Battalion undertook a project to encourage sports in Lilong area. The Battalion in sync with the Government of India's initiative of Khelo India,

distributed Taekwondo equipment to the Academy on Yesterday as part of a Youth Engagement and promoting Sports Programme conducted at Hangamthabi Community Centre, IDO Complex, Lilong.

The event commenced with Taekwondo demonstration by the students of Tanzeen Taekwondo Academy followed by equipment distribution ceremony in which Commandant Keithelmanbi Battalion handed over Taekwondo equipment worth Rs two lakhs to Integrated Development Organisation Committee, Lilong.

While lauding the efforts of the Battalion for its initiative in reaching out to the locals and promoting sports in the area, the Commandant assured the villagers that Assam Rifles will continue its work for the welfare and development of the society. The event witnessed attendance of Mr Mohammad Anwar Hussain, Chairman of State Minority Commission, Mr Zakiruddin, SP Pherzawl and over 200 locals of the area. The students and staff of the academy conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for the initiative.