



Trimmool workers busy in checking names of voters in voters' list, in a camp erected 100 meters away from Abdus Shakur School polling booth, during last phase of L Sabha election, in Jadavpur seat.



Glimpses of a polling booth in South Kolkata constituency on Saturday at about 10 am.



Police men busy in front of a polling booth in Jadavpur constituency on Saturday.



TMC women with food packets at a party camp in South Kolkata constituency on Saturday.



A CPIM party camp at South Kolkata constituency on Saturday.

2 children among 10 dead in UP's Shahjahanpur, Kheri storm

MI News service, Bareilly: At least 10 people were killed and many injured after a dust storm followed by heavy rainfall wreaked havoc in Lakhimpur Kheri, Shahjahanpur and its neighbouring districts on Thursday night. Five deaths were reported in Kheri district, while five, including two kids, died in Shahjahanpur.

Shahjahanpur district magistrate Umesh Pratap Singh told TOI on Friday: "Storm lasted for less than 30 minutes but its impact was severe, particularly in parts of the city."

The kin of those dead will get compensation under the state disaster relief fund within 72 hours."

In Shahjahanpur's Satwa Bujurg, two children who had taken shelter near a wall died after it collapsed.

Nearly a hundred trees and many electricity poles were uprooted. A major incident was averted in Shahjahanpur city after a ferris wheel fell on top of shops. Some of the shops were completely damaged, but no one was hurt. Trains on the Lucknow-Moradabad route were also affected.

Police said three men — Indresh Kumar (34), his nephew Manish Kumar (12) and his friend Suraj Kumar (10) were plucked from an orchard in Shahjahanpur and were critically injured when the wall near a cowshed collapsed. They were taken to Powayan community health centre where Manish was declared dead while Suraj and Indresh were sent to Shahjahanpur medical college.

They also succumbed to their injuries later. In another incident, a tree fell on a 40-year-old man, Naresh Yadav, a resident of Karonda in Nigohi. At Kudirina village, Ramrati Devi, 62, was buried alive when the house wall collapsed on her. In Lakhimpur Kheri a tree fell on a moving car on the state highway, killing driver Ghanshyam Giri on the spot. The other occupants in the car suffered injuries. Kheri ADM Sanjay Kumar Singh said, "We are collecting data of the number of casualties in the district. We confirmed four deaths so far."

At UNSC: US, allies condemn N Korea's failed satellite launch, nuke bid; China, Russia defend

MI News service, New York: The UN Security Council, which urgently convened a meeting on the recent failed bid by North Korea to launch a military spy satellite, remained split, with the US and allies Japan and South Korea clashing with China and Russia over Pyongyang's action. The US and its security allies criticized Pyongyang for attempting to launch a satellite-carrying rocket in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions, while Russia and China defended North Korea's action.

The unannounced launch on May 27 by North Korea of yet another reconnaissance satellite using new technology represents a violation of resolutions of the 15-member UN body and posed "a grave threat to peace and

denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula," speakers warned the Security Council which convened the meeting on non-proliferation in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). North Korea had on May 27 said its attempt to launch a new satellite-carrying rocket failed due to a midair explosion. An earlier launch in November 2023 was successful and in December last year, Pyongyang announced that it plans to launch three more military satellites this year.

Briefing the 15-nation organ, Khaled Khari, Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East and Asia and the Pacific, noted that North Korea did not issue safety notifications to relevant international authorities, which represents a

serious risk to international civil aviation and maritime traffic. While its recent launch failed, North Korea has significantly increased its missile launch activities since 2022, including more than 100 launches using ballistic missile technology, in violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, he said.

Khari briefed the council meeting saying that sovereign countries have the right to benefit from peaceful space activities - but North Korea is expressly prohibited from conducting launches using ballistic missile technology and its continuing violations undermine global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation treaties. "We remain deeply concerned about growing tensions on the Korean Pen-

insula," Khari said. "There is a need for practical measures to reduce tensions, reverse the dangerous dynamic, and create space to explore diplomatic avenues" he said.

Robert Wood, deputy US ambassador to the UNSC, told the session that Washington "condemns in the strongest possible terms" North Korea's attempt to put a satellite into Earth's orbit with a rocket using ballistic missile technology.

The US delegate said that said the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is advancing its unlawful weapons programme at an alarming rate, while China and the Russian Federation, who block the Council from speaking against such behaviour with one voice, "make us all less safe".

People encounter massive load-shedding suffer as severe heatwave grips nation

MI News service, Karachi: The general public of Pakistan's Karachi currently suffer from severe effects of heatwave. Amid the ongoing summer season, the people of Karachi suffer from massive load-shedding and severe power cuts, which have been a problem for the general public's survival in the scorching heat.

As the heatwave worsens in Karachi, people still have a slim chance and hope of comfort, as some individuals from the business community in the city have come together with initiatives like water camps to help the people.

Muhammad Iqbal a daily wage worker working at one such water camp said, "This has been an initiative of the people to quench the thirst of the people. We are only requesting the government to stop load shedding and organize such camps. So that the people can sur-



live in the heat." When asked about how the children have been falling ill due to the scorching heat of the summer "Only the government can do something in this case, we are trying to do our best to help the people. The government must make some committees and do surveys to actually assess the bad situation and then take serious action over the mat-

ter, as the condition grows worse by the day". Nasir Khan a rickshaw puller stated "Our locality has been suffering a lot, it has been almost 20 days since we have received water supply in our area. Even the electricity is not supplied for more than 16 hours a day, so we have no possibility of relief in that matter also. I believe that the government is not tak-

ing the matter so seriously. The government has closed state-run schools, but private school students are still going to school in high temperatures. And these kids are not able to come back home and get relief because there are 16-hour-long powercuts, and this has been the real situation of the people of Karachi."

Muneeb, another citizen of Karachi, stated that "although the scorching heat is a disaster of nature, the government is also not that helpful. I think this is the worst possible scenario for us, as the electricity department is not having any mercy on the general public. People have been paying bills of thousands and lakhs of rupees but I don't know why, there is still no electricity in our houses. We have been suffering for over 12 hours of load shedding in this high heat, while they sit in the air-conditioned offices."

4 Lawrence Bishnoi gang members arrested in connection with a plan to attack Salman Khan's car

MI News service, Mumbai: Navi Mumbai Police on Saturday arrested four members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang who were planning to attack actor Salman Khan's car in Panvel.

For this, the police said there was a plan to order weapons from a Pakistani arms supplier. An FIR has been registered against more than 17 people including Lawrence Bishnoi, Anmol Bishnoi, Sampat Nehra and Goldy Brar.

Further investigation is underway, as per the Navi Mumbai Police. According to police, they had received information that jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, along with his Canada-based brother Anmol Bishnoi and partner

Goldie Brar, had conspired to kill actor Salman Khan by purchasing AK-47, M-16 and AK-92 and other sophisticated weapons from a Pakistani arms dealer.

According to the information, their objective in this plan was to stop Salman Khan's car or raid the farmhouse. Police also said that the Lawrence Bishnoi gang had made this plan a month before the arrest of two shooters for firing outside actor Salman Khan's house.

The arrested accused have been identified as Dhananjay alias Ajay Kashyap, Gaurav Bhatia alias Nahvi, Waspi Khan alias Wasim Chikna and Rizwan Khan alias Javed Khan, according to the Navi Mumbai Police. The accused had conduct-

ed a recce of Salman Khan's house and farmhouse. Accused Ajay Kashyap contacted a person named Dogar in Pakistan through a video call and weapons like AK-47 were ordered from Pakistan to attack Salman Khan.

The police said they got the information that about 60 to 70 members of Lawrence Bishnoi and Sampat Nehra's gang had arrived from Mumbai, Raigad, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Pune and Gujarat and were keeping an eye on Salman Khan. There was a plan to use minors to attack Salman Khan.

As per the Navi Mumbai Police, after the attack, the accused had planned to flee to Sri Lanka via boat from Kanyakumari.

Document reveals how Hamas plundered Gaza banks of millions

MI News service, Tel Aviv: The Israel Defence Forces exposed a Hamas document, revealing on social media how the terror group planned to steal millions of shekels from Gaza banks. "Revealing an internal document issued by Hamas, which shows a plan by members of the movement to plunder the safes of a bank in Gaza, followed by the theft of hundreds of millions of shekels from the branches of the Bank of Palestine in the Gaza Strip by Hamas a month later," Lt Col Avichay Adraee, the IDF's Arabic spokesperson said on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Wednesday. The Bank of Palestine is the largest Palestinian bank with branches throughout Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The document was drafted by a Hamas figure identified as "Abu Jihad" and dated March 10. According to the document, "members of the movement robbed branches of the Bank of Palestine in Gaza and stole more than 400 million shekels,"

Adraee said. Adraee explained that in early February before the document was drafted, "thugs belonging to Hamas threatened Bank of Palestine employees in the Rimal neighbourhood in Gaza City about withdrawing cash from the bank's safes." Adraee added that on April 16, one month after the document, "Hamas members stole hundreds of millions of shekels from the branch." Two days later, the same people stole tens of millions of shekels from another branch in Gaza City, and then on April 19, hundreds of millions of shekels were stolen from the Bank of Palestine's main Gaza City branch. "While the residents of Gaza are experiencing an economic and social crisis, Hamas is stealing without any hesitation from civilians in the Gaza Strip for the sake of its survival and the survival of its members, and it finances its terrorist activities on the backs and out of the pockets of the people of the Gaza Strip," Adraee said.

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