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Jadhav case: India calls for civilian court trial

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

TWO DAYS after India urged the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague to annul Kulbhushan Jadhav's death sentence given by a Pakistan military court and order his immediate release, New Delhi on Wednesday told the court that, as a last resort, it could direct Islamabad to hold Jadhav's trial in a "civilian court" and grant him all legal recourse, including consular access.

However, India's first plea remains that Jadhav, a retired Indian Navy officer, should be released and provided safe passage. These options were spelt out by the Ministry of External Affairs' Joint Secretary (Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) Deepak Mittal at the ICJ. As India presented its counter-arguments on the third

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A ROOM FULL OF FEAR

The room where Kashmiri workers employed at Triveni Sugar Mills in Muzaffarnagar used to stay. Over 30 have fled protesting mobs in the last few days. *Gajendra Yadav* REPORT, PAGE 13

Convict from Pakistan killed in Jaipur Central Jail brawl



Rajasthan DG (Prisons) N R K Reddy and other officers outside the Jaipur Central Jail on Wednesday. *Rohit Jain Paras*

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, FEBRUARY 20

A PAKISTANI national serving a life sentence in the Jaipur Central Jail was killed Wednesday in a brawl with other inmates allegedly over the volume on a television set. Officials said four other inmates assaulted him with a stone slab. Shakarullah alias Mohammad Hanif alias Amar Singh Gill, aged around 45 years old, was killed by four other prisoners lodged in ward 10 of the Jaipur Central Jail at around 1:20

pm. Officials said that Shakarullah and eight others were inside room number 58, within ward number 10, when a fight broke out. Hours after he was killed, Pakistan expressed concern and sought a response from India on the incident, according to PTI. Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) said he was beaten to death by a group of Indian inmates in retaliation to the Pulwama incident. "Pakistan is gravely concerned at media reports regarding the brutal killing of a Pakistani prisoner," the FO said.

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Students from Kashmir: Sent home, booked or expelled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

UNION HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar Wednesday dismissed reports of alleged harassment of Kashmiri students outside their state in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack. "There is massive anger in the country against the Pulwama terror attack," he said. "However, I want to clarify that what you are trying to say (about Kashmiri students being attacked) is not true. We are in touch with all institutes and no such incident has happened." However, last week two Dehradun-based educational institutions went on record that they will not admit Kashmiri students in future — a commitment

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\$100-BN POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS India, Saudi underline UN terrorist sanctions

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

AT A time when India is stepping up efforts to brand the Jaish-e-Mohammad terror group's chief Masood Azhar a global terrorist at the UN Security Council, Saudi Arabia and India on Wednesday "underlined the importance of comprehensive sanctioning of terrorists and their organisations by the UN".

This is the new formulation in the India-Saudi Arabia joint statement, which came two days after Pakistan and Saudi Arabia called for avoiding the "politicisation" of the UN listing regime.

While the visiting Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman did not mention the Pulwama terror attack in his remarks after the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the joint statement issued late on Wednesday night said that the "Prime Minister and His Royal Highness condemned in the strongest terms, the recent terrorist attack on Indian security forces on

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Narendra Modi, Ram Nath Kovind, Mohammed bin Salman on Wednesday. *Tashi Tobgyal* RELATED REPORTS, PAGE 9

EXPLAINED Saudi balancing act between India and Pakistan

TWO DAYS ago, the Saudi-Pak statement warned against politicisation of the listing regime (an apparent reference to India's demand to blacklist Jaish chief Azhar). Now Riyadh has done a balancing act in Delhi underlining the importance of UN sanctioning. What's unusual is that the joint statement refers to the need for India-Pak talks — with a rider that conditions should be conducive.

CRPF, Army, BSF convoys in J&K to move together

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

FOLLOWING THE February 14 terror attack on a CRPF convoy which killed 40 personnel, the CRPF, Army and BSF have decided to move their convoys in the Valley in a common "window of time", during which civilian traffic will remain suspended.

Also, the Jammu-Srinagar convoy movement will be spread over two days, with more stops in between, instead of the current one-day trip. The capacity of transit camps which fall on the route, like Qazigund, is likely to be increased. The timing of convoy movement is also being changed, as convoys are usually targeted in the sensitive areas of Pulwama and Pampore during the afternoon.

Since the attack last week, the CRPF has held a series of meetings with the Army, BSF and Jammu and Kashmir Police to work out a solution that minimises the threat of vehicle-borne IEDs, while causing minimum disruption to normal traffic.

"Because there are three different forces with massive presence in the Valley, there is

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

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Kashmiris can't freely come and go. The government is shifting to digital.

Pay Rs 453 crore or go to jail, SC tells Anil Ambani

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday held Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom) chairman Anil Ambani guilty of contempt of court for not honouring an undertaking to pay Rs 550 crore in dues to Ericsson India Ltd.

A Bench of Justices R F Nariman and Vineet Saran slammed the RCom chief's "cavalier attitude...to the highest



Contempt in Ericsson case

court of the land" and also held the chairpersons of Reliance Telecom Ltd and Reliance Infratel Ltd guilty of contempt. The Bench asked them to pay Rs 453 crore to Ericsson within four weeks failing which the

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Top athlete's husband sold performance drugs: Panel

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

THE HUSBAND of a Commonwealth Games athlete has been blacklisted by an anti-doping panel for allegedly supplying Meldonium — a banned substance that improves endurance — to the country's top decathlete, 25-year-old Jagtar Singh.

In a recent order, the Anti-Doping Appeal Panel blacklisted the unidentified athlete's hus-

band, Puneet, and another drug supplier, Sunny Malik, based on the findings of several anti-drug government agencies. The order banned the two from the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi and asked the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to warn athletes about them.

The panel's order was based on information provided by Jagtar, who was a member of the Indian team for the Asian Athletics Championships in 2017 before his name was withdrawn

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Father & son, political & personal script Cong-CPM violence, tragedy in Kerala

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SHAJU PHILIP
KALLIYOT, KASARAGOD, FEBRUARY 20

MUFFLED CRIES rose from the one-room hut under a thatched roof perched on wooden poles. For the last 18 years, CPM supporter Krishnan has lived in this "shed", erected on "waste land", with his wife, two daughters and son Kripesh, a 19-year-old Youth Congress worker.

the political lines blurred in this Kerala village. And left the 48-year-old daily labourer and his family in a daze.

On Sunday, Kripesh was hacked to death along with Sarath Lal, another Youth Congress worker from Kalliyot, allegedly by workers of the party that Krishnan has backed his whole life.

"I was liberal in my political outlook and allowed my son to join a party of his choice. But that choice proved costly," said Krishnan, tears flowing down his cheeks.

On this political patch in the north of the state, the tussle for



Krishnan, father of Kripesh who was killed. *Shaju Philip*

supremacy is between the ruling CPM and the main Opposition Congress, which has a strong

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