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SC declines to stay CAA or defer

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## UN experts link Saudi prince to hacking of Amazon chief's phone

**MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ** NEW YORK, JANUARY 22

A WHATSAPP account belonging to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman appears to have been used to hack into the cellphone of Jeff Bezos in an effort to "influence, if not silence" reporting on the kingdom by *The* Washington Post, two United Nations human rights experts said on Wednesday.

Bezos, the billionaire chief executive officer of Amazon who also owns The Washington Post, received an encrypted video from the crown prince loaded with digital spyware that enabled surveillance of his cellphone starting in May 2018, the UN experts said in a statement.



At the time, the government of Saudi Arabia had grown critical of The Post's coverage of the kingdom, and particularly the work of Jamal Khashoggi, a columnist for the paper, whose writing criticized the crown prince. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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# Residents of two Valley cars at night, no idea why

Army rejects charge: If car is hired or used, remuneration as per policy

**ADIL AKHZER** 

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 22

EARLIER THIS month, a resident of Aglar village (name withheld by request) in south Kashmir's Shopian district received a call from an Army officer, asking him to deposit his private vehicle at the local Army camp by evening. The man did that, turning over the car's keys to Army personnel. Next morning, he collected the car. It had been used during the

His is not a one-off case. In at

CJI-bench indicates matter may go to bigger Saudi Prince MbS; Jeff Bezos bench, asks HCs

not to hear pleas

DECLINING TO stay the Citizenship (Amendment) Act or postpone implementation of the National Population Register, the Supreme Court Wednesday sought a reply from the Centre in four weeks even as it indicated that the matter may be referred to a Constitution Bench. It also asked High Courts not to take up petitions on the subject in the interim.

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 22

The bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices S Abdul Nazeer and Sanjiv Khanna, which took up 144 petitions challenging the CAA, NPR and amendments to the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** against the new citizenship law.

## NPR, seeks Govt reply in 4 weeks No one can dare touch an Indian Muslim,

**AMITSHARMA** MEERUT, JANUARY 22

IN REMARKS meant to assuage Muslim concerns over the new citizenship law and the National Population Register, Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh

**MUZAFFARNAGAR** 

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** 

MUZAFFARNAGAR, JAN 22

IN MUZAFFARNAGAR on

December 20 last year, the Uttar

Pradesh police said, protesters

"armed with weapons" indulged

in rioting and arson in protests



come to us if any complaint, says Rajnath

Singh in Meerut. PTI

FIR shows arrests on spot but weapons

seized 18 hrs later, 500 metres from thana

Wednesday said "no one can dare touch an Indian Muslim" and "if anyone has any complaint, they can come to us... we will stand with that Muslim".

Addressing a rally in support of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in Shatabdi Nagar in Meerut, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

In the FIR filed at 2.30 am on

December 21, police named 107

people, charging all of them with

attempt to murder. However,

despite making 73 arrests, the

FIR had one glaring discrepancy:

it made no mention of when

and where the weapons were

seized by the police and

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## **ABHISHEK ANGAD**

CHAIBASA, JANUARY 22

SEVEN PERSONS were taken hostage and later killed, allegedly by armed supporters of the Pathalgadi self-rule movement, in a village in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand, police said Wednesday. All seven, police said, had been decapitated by their abductors.

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Jharkhand: Days after cases withdrawn, 7 killed over Pathalgadi



Houses of Pathalgadi supporters were attacked before the killings, in a West Singhbhum village on Sundav. PTI

The incident took place Sunday evening but the police, who reached Burugulikera village in Gudri block Tuesday, could retrieve the bodies only

**Under the** spotlight,

THE PATHALGADI movement is decades old, and has resurfaced in recent years. That this incident took place days after the JMM-led government announced withdrawal of sedition cases against Pathalgadi activists will return the spotlight to both the movement and

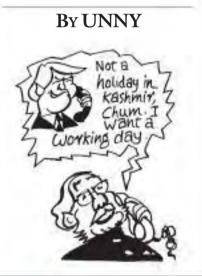
# villages: Army takes our

least two villages of Shopian, residents say it has become a regular practice for the Army to call owners of commercial and private vehicles, and use their vehicles at night — for free. Residents

purpose are the vehicles used. The Army denies the charge, saying "no civilian is being forced to provide his vehicle". But in Shopian's Heerpora, along the Mughal Road, several men claim Army personnel from the camp in Chowgam often stop drivers during the day and direct them CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

have no idea why and for what

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## Ahead of manned flight, ISRO plans a December launch: 'Half-humanoid' Vyommitra will go to space

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, JANUARY 22

ABOUT 10 seconds after its camera system captured the image of Dr S Somnath, director of the Indian Space Research Organisation's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, at a booth at an international conference on



'Vyommitra' to mimic crew activity in Gaganyaan: ISRO

Human Spaceflight and Exploration' here on Wednesday, 'Vyommitra', a "half-humanoid", said: "Hello Dr Somnath, director VSSC".

Introducing itself to the audience, Vyommitra (vyomaspace, mitra-friend) said: "Hello everyone. I am Vyommitra, the prototype of the half-humanoid, made for the first unmanned

Gaganyaan mission."

The artificial intelligencebased robotic system is being developed at a robotics lab at the VSSC in Thiruvananthapuram for an unmanned flight of ISRO's GSLV III rocket in December 2020, which, along with a second unmanned flight in July 2021, will serve as the test of

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