



2 Pak intruders shot dead near IB

BSF on Friday shot dead two suspected Pakistani intruders along the International Bborder in Punjab. Officials said the incident took place in the Tarn Taran district area around noon. Two suspected Pakistanis were shot dead by BSF along the front. Further details were being ascertained, the officials added. Punjab shares a 553-km long front with Pakistan.

3 missing after car falls into river

An Alto car today skidded off the Zanskar road in Kargil area of the UT of Ladakh and rolled down into a river as a result of which three persons, who were travelling in it, went missing. Quoting preliminary information, officials said three persons were travelling in the car and their whereabouts were still unknown. A joint search and rescue operation had been launched by the teams of

Saffron cultivation begins in Ladakh

As saffron cultivation has begun in Ladakh, a chunk of land in Leh, which was barren till 3 months ago, is all set to grow some exquisite saffron for the first time in the UT. Buoyed by the stupendous success of Lilium flower fields in Ladakh, LG Vinai Kumar Saxena has undertaken another agricultural-diversification exercise of growing saffron in the cold desert of Ladakh. As an ambitious experiment, nearly 800 kg corms (90,000 nos) of premium

India races to Asiad top-5 with 'Golden Six'

NAGOYA, OCT 02: The women's hockey team's perseverance earned it a long-awaited gold as well as Olympic qualification, while boxers, archers and wrestler Sujeet Kalkal also exceeded expectations as India surged into the Asian Games top-five with a brilliant six-gold haul on the penultimate day of competitions here on Friday. India are now at the sole fifth position with 76 medals, including 16 gold, 25 silver and 35 bronze. The country has more medals than fourth-placed Uzbekistan (65) but lags in the

Pargat Singh appointed Punjab Congress chief

NEW DELHI, OCT 02: Former Punjab sports minister Pargat Singh was today appointed the new president of the state Congress. A Padma Shri and Arjuna awardee, Pargat Singh is a former captain of the Indian hockey team. He is the MLA from Jalandhar Cantt and a former education and sports minister of Punjab. According to sources, he was backed by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for his appointment as the president Punjab Congress.

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Nushrratt Bharuccha suffers spinal fracture in Bali work-cum-holiday trip, to undergo surgery

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Pak role in terrorism discussed at UN

Panelist blames Pak-sponsored terrorism for suffering in J&K

GENEVA, OCT 02 : **Terrorism, militant outfits operating from Pakistan, religious minority rights and Pakistan's relationship with the European Union dominated discussions at a side event titled "Fight Against Terrorism and Human Rights" organised by Interfaith International at the UN office at Geneva, with a panelist blaming Pak-sponsored terrorism for suffering in Jammu & Kashmir.**

The event was moderated by Biro Diawara, Secretary General of Interfaith International, and attended by representatives from several countries, including Cyprus, Vietnam, Belgium and Tanzania.

The panel included Geor-

gios Manous, Member of the Greek Parliament; Gary Cartwright, Publisher and Editor of EU Today; Stephane Michot, President of Ideal International, Paris; and ProfKWarikoo, Secretary General of the Himalayan Research & Cultural Foundation.

Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakim, President and founding figure of the Al-Hakim Foundation and Leader of the National Wisdom Movement in Iraq, addressed the event through video.

Opening the event, Diawara said it was organised to remember victims of terrorism, acknowledge the suffering of survivors and families of victims, and restore the dignity of those affected by terrorist violence. He stressed the responsibility of civil society in this effort.

Addressing the event online, Al-Hakim spoke about the victims of terrorism in Iraq.

Gary Cartwright spoke about his own experience of terrorism and focused on the relationship between Pakistan, terrorism and Europe.

He highlighted the human cost of terrorism, including the loss of lives, the suffering of families and the impact of terrorist violence on communities and minorities.

Cartwright said terrorist networks, when allowed to recruit, raise funds and operate, can create instability extending beyond national borders. He said Pakistan itself had suffered significantly from terrorism, including attacks attributed to the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan and other militant or-

ganisations.

At the same time, he raised concerns about groups operating from Pakistani territory and their links to attacks outside Pakistan, including in India and Afghanistan.

He referred to organisations including Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, and cited the 2008 Mumbai attacks while discussing the international consequences of terrorism.

Cartwright also raised concerns about religious seminaries, or madrassas, in Pakistan. Referring to a European Commission response in 2025, he said EU-supported education programmes in Pakistan included students enrolled in religious seminaries.

He clarified that his remarks should not be inter-

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Putin lauds Modi's peace push



MOSCOW, OCT 02: Russian President Vladimir Putin has that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "very good ideas" on a mutual settlement of the Ukraine conflict, and raises the issue at "every meeting".

He made the remarks at the annual meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club, according to

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Cong accuses EC of 'lying' over ECINet

NEW DELHI, OCT 02: The Congress on Friday accused the Election Commission of "lying" about its ECINet portal and violating provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, demanding accountability for what it called violations of law and the Constitution.

Congress general secretary in-charge Jairam Ramesh said the ECI, in a September 26 press note, had announced a committee to certify that ECINet complies with the relevant laws and rules.

Ramesh questioned why

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States, UTs asked to enroll 'left-out' voters

NEW DELHI, OCT 02: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed states and union territories where the nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has been completed to conduct a special drive to identify and enroll voters who may have been left out.

In a communication to the Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of all states and UTs, the Commission said the special drive would focus on left-out electors as well as first-time and young voters.

The direction comes in continuation of the Commission's letter dated Sep

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Gandhi Jayanti celebrations

'Satyameva Jayate' must remain guiding principle for democracy: LG

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JAMMU, OCT 02

Stating that technology should remain under human control and serve as an instrument for progress, LG Manoj Sinha, who today took part in the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations here, said 'Satyameva Jayate' must remain the guiding principle for democracy.

The event was organised by the school education department in collaboration with the department of culture.

"Satyameva Jayate - truth alone triumphs- must remain the guiding principle for democracy," the LG said in his address.

He extended heartfelt wishes to the citizens of Jammu Kashmir on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and congratulated children participating in cultural programmes as well as the toppers of the district-level symposium on truth and non-violence.

Sinha also commended the Kashmiri rendition of Gandhi's bhajan by Gulzar Ahmed and the Hindi performance by students of Institute of Music & Fine Arts and the skit presented by the girls higher secondary school, Kothibag.



Highlighting the significance of October 2, he said it was an occasion to reflect on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, who gave India a new way of thinking, standing against injustice and living with dignity.

He emphasised that Gandhi's legacy of truth and non-violence continues to hold relevance in today's fast-changing, technology-driven world.

"I believe that revered Gandhi has left behind many priceless legacies for us. He

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Netanyahu warns 'heavy price' if any power behind Flydubai incident

JERUSALEM, OCT 02: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Friday that Israel would impose a "very heavy price" on any power behind the Flydubai flight incident, without offering evidence that any country was responsible.

"As time passes, the picture is becoming clearer: The attacker underwent Islamist radicalisation. He came to crash the plane with all passengers on board," he said in a statement.

"We are investigating whether he was sent, and whoever sent him will pay a very heavy price," Netanyahu said of the co-pilot



assailant.

Netanyahu did not identify any country as a potential culprit but for years has been quick to point the finger at Iran, which Israel and the United States attacked in February.

US President Donald Trump, who in April reached a ceasefire with Iran that is now in tatters, said on Thursday in response to a question that he

was "hearing" that Iran was involved and that the country will "be hit very hard" if so.

Israel and the United States have linked Iran's Shia clerical state to numerous attacks around the world since the Islamic republic was founded in 1979.

But it has little-known connection to hijackings, hallmarks of al-Qaeda during the September 11, 2001 attacks and of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the 1960s and 1970s.

Netanyahu has previously said the pilot was from Oman and earlier left open the possibility that he was

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Baloch students face racial profiling in Pakistan, UNHRC told

GENEVA, OCT 02 : Baloch students in Pakistan are facing systemic racial profiling and discrimination at universities and colleges in Punjab, Sindh and Islamabad, President of the Baloch Voice Association Munir Mengal said during the 63rd Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Addressing the Council under Agenda Item 9 on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, Mengal alleged that Baloch students were being targeted in the name of national security and sub-

jected to surveillance, harassment, false charges, forced eviction from hostels and enforced disappearances.

"In August 2026, five Baloch students were forcibly disappeared from their residence in Karachi," Mengal said, referring to what he described as continuing discrimination and a climate of impunity against Baloch students.

He also cited the Islamabad High Court's 2022 proceedings on alleged racial profiling of Baloch students, saying the court had ordered the establishment of a commission to ex-

amine the issue.

Mengal said the concerns raised in Pakistan formed part of a wider pattern of racial and ethnic discrimination across Asia and the Middle East. He highlighted the situation of the Muhamasheen community in Yemen, which he said faces caste-like discrimination based on skin colour and ancestry, as well as the situation of ethnic minorities in Iran.

On Iran, Mengal cited concerns over discrimination against the Baluch, Kurds, Ahwazi Arabs and Azerbaijani Turks, alleging

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Kavinder launches 'Sankalp Rath Yatra' against drug abuse

SOLAN, OCT 02: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today launched 'Sankalp Rath Yatra', an anti-drug awareness campaign, at Kasauli in Solan district of the state.

In his address, he described the initiative as an important social message and a collective resolve to protect children, families and society from drug abuse.

The governor said Kasauli, known for its natural beauty, peaceful environment and military heritage, should be recognised for tourism and not for drugs.

He stressed the need for greater vigilance in tourist



and border-connected areas so that drug trafficking does not affect the younger generation and the social identity of the region.

He said the most alarming aspect of drug abuse was its impact on youth, and urged parents & teachers to

remain attentive to changes in children's behaviour, listen to them patiently and assure them of family support.

He said drug abuse was not merely a law-and-order issue but also a serious so

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