

'Disrespect' to Indian flag: No Bangla patients, say some hospitals in Kolkata & Tripura

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KOLKATA, AGARTALA, NOV 30

A KOLKATA hospital has announced that it will not treat any Bangladeshi patients as a sign of protest over the manner in which "the national flag of India has been desecrated in various places" in the neighbouring country.

BJP leader Sajal Ghosh, a councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, is one of the directors of this hospital.

"Country is above all. Nothing can be above the country. Medical service is a noble profession but the dignity of the country is paramount. Other medical institutions should also follow this path," Subhranshu Bhakta, the director of JN Ray Hospital in Manikata, said Friday. He added that the hospital has decided to stop providing all services to patients from Bangladesh for now.

"Our hospital is a private hospital and Ghosh is our one of the director and management service provider," Bhakta told *The Indian Express*.

According to hospital sources, the 141-bed hospital always used to have 20 percent Bangladeshi patients at any given time. "We don't have any Bangladeshi patients right now. We have three Bangladeshi patients who were discharged in the last few days and then only we announced to stop admitting Bangladeshi patients," said Bhakta.

The development came on a day when India pressed for a "fair and transparent trial" for

Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, who was arrested on charges of treason in Bangladesh earlier this week. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal also said on Friday that New Delhi had conveyed its concern over the attacks on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

It also comes at a time when the number of Bangladeshi patients, who form a considerable chunk in the state's healthcare industry, has plummeted due to the political crisis in Bangladesh. Earlier, gynaecologist Indranil Saha had said on social media that he had stopped seeing Bangladeshi patients. On Thursday night, Saha posted a picture on social media purportedly showing disrespect to the Indian flag in Bangladesh.

"I am stopping seeing Bangladeshi patients in the chamber for now. Country first, income later. I hope other doctors will do the same until the relationship is normal," Saha had said.

On Friday afternoon, Suvendu Adhikari, Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, made the same demand. "I bow down to Dr Indranil Saha. He said, 'My country first, income after... I request the entire Indian medical community, businessmen and India lovers to boycott Bangladesh completely,'" Adhikari had said.

While the state has no definite numbers on the exact number of Bangladeshi patients that come here for medical tourism, private hospitals that *The Indian Express* spoke to claim that they make up at least 10 percent of

their total patient count. However, hospital sources also say that the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government and the resultant political crisis has caused these numbers to plummet—in some cases, as dramatically as by three quarters.

"The number of patients from Bangladesh drastically fell after the first week of August, when Sheikh Hasina's government fell down. It rose in September but once again fell this month. Where we had 100 (Bangladeshi) patients in the Out Patient Department (OPD) every day, now the number is 20-30 every day," one source said.

According to a senior representative of the healthcare group Narayana Health, which runs the RN Tagore Hospital, monthly admission count too has taken a hit. "The numbers have gone down from 180-200 to 60. We apprehend more fall in these numbers in the coming weeks because of Visa issues," he said.

Meanwhile, a hospital in Tripura too announced it would stop treating Bangladeshi patients.

"As an Indian, we respect and support the emotions of people who came today. With this thought, we want to iterate that Bangladeshi people have insulted us, have mistreated our people and we shall not provide any service to them..." an executive of Agartala's ILS Hospitals told the media Monday.

The statement from ILS Hospitals came on a day when an Indo-Bangla international passenger bus rammed into a bus while crossing the Biswa

Road in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria district. Tripura's government claimed the bus came "under attack".

"India passengers panicked due to the incident (and) the bus was moving along a side of Biswa Road. All of a sudden, a goods-carrying truck deliberately rammed into the bus with the intention to cause an accident. An auto on the road came in front of the bus and collided with the Shyamoli bus. After the incident, local people started hurling threats to Indian passengers in the vehicle. Anti-India slogans were raised in front of them (Indian passengers) and life threats were made to them. The Indian passengers inside the bus panicked due to this. I vehemently criticize and condemn this incident and urge the administration of that country to immediately intervene and ensure safety of the Indian passengers in the bus," Tripura Transport and Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury wrote on social media.

Soon after, Chief Minister Manik Saha, who holds the home portfolio, too condemned the incident. "What can be said! Such an incident can't be thought of. Incidents happening in Bangladesh can't be accepted at any cost. There is still time. If they rectify themselves, it will be good. Otherwise... I have heard before entering the hall that there are further facts to it. I shall comment further after verifying those facts but whatever is happening there, is not good," he said on social media.

'Stop atrocities on Hindus': RSS calls for release of monk held in Bangladesh

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THE RSS Saturday issued a statement calling for the release of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das arrested in Bangladesh on sedition charges.

"The atrocities being committed against Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh by Islamic extremists, including attacks, killings, looting, arson and inhumane persecution of women, are alarming... Instead of taking appropriate steps to stop these incidents, the current government of Bangladesh and other concerned agencies have remained a mute spectator. Out of helplessness, when Hindus resorted to raising their voice democratically for self-protection, to suppress their voice, a new phase of injustice and oppression has visibly emerged," said RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale.

"RSS calls upon the government of Bangladesh to... release Pujya Shri Chinmoy Krishna Dasji from the prison," Hosabale said. "RSS also urges the government of Bharat to continue with every possible effort to prevent the ongoing atrocities... and take necessary steps to garner international support in this regard," Hosabale said.

A day after Bangladesh police arrested Chinmoy Das on sedition charges and a court Tuesday denied him bail, the MEA expressed "deep concern" and urged the authorities "to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities" there. Hours later, Dhaka described the issue as "internal affairs". It said that "such unfounded statements... stand contrary to the spirit of friendship and understanding between the two neighbouring countries".

Heavy rainfall lash coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry as Cyclone Fengal makes landfall

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CYCLONE FENGAL, which made a delayed landfall close to Puducherry on Saturday evening, caused heavy rainfall and squally weather over the coastal belt of Tamil Nadu. This is the second cyclone after Dana to develop in the Bay of Bengal and affect India's east coast in less than two months.

Chennai, its nearby districts and Puducherry reported heavy rainfall and gusty winds as the cyclone's landfall process commenced around 7 pm. As predicted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Fengal's track crossed between Mahabalipuram and Karaikal.

At the time of landfall, the storm brought packing wind speeds of about 70-80 km/hr gusting to 90 km/hr. Steady rain in Chennai, neighbouring areas affected public transport, including bus, train and flight services, and people from vulnerable areas were moved to safe shelters by the authorities. From afternoon onwards, there were intermittent rains in most areas and by nightfall, it ceased.

Tamil Nadu Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management, KKSSR Ramachandran said there were no immediate reports of any major damage in the aftermath of the cyclone and said related details could be known possibly by Sunday. Three persons were electrocuted in different rain-related incidents in Chennai.

The minister also indicated the cyclone did not leave the kind of impact anticipated by the authorities.



High tides lash the Marina beach as Tamil Nadu braces for Cyclone Fengal, in Chennai Saturday. ANI

Hospitals and houses were inundated in Chennai and its neighbourhoods while people used flyovers and spaces beneath them as parking lots to avoid a repeat of what was endured during the 2015 floods.

Operations at the Chennai airport have been suspended till 4 am Sunday following inundation of two runways and a taxiway.

Official sources said apart from the cancellation of 55 flights, 19 others were diverted. The services include both domestic and international flights.

According to meteorologists, even before intensifying into Cyclone Fengal, the associated system showed a slow-moving tendency. This slow progress continued even as the storm approached the land, forcing the associated winds and rainfall to cause rough weather over north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry.

Normally, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry are less prone to cyclones along India's east coast as compared to Odisha and other states. But during La Nina years,

the cyclone tracks have been observed to mostly affect states along the lower latitudes of the eastern coast. La Nina is the abnormal cooling observed in the sea surface temperatures along the equatorial Pacific Ocean. The 2024 episode of La Nina is on the verge of emergence.

After remaining stagnant for over two days, cyclone Fengal moved closer and reached 120 km east of Puducherry, 110 km southeast of Chennai, 200 km northeast of Nagapattinam.

The Met department has warned of heavy rainfall over Tamil Nadu till December 2. Since Friday morning, Chennai and neighbouring areas witnessed very heavy rainfall. Kerala, south interior Karnataka also experienced cloudy and cold day conditions and are likely to experience rain over the next two days. Rayalaseema, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, too, will experience heightened rainfall till Tuesday, the Met department said.

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Chairman, Bhai Jaan: Punjab probe into global drug nexus uncovers a cast

MANAMANSINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 30

WHAT LINKS Pakistan, Italy, Dubai and Amritsar? Going by the findings of an investigation by the Punjab police, these places—along with several others—are part of drug supply nexus that is ultimately pumping contraband into Punjab.

Alongside the challenge that is global in scale, the state police is grappling with local factors—from smugglers in India sending empty drones to Pakistan so they can be returned with consignments, to smaller drones being used to send fewer drugs.

As part of its crackdown on drugs in the state, the Punjab police relied on technical surveillance and information from hu-

man intelligence to identify several Pakistani smugglers, who are in touch with Indians abroad dealing in drugs. A detailed map of areas used as launchpads for the drones along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab has been prepared, based on the forensic examination of the seized drones, officials said.

Sources say Lahore-based Shafiq Hussain Butt alias Chairman alias Baga But is one of the most prominent Pakistani kingpins of the drug trade, and is in touch with Indian drugs smugglers based in the US, Canada and Turkey.

An internal assessment of the smugglers network prepared by the Punjab police states that Butt is actively involved in contraband smuggling into India through drones. He is said to

have a good grasp of Pakistani politics, and has a nephew who is a sitting provincial minister.

That is involved in smuggling activities in the Amritsar border on the behalf of Pakistani intelligence agencies, the police assessment states, adding that his choice of drones has been large hexacopters that can carry maximum load.

Another Pakistani smuggler police have zeroed in on is Haji alias Mustafa alias Yusuf, who is based in Baldia Town in Karachi. He is believed to be involved in smuggling of heroin into India through boats and containers as well as via the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir.

Another Pakistani-based smuggler, based in Dubai, goes by the name Bhai Jaan. The police assessment states that he is

PUNJAB'S DRUG CRACKDOWN, IN NUMBERS

Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Ferozepur top districts in heroin seizure between Jan and Oct, 2024

19.22 kg OFICE (methamphetamine) seized till Oct 31 this year, highest ever

₹284 cr WORTH OF property seized under NDPS Act of those accused in drug cases. Up from Rs 131 crore in 2023 and Rs 1.61 cr in 2022

a key player in the international drug trade and has been in touch with Indian drug smugglers such as Simranjit Singh Sandhu and Ankush Kapoor.

19 POLICE PERSONNEL accused of being involved in drug-linked crimes, cases against 16

85% CONVICTION rate claimed by police in NDPS cases. Between Jan and Oct, 71 cases accepted by court as cancelled or untraced

Sandhu, originally from Amritsar, is now holed up in Italy, from where he runs the drug trade, sources say. Police investigations also suggest that Bhai

Jaan is in touch with Tanvir Singh Bedi, who lives in Australia.

Nearly 150 Pakistani smugglers, and 40 Indian smugglers living abroad, have been triangulated by the Punjab Police as having close links and pushing drugs and other contraband into Punjab. The Pakistani smugglers are mostly based in Lahore, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Narowal, Bhawalnagar, Karachi, Sheikhupura and Peshawar.

As far as Indian smugglers are concerned, US and Canada top the list, with 18 of them identified as residing there, while others live in Australia, Dubai, Italy, Portugal and Turkey.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Punjab's Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said his force has done a detailed forensic analysis of the drones seized

along the International Border in the state and mapped their trajectory. "Forensic analysis of the drones revealed the entire flight path data. In fact, we have had cases where smugglers sitting in India sent drones to Pakistan and got drugs back," said Yadav.

Commenting on the nexus of drug smugglers, the DGP said, "Around 25-30 years ago, we used to hear about big smugglers who had shifted from Punjab to Delhi, Mumbai, etc. Now the top smugglers have shifted abroad. They remain in touch with their gang members here. Below them is another layer who manage their operations, and the last layer is of couriers who pick up the consignment and pass it on. Using technical means and human intelligence, we have

mapped the hotspots along the border."

Punjab police officials say drone activity from Pakistan has gone up possibly due to the fact that Pakistani smugglers have shifted to smaller drones. "Maybe because of economical factors. Now we are getting one kg, two kg drug consignments through drones, while earlier the numbers used to be larger," said the DGP.

Riverine gaps along the International Border with Punjab are also a source of drug smuggling, with there being a nearly 40 km gap where fencing is not possible on the 553 km border. According to the DGP, the riverine gaps are plugged with increased human and technical surveillance measures by the BSF and Punjab Police.

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Loan Code No.: 15300001779 / Udaipur (Branch), Rajendra Singh Ranawat (Borrower), Vishnu Kurwar Ranawat (Co Borrower - 1)	Dt: 19-12-2019, (Rs. 23,11,874/-), (Rs. Twenty Three Lakh Eight Hundred Thirty Four Only)	All the piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent:- Plot No. F.11 & F.14 Aaraji No 90/4, Shiv Vihar Shankarpura Rajsamand Rajasthan- 313326	Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rs. Six Lakh Only)	Rs. 60,000/- (Rs. Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 45,52,735/- (Rs. Forty Five Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Only)

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In first tour to Wayanad after election, Priyanka tears into BJP

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 30

BEGINNING HER two-day Wayanad tour after being elected to the Lok Sabha in the last week's bypoll, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Saturday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) knows "no democratic norms".

"There are no rules, no explanations. Behaviour of the BJP knows no democratic norms. Institutions are destroyed. Even our basic faith in the electoral process and in other institutions that held our country together, wavered. Our fight is for the basic values of the Constitution," she said, addressing a meeting at Mulkam, which falls within Wayanad LS seat, which was elected. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who had dubbed himself as unofficial MP of Wayanad, was among senior Congress leaders who joined



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi with Congress MPs Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and K C Venugopal at a public meeting in Kozhikode, Saturday. PTI

Priyanka. Referring to the survivors of the Wayanad landslide, which killed around 300 people four months back, Priyanka said: "We require the same kind of courage

and tenacity. I had seen how much courage you had given to my brother and you also gave me the same courage. I am here to learn your issues and understand your problems".

Referring to Gautam Adani's indictment in the US, Rahul said: "Constitution says all people should be treated equally. Prime Minister Modi says Adani is going to be treated different from any other Indian. PM Modi says it does not matter if Adani had been indicted in the US and he was called a criminal in the US. But in India, we will not entitle it".

Referring to the delay in giving a rehabilitation package of landslide victims, Rahul said Constitution says all people in the country and all regions in the country will be treated fairly.

BAN EXTENDED TILL DECEMBER 10 SP leaders barred from entering Sambhal

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 30

THREE SAMAJWADI Party (SP) parliamentarians, including its Sambhal MP, were barred from entering the violence-hit district, as the administration on Saturday extended the ban on the entry of outsiders into Sambhal until December 10 to maintain "peace and order".

A 15-member SP delegation was scheduled to visit Sambhal to gather information about the circumstances under which the violence that claimed four lives broke out. The district administration's directive on a ban, issued on Saturday, applies to outsiders, social organisations and public representatives.

The SP leaders had planned to enter Sambhal from different directions but were thwarted by heavy police deployment across the state. In some areas, tensions escalated, prompting the police to detain a few of the leaders temporarily. They were later released the same day.

Meanwhile, the party announced financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of those who were killed in the violence.

"We demand that the government provide ₹1 crore to each of these families as compensation. We had planned to visit Sambhal today, but heavy police deployment prevented any delegation member from reaching the district," said Leader of Opposition Mata Prasad Pandey, the head of the delegation.



Police house arrest Leader of Opposition Mata Prasad Pandey and other SP leaders in Lucknow on Saturday. Vishal Srivastav

He added that on Sunday, the party would convene a meeting with former Chief Minister and party chief Akhilesh Yadav to decide the next course of action.

On Saturday morning, police personnel were deployed outside the residence of Mata Prasad Pandey, preventing him from stepping out.

"Police force was deployed outside the houses of me and other leaders, who were scheduled to go to Sambhal since Saturday morning and they prevented us from going there. Several party workers and also delegation members who attempted to proceed were detained by the police in Moradabad," he said.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav accused the UP government of engineering the violence to distract the public from alleged "rigging" in the recent by-elections. "The BJP has a vested interest in instigating communal disturbances to polarise the people and divert attention from their abysmal record in governance," he said.

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