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THE HINDU National

➔ Qatar court drops death penalty for eight Indians

Qatar court of Appeal has committed death sentence to eight Navy Personnel , convicted in espionage case , the Ministry of External Affairs has confirmed this .

Indian Ambassador was present in court of Appeal .

Court has not dropped the espionage charges .

Families of Navy officials said that they will continue to fight to prove them innocent .

Eight Navy Officials working for Dahra Global Defense Services were sentenced to Death by Qatar court on charges of espionage

➔ Pegasus spyware found in Journalist phone after Apple alert , says Amnesty

Amnesty International on Thursday told that it has found Pegasus software installed in Mobile phones of Sidharth Vardarajan and Anand Magnale .

Siddharth Vardarajan is editor in Chief of The Wire digital media . The Wire generally publishes content that is against govt .

Anand Magnale is South Asian Editor at the Organised Crime and Corruption report . The OCCRP.

OCCRP had reported last month that Intelligence Bureau has received Pegasus .

About Pegasus

NSO group , the Pegasus Spyware developer sells it to only govts.

Pegasus allows attacker to extract data from even fully , updated phones , and may give access to real time mic and camera data .

Union govt has not denied that it bought Pegasus , some trade experts says that it was bought by Intelligence bureau earlier

➔ Report by Washington times

On October 30 , Opposition MPs and Journalists got alert from their Apple phones saying that their phones were being targeted by state sponsored attackers ,

Separately , the Washington Post reported that

government official put “ pressure “ on the tech giant to offer “ alternative “ explanations to the public on how these warnings were sent to opposition leaders and journalists .

➔ Modi to inaugurate Airport and redeveloped railway station in Ayodhya in tomorrow

PM Modi will inaugurate an Airport and newly developed Ayodhya railway station on Saturday .

The first phase of airport developed cost ₹ 1450 crore , it is spread over 6500 square feet and which has capacity to handle 10 lakh passengers annually .

The Railway station is redeveloped at cost of ₹240 crore . The name of Railway station has been changed from Ayodhya to Ayodhya Dham

A new Superfast Amrit Bajrat Express will also be launched . The two Amrit Bharat Express trains will be Darbhanga - Ayodhya - Anand Vihar and Malda Town - Sir M Viswesaraiya (Bengaluru) .

Development projects worth about than 11,100 will also be put forward



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➔ **Modi to inaugurate Airport and redeveloped railway station in Ayodhya in tomorrow**

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) , has sent a notice to the Cryptocurrency exchange Binance for “operating illegally “ in India through an offshore entity .Notices has been sent on countries like Seychelles , Cayman Island and Switzerland .

The other Cryptocurrency firms to which notices has been sent are Kucoin , Huobi , Kraken , Gate.io , Bittrex , Bitstamp , MEXC Global , Bitfinex .

FIU comes under ambit of Ministry of Finance’s Revenue department , the notices has been sent under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) .In March 2023 , Virtual digital asset service providers (Cryptocurrency firms) were brought under PMLA .

Binance is world’s largest Cryptocurrency trading platform . It does not operate in India. Earlier govt had banned a crypto platform WazirX under money Laundering charges , Govt had alleged that WazirX was owned by Binance . Binance has denied govt allegations .

However chief of WazirX admitted that it was owned to Binance

AAP , BJP barb over republic day tableaux .

World

➔ **Israel bombs Gaza , UN warned civilians are in ‘grave peril’**

Israel forces on Thursday heavily bombed the besieged Gaza strip , The health ministry in Gaza reported more than 200 deaths in past 25 hours . The main battle field is Khan Younis currently .

French President in a call to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu voiced his “ deepest concern over the heavy civilian toll “ and stressed “ the need to work towards a lasting ceasefire “

➔ **Pakistan poll panel approves Sharif’s bid**

Pakistan election commission has cleared the name of anawaj Sharif to file nomination for 2024 general elections .

Mr. Sharif still needs the removal of life ban on holding any public office .

➔ **China asks citizens to leave district on Myanmar border**

China’s embassy in Myanmar on Thursday asked its citizens to to leave Northern districts along countries shared border ,citing security risk posed by Ethnic wing attack on Army and Police .

Myanmar’s three ethnic groups has formed “ Three Brotherhood alliance “ a major alliance . The alliance has occupied many towns in border areas with China ..

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) , one member of the brotherhood alliance has vowed to recapture Laukkai town . located in a district bordering China





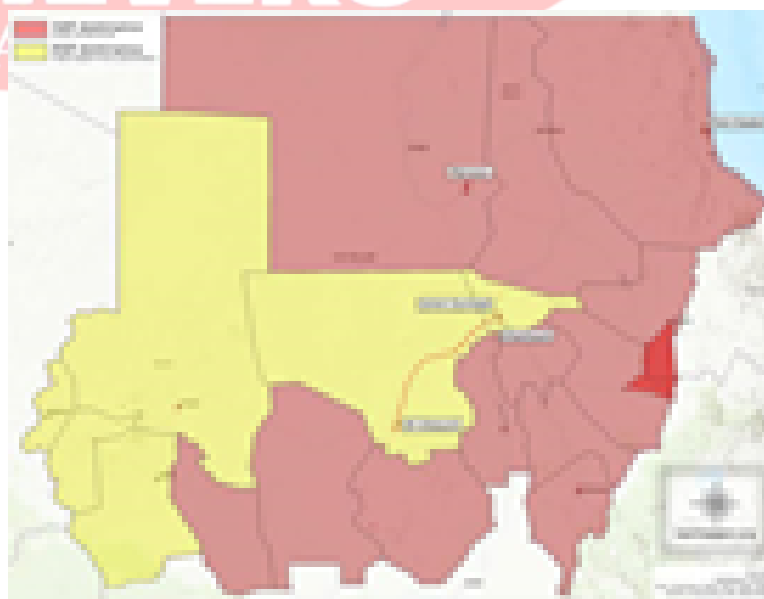
➔ **Spectre of civil war in Sudan as civilian search for arms fearing rival militias**

In Sudan in the war between army and Paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), RSF has captured most of Sudan's South Al- Jazira state , including capital Wad Madani and has begun to push to South into Sennar state

RSF has called civilians to provide them Volunteers to fight to protect their territory . They

➔ **also has called civilians to keep arms**

This has increased the chances of a full out civil war in Sudan . More than 12,000 has died in Sudanese conflict , UN data says that more than 7 1 million has been displaced



➔ **China decries Taiwan for 'hyping up ' military threat , sends warplanes**

China accused Taiwan of deliberately “ hyping up “ a military threat from Beijing ahead of its election on 13 th January . China has sent its fighter jets in Taiwan strait .

➔ **Russia NASA agree to continue joint ISS flights until 2025**

Russian and US space agencies have agreed to continue the deliver crews to International Space Station (ISS) ,until 2025 . ROSCOSMOS , the Russian space agency said it in a press release . ISS is only a few area where Russia and US is cooperating