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Businessman shot at near Kanjhawala

A 55-year-old businessman was shot at by unidentified assailants near the Kanjhawala area of outer Delhi on Monday.

The victim was admitted to Golden Jaiput Hospital with two bullet injuries. Police said a business or personal rivalry could be the reason behind the murder attempt.

They said Indra Mohan Chopra, a resident of Pitampura, was driving back home from his factory in Haryana when the two assailants opened fire on him from another car near Kanjahwala. Chopra suffered injuries on his leg, causing him to lose control of his car. He was taken to the hospital by passers-by.

Airports put on maximum alert

In the wake of Friday's bid by a Nigerian to blow up a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight and due to the holiday and festival season, all international and domestic airports in India are in a state of "maximum security alert," according to senior officials of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which is responsible for security at all airports.

The state of "maximum alert" was sounded more than a week ago and it has been continuing since then. Extra security measures were in place for U.S.-bound flights. Ladder-point checks of passengers and hand baggage were being done by respective airlines, the officials said.

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68 new swine flu cases in Delhi

There were no fresh deaths due to swine flu in the capital but at least 68 more people were infected with the contagious virus on Monday.

With these the number of infections in the capital has reached around 9,200. Of these, over 55 per cent are children.

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Thieves clean out builder's office of Rs 71L

The office of an Andheri-based builder was burgled of Rs 71 lakh while he was away on a holiday.

Ishwar Gandhi had left the money in the vault of his office, located on the seventh floor of Solitaire Park, before leaving town on Christmas eve. Gandhi runs a construction company, Eco Homes, and his office is on Ghatkopar-Andheri Link Road.

When Gandhi returned to work on Monday, he discovered that the lock on the front door had been tampered with. He found the vault open and the cash missing. Investigators suspect that the office cabin was opened with duplicate keys.

On Pak terrorists' trail, cops check 581 hotels

To locate three Pakistani terrorists who are believed to have sneaked into the city, the police have checked at least 581 hotels, 426 addresses of Pak and Afghan nationals staying in Mumbai and 25 persons spotted near various foreign consulates. But they are yet to make headway.

An intelligence alert issued to the city police had stated that three Pakistanis had entered the city with the intention of coordinating the logistic support for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) attackers.

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Laptop, cash, motorcycle stolen

A man has lodged a complaint with the Virugambakkam police that his laptop, some cash and motorcycle were stolen early on Monday.

Muthusamy (40) of Lakshmi Nagar said in his complaint that he heard an unusual noise shortly after midnight. When he put on the lights, the main door was found open and the valuables kept in the almirah were missing. The motorcycle parked in front of the house was also not there. The Virugambakkam police have registered a case.

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Power shutdown today and tomorrow

Power supply will be suspended for maintenance work on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the following areas.

Anna Nagar North: W Block.

Padi: Balaji Nagar, Subbulakshmi Nagar, Srinivasapuram, North Railway Station Road, TVS Nagar and Annai Nagar.

Anakaputhur: Anakaputhur, J.N. Road, Gurusamy Nagar, Balaji Nagar, Venkateswara Nagar, Commissioner Colony and Thiru Nagar.

Manapakkam: R.E. Nagar Part 1, Ramakrishna Nagar, Madanandhapuram, Madha Nagar, Annai Velankanni Nagar, Kolapakkam, Gerugambakkam and Rajagopalapuram.

Porur: Parvathi Avenue, Somasundaram Avenue, Lakshmi Nagar, Lakshmi Nagar Extension, Murthy Avenue and parts of Mount Poonamallee Road and Sakthi Nagar.

Karambakkam: Karambakkam, Arcot Road, Mahalakshmi Nagar, Rajeswari Nagar, Kamala Nagar, Thirumurugan Nagar, Alapakkam Road, Jaya Nagar, Ponni Nagar and Dharmaraja Nagar.

On Wednesday

The supply will be suspended for maintenance work on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in H and E Blocks of Anna Nagar East area

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Maoists call for bandh on Jan. 2

Maoists have called for a Telangana bandh on January 2 in support of the pro-Telangana state.

This was stated by Maoist central committee member Mallojula Koteswar Rao in a telephonic interview to a Telugu news channel on Monday night.

Speaking to the channel over telephone, Mr. Rao, more popularly known as Kishenji, said his party was also calling for a bandh in Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal to express solidarity with the demand for bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

The Maoist leader, who is spearheading the Lalgah resistance movement in West Bengal, maintained the bandh was also opposed to the appointment of E.S.L. Narasimhan as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh. He said Mr. Narasimhan, as the Governor of Chhattisgarh, was instrumental in unleashing of terror on tribal population in Bastar forests.

Telangana stir hits cement industry

If the agitation for a separate Telangana has thrown the real estate sector into quandary and slowed down the construction activity, it has left the cement industry in a state of real distress. The demand for the key construction material has been affected with construction activity in and around the city dropping down considerably.

The agitation has not spared the process of production, transportation and marketing of cement too. Such is the state of affairs faced by cement producers that one did not mince words to state, "some of the units might be forced to shutdown in 10 to 15 days this way."

With transportation of cement facing uncertainty given the series of bandhs and continuing agitations across the State, the manufacturers are apprehensive as to how long they will be able to operate in the given scenario.

Telangana bandh on December 30

The joint action committee comprising TRS, Congress, TDP, BJP and other organisations which met here on Sunday decided to intensify its

agitation for a Telangana state. As part of its programmes, the JAC has given a call for one-day bandh on December 30 in all the ten districts of the region.

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Naxals go on rampage in south Orissa

Naxalites created havoc in parts of south Orissa while enforcing their bandh on Monday.

Maoists targeted the road and mobile communication network ahead of their bandh call to create panic in the minds of the general public. The extremists torched four buses of the Orissa State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) at Raipanka in Gajapati district on Sunday night. They damaged towers of mobile communication network at Raipanka, Balimela in Malkangiri district and Mathapada in Koraput district. The naxals also blasted a forest beat house and an inspection bungalow of the Forest Department at Balimela.

Maoists had given the bandh call to protest against alleged police excesses and recent deaths in police firing in Gajapati and Koraput districts.

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Mercury dips further; flights, trains hit

The temperature in city plummeted further, with the minimum temperature recorded as 3.2 degrees Celsius (six degrees less than the yesterday's minimum temperature, which was 3.9 degrees Celsius).

As fog continued to envelop the city on Tuesday morning, it was a harrowing time for travellers, as several flights were delayed and one cancelled, while many trains ran late. The maximum temperature also plummeted to 20.4 degrees Celsius from 21.6 degrees Celsius recorded on Monday.

The New Delhi-Kalka Shatabdi Express (2011) was late by 30 minutes. “The Unchahar Express (4217), which runs between Allahabad and Chandigarh, was late by over an hour from its scheduled arrival at 9:45 am. The Sadbhavana Express (2231), which runs between Lucknow and Chandigarh, arrived late by over two hours,” said Station Superintendent R K Datta. Three flights from Chandigarh were delayed. Kingfisher’s Srinagar-Delhi-Chandigarh flight was delayed by two hours and the station manager of GoAir Airlines confirmed a delay of two hours in the arrival of the Mumbai-Chandigarh flight.

Meanwhile, Jet Airways has announced the cancellation of morning Delhi-Chandigarh flight till December 31.

Advisory: It is advised to call up respective Flight/Train services/ operator before departure to avoid delays.

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GMCH-32 may soon have swine flu testing lab

If all falls in place, then GMCH, Sector 32, might very soon have a swine flu-testing lab of its own.

According to the UT officials, the Director-cum-Principal, GMCH-32, has been asked to explore the possibility for starting a testing lab as early as possible so that it can share the patient load of the sole testing center at the Virology Department of PGIMER.

It has also been decided that Chaitanya Hospital, Sector 44, will share the responsibility for screening and management of H1N1 cases especially for pediatric and obstetric patients.

List of authorised hospitals for treating H1N1 cases in city

PGIMER-12

1. Dr Ashish Bhalla
2. Dr Vikas Suri
3. Dr Laxmi
4. Dr Deepak Bansal
5. Dr Alka Khandwa
6. Dr Rakesh Kumar

GMSH-16

Dr Tayal

INSCOL-34

- 1 Dr NP Singh
- 2 Dr Anirban Ganguli

GMCH-32

1. Dr Vipin Arora
2. Dr PR Mahapatra
3. Dr Kamal Singh
4. Dr Sonia Puri
5. Dr Geetanjali

Mukat Hospital

- 1 Dr Pawan Kansal
- 2 Dr Lalitesh Garg

Chaitanya Hospital

- 1 Dr Neeraj kumar
- 2 Dr Vivek Walia

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Muharram: Processions, sporadic clashes in valley

Amidst tight security arrangements in place and apprehensions of violence, Ashura-e-Muharram processions passed off with sporadic clashes in some places and close to one lakh Shias are estimated to have turned out in Zadibal in downtown Srinagar to observe yesterday of mourning.

However, the police had to use batons to break up a large procession near Lal Chowk, as mourners tried to defy a ban. Official sources said the police rounded up close to 40 persons for violating the ban imposed under Section 144 of CrPC.

But the police heaved a sigh of relief as things went off peacefully in Shias' strongholds of Zadibal and tens of thousands of people came out to mourn the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain. The frenzied mourner whipped and cut themselves with knives as they cried and shouted passionate slogans. JKLF leader Yasin Malik also joined the procession.

The police had barricaded Lal Chowk from both sides to stop any procession from approaching the area. Most of the shops in this commercial hub were open.

There were also protests in Gojwara demanding that the administration lift the ban on processions through the city, something which was banned when militancy gripped the state, as it often resulted in clashes between Shia mourners and Sunnis, who are in the majority. Large processions were also taken out in Budgam, which has substantial Shia population.

Total bandh in Jammu against working group's report

The bandh call by the Panthers Party and supported by various social and political organisations evoked a good response in the city and adjoining localities today. Main markets of the city remained closed while on the outskirts shops opened only in the evening.

The bandh was called against the report of the working group headed by Justice Sagir Ahmed (retd) on the Centre-State relations. A group of Panthers Party activists were rounded up by the police for 'forcing' the shopkeepers to close their shops.

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Tension in Agra over death of sect member, UP

Two days after the death of a member of a religious sect, the situation continued to remain tense in some parts of Agra on Monday. Scores of families in Sikandarpur and Lal Garhi areas of Agra have reportedly fled following violent clashes between villagers and Satsangis of the Radhasoami faith on December 22.

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25 killed, 60 injured in blast on Shia procession in Karachi

At least 25 people were killed and 60 others injured in this Pakistani port city today when a suicide bomber, defying a major security clampdown targeted the main Muslim Shia religious Ashura procession, marking the tenth day of the holy month of Muharram.

It was the third sectarian attack on the minority community in as many days in the port city of Karachi and came inspite of police and security agencies enforcing a massive vigil over the traditional procession route.

The terr attack came close on the heels of a militant bombing that killed eight people in Pakistan- Occupied-Kashmir capital of Muzaffarabad and Karachi last night.

Obama orders review of flight security

President Barack Obama ordered a review of US no-fly watch-lists and demanded to know how a Nigerian man managed to board a Detroit-bound airliner wearing an explosive device, even as his Homeland Security secretary conceded that the aviation security system failed when the Nigerian on a watchlist was allowed to board a flight with explosives.

The system used by US security agencies of lists that become shorter as the risk increases has come under fire since it emerged that the 23-year-old bomb suspect was on one of the terrorist data bases when he embarked on his deadly suicide mission.

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