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Four LeT terrorists among 5 held for Baramulla grenade attack

Case cracked within 48 hours



4 terrorists & one associate behind Baramulla grenade attack in police custody along with seized arms & ammunition.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday claimed to have solved the Baramulla grenade attack case on a liquor shop within 48 hours of the incident by arresting four Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists and a terror associate.

According to police hand-out, the arrested terrorists have been identified as Shahid Showkat Bala, son of Showkat Ahmad Bala, resident of Banglowbagh; Safer Ahmad Mir, son of Gh Nabi Mir, resident of Mir Sahib Old Town; Mohd Maroof Soleh alias Adil, son of Nazir

Ahmad Soleh, resident of Kanli Bagh and Faisal Shaban Gajri, son of Mohd Shaban Gajri, resident of Cheshi Colony, Baramulla and terrorist associate has been identified as Haff Ahmad Sofi, son of Bilal Ahmad Sofi, resident of Arampora, Baramulla.

Further investigation also revealed that this group of terrorists was involved in various terrorist acts as was disclosed, which include last year's grenade attacks in Baramulla, various firing incidents in and around the town, transportation of proscribed weapons and explosives etc.

On May 17, a burqa clad terrorist lobbed a grenade on the newly-opened wine shop at Dewan Bagh in Baramulla.

After lobbing the grenade, the terrorist returned to his waiting accomplice and fled from the spot on a motorcycle, the spokesman said.

He said the grenade explosion left four persons injured who were evacuated to GMC Baramulla hospital by police and army personnel.

One of the injured persons, Ranjit Singh, son of Kishan Lal, resident of

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Grabber Of Land Association (GOLA) Shah likely to be booked under PSA

Notorious land-grabber Gola Shah detained; names of partner police officers surface

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: There are many land-grabbers and their associates in Jammu having numerous cases of land grabbing to their credit, but their kingpin, a history-sheeter known as Grabber Of Land Association (GOLA) Shah has been detained on Thursday in Jammu.

Notorious land grabber Ravinder Gupta alias Gola Shah has been arrested by Gangyal police from Bhagwati Nagar area. Over 20 FIRs related to land grabbing, cheating and fraudulent deals are reportedly registered against Gola Shah in various police stations of Jammu and Kashmir.

Gola, who is facing charges



Grabber Of Land Association (GOLA) Shah

of land grabbing, has been detained in a fresh case to investigate the involvement of retired and serving police and revenue officers. Police sources informed that a battery of officers from revenue and police Departments are in league with Gola Shah.

Today, he was taken into custody and put to sustained questioning during the day, sources said.

"A retired senior police officer (name withheld) and his son-in-law, also a senior police officer (name withheld) have also invested huge amount in real estate business in J&K in partnership with Gola Shah," informed a police officer to STATE TIMES on the assurance of anonymity.

Gola Shah has been booked in a case under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc), 468 (forgery for

purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), sources said.

Earlier, he was summoned several times to cooperate in the investigation but he has been evading the calls of the investigating officer, informed an officer.

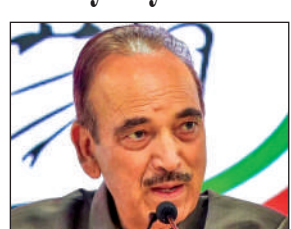
Last year, Gola Shah had approached the court and got the bail order, police said, adding despite the court order, the accused Gola Shah did not bother to come to the investigating officer for completing the bail formalities as well as in cooperating the investigation of the cases registered against him.

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Those joining outside parties not going to help local populace anyway: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Without naming Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the former chief minister and senior Congress leader, Ghulam Nabi Azad said that those joining the non-local parties are never going to bring respite to the people with regard to the local issues they are facing. He also appealed to people to stay away from the parties that are hell-bent to create communal rift between the communities.

As per the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), addressing Congress party workers from Chenab



Valley over phone, Azad said that those getting inspired with the outside political parties after witnessing their performance in Punjab and other places is not going to help the locals anyway.

"We as a locals know what people are facing and also how we are supposed to

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GOC reviews security situation in Jammu region

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: General Officer Commanding, XVI Corps, Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh on Thursday reviewed the security situation in the Jammu region ahead of the commencement of the annual Amarnath yatra next month, officials said.

Thursday's meeting was held close on the heels of Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi's visit to forward areas in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to review the security situation and

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CJM rejects bail of Rohingya involved in fake Aadhar card scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langleh on Thursday rejected bail application of Rohingya who was involved in preparing fake Aadhar cards. While rejecting bail application of one Shamshu Alam, son of Hashim Mohammad, resident of Myanmar, at present Channi Rama, Jammu, CJM Langleh after hearing APP Kuldeep Bhat appearing for UM, observed that in the name of seeking refuge, the petitioner prima facie is found to have indulged in and amplified range of activities which prima facie con-

stitute offences of cheating, forgery for purpose of cheating, using forged documents as genuine and forgery of valuable security. "One of the offences involved (under section 467 of IPC) carries punishment upto life imprisonment when investigation is still going on and one of the co-accused is yet to be rounded up would not only hamper ongoing investigation but would also be detrimental not only to public interest but also to security of the State given the Murkier details that have emerged

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Prof Nilofer Khan appointed as first woman VC of KU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Professor Nilofer Khan, who has 30 years of teaching experience, has been appointed as the first woman Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, officials said on Thursday.

The order of appointment was issued by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in his capacity of being the Chancellor of the University.

Khan, who is currently working as Professor in the Department of Home Science, is likely to take over as the Vice Chancellor of the university on Saturday. She will be replacing Professor Talat Ahmad, who completed his second tenure as

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Delhi Court convicts Yasin Malik in terror funding case

Pakistan summons Indian Charge d'Affaires over framing of charges against Malik

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD: A Delhi court on Thursday convicted Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, who had earlier pleaded guilty to all charges, including those under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), in a terror funding case.

Special Judge Praveen Singh directed the NIA authorities to assess Malik's financial situation to determine the amount of fine to be imposed and posted the matter for arguments on quantum of sentence on May 25.

Malik had told the court that he was not contesting the charges levelled against him that included section 16 (terrorist act), 17 (raising funds for terrorist act), 18 (conspiracy to commit terrorist act) and 20 (being member of terrorist gang or organisation) of the UAPA and sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 124-A (sedition) of the IPC.

The court had earlier also formally framed the charges against Kashmiri separatist leaders including Farooq Ahmed Dar alias Bitta Karate, Shabbir Shah,

Masarat Alam, Md Yusuf Shah, Aftab Ahmad Shah, Altaf Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Khan, Md Akbar Khanday, Raja Mehrajuddin Kalwal, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali, Shabir Ahmad Shah, Abdul Rashid Sheikh and Naval Kishore Kapoor.

The charge sheet was also filed against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, who have been declared proclaimed offenders (PO) in the case.

Meanwhile, Pakistan

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Road rage case: SC sentences Sidhu to 1-year RI; to surrender in Patiala court today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI/PATIALA: Observing that consequences of loss of temper must be borne, the Supreme Court on Thursday enhanced the sentence of Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu to one-year rigorous imprisonment in a 1988 road rage incident in which a 65-year-old man had died.

Sidhu, 58, took to Twitter to say he "will submit to the majesty of law" as the cricketer-turned-politician rode



an elephant in Patiala earlier in the day to register a symbolic protest against rising prices of essential commodities.

Sources informed that Sidhu is going to surrender in Patiala court on Friday

According to Additional Solicitor General of India Satyapal Jain, Sidhu is left with no other option but to surrender before police. If Sidhu does not surrender, police will have to arrest him, officials said. He will then be put in Patiala jail, they said.

The apex court said in the given circumstances, tempers may have been lost but then the consequences of the loss of temper must be borne, adding any undue

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Monitoring reports of China building 2nd bridge in Pangong Tso region: MEA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A day after reports emerged that China was building a second bridge across Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, India on Thursday said the area where the reported construction is being undertaken is under the occupation of that country for decades.

At a media briefing, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India

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GST council recommendations not binding on Centre, States; but have persuasive value: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Thursday ruled that the Goods and Service Tax (GST) council's recommendations are not binding on Union and State but have a persuasive value as the country has a cooperative federal structure. A bench of Justices

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LPG price hiked by Rs 3.50 per cylinder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Cooking gas LPG price was on Thursday hiked by Rs 3.50 per cylinder, the second increase in rate this month following the firming of international energy rates.

Non-subsidised LPG now costs Rs 1,003 per 14.2-kg cylinder in the national

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Humidity

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