



BREAKING NEWS

MUMBAI: COPS HOODWINK AND TRAP MAN ABSCONDING FOR 16 YEARS



Police told the man's friend that his insurance policy had matured and he was needed in city to claim Rs 25,000; accused's gold teeth were final nail in coffin.

City cops turned to subterfuge to nab an accused, Pravin Jadeja, who had been absconding for 16 years. The police got in touch with a former colleague of their target and told him that Jadeja's insurance policy had matured and he needed to come to Mumbai to claim it.

Jadeja, who was arrested in 2007 for attempting to siphon off Rs 40,000 from his employer, believed his friend, returned to the city and was promptly arrested.

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emergency crews made a series of dramatic rescues in Turkey on Friday, pulling several people, some almost unscathed, from the rubble, four days after a catastrophic earthquake killed more than 22,000.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the border region between Turkey and Syria, an area home to more than 13.5 million people, early Monday morning. With morgues and cemeteries overwhelmed, bodies lay wrapped in blankets, rugs and tarps in the streets of some cities.

Temperatures remain below freezing across the large region, and many people have no place to shelter. The government has distributed millions of hot meals, as well as tents and blankets, but was still struggling to reach many people in need.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake: Dramatic rescues but toll rises



WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP: ATHAPATHTHU INSPIRES SRI LANKA'S STUNNING WIN OVER SOUTH AFRICA IN OPENER

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Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu celebrates after scoring a half-century (50 runs) during the Group A T20 women's World Cup cricket match between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Newlands Stadium in Cape Town (Pic Courtesy: AFP)

Captain Chamari Athapaththu starred with the bat as Sri Lanka produced an inspiring performance to stun hosts South Africa by three runs in the opening match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at Newlands here.

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Having set South Africa 130 to win, Sri Lankan spinners took control with guile and discipline to restrict the hosts for 126 for nine. It was Sri Lanka's first T20I victory over South Africa since 2016.



The islanders made a slow start, scoring just four runs out of the first three overs, but Athapaththu broke the shackles soon with back-to-back fours off Nonkululeko Mlaba.

Opener Harshitha Samarawickrama's struggle came to an end when she chipped Nadine de Klerk to midwicket to depart for eight from 20 balls.

Despite the fall of wicket, Athapaththu continued her attacking game and hit De Klerk for five boundaries in nine balls.

Seventeen-year-old Vishmi Gunaratne took time to settle but matched her skipper's stroke play, lap-sweeping Mlaba to the rope and then hacking Shabnim Ismail for three fours.



US SHOTS DOWN UNIDENTIFIED HIGH-ALTITUDE AERIAL OBJECT IN ALASKA

According to Pentagon Press Secretary Brigadier General Pat Ryder, the object, whose origin is not known so far, was first detected inside American airspace on Thursday

A US fighter jet Friday shot down an object, the size of a small car, flying with payloads at a height of about 40,000 feet off the northern coast of Alaska on the direction of President Joe Biden, officials said. According to Pentagon Press Secretary Brigadier General Pat Ryder, the object, whose origin is not known so far, was first detected inside American airspace on Thursday.

It posed a "reasonable threat to civilian air traffic", he said.

"US Northern Command is beginning recovery operations now," Ryder said, adding the F-22 fighter jet deployed an AIM-9X missile to take down the object.

This came almost a week after the US shot down a Chinese spy balloon off the coast of South Carolina in the Atlantic Ocean. It had hovered over continental America for several days after entering the US airspace on January 30 in Montana.

China has acknowledged that the balloon was theirs but denied that it was for surveillance purposes rather for weather monitoring and that it had drifted off course.

About the unidentified object over Alaska, Ryder told reporters at a news conference, "At the direction of the President of the United States, fighter aircraft assigned to US Northern Command successfully took down a high-altitude airborne object off the northern coast of Alaska at 1:45 pm Eastern Standard Time today within US sovereign airspace over US territorial water."

South African Rapper Kiernan 'AKA' Forbes Shot Dead In Durban

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New Delhi: South African rapper Kiernan Forbes was today shot dead outside a popular restaurant in Durban. He was popularly known as Rapper AKA. According to local media, the 35-year-old was shot six times.

Condoling his death, the rapper's family posted a statement on his official Twitter account.

"It is with extreme sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our beloved son," the statement read.

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The family said that they are awaiting further details from the Durban police.

"Cow-ed By Jokes?" Shashi Tharoor As Centre Withdraws 'Cow Hug Day' Appeal

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New Delhi: A government body yesterday withdrew its appeal asking people to hug a cow on Valentine's Day amid a flood of jokes and memes on social media. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor joined the bandwagon today and tweeted his humorous take on the 'Cow Hug Day'.

He said that the "let them hug their guy" instruction may have been misinterpreted as "gaay".

"Was the Government cow-ed by the jokes made at its expense or was it merely cow-ardice? My guess is the original appeal was an oral instruction: "Valentine's Day: let them hug their guy" & the last word was misheard by a HindiRashtravadi as gaay," Mr Tharoor tweeted.

The Animal Welfare Board in its appeal to celebrate "Cow Hug Day" on February 14 had said Vedic traditions are almost on the "verge of extinction" due to the "progress of West culture" and that the "dazzle of western civilisation has made our physical culture and heritage almost forgotten".

Maharashtra: Flesh trade busted in Mira Road, one held



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The police have arrested an autorickshaw driver and are on the lookout for two more persons who allegedly ran online flesh trade in Mira Road near Mumbai, an official said on Friday.

The two absconding accused accepted money through mobile payment services and booked hotel rooms for clients. They would send women in an autorickshaw, said the official.

Acting on a tip-off, the police got a decoy to make a booking. They arrested the auto driver when he brought two women for him on Wednesday, said Senior Inspector Sameer Ahirrao of Mira Bhayandar-Vasai Virar police.

A case has been registered under the Indian Penal Code and Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, he said, adding that the auto has been seized and the two women sent to a rescue home.

On February 2, Mumbai Crime Branch busted a flesh trade racket in northern suburbs of the city and arrested two people.