

WARIS PUNJAB DE HEAD AMRITPAL SINGH UNTRACEABLE, SUPPORTERS ALLEGE POLICE CRACKDOWN; INTERNET SHUT IN THE STATE

THE PUNJAB POLICE REPORTEDLY DETAINED SIX ASSOCIATES OF RADICAL SIKH PREACHER AMRITPAL SINGH ON SATURDAY. HIS SUPPORTERS SHARED VIDEOS OF THE POLICE GIVING CHASE TO HIS CAVALCADE IN MOGA DISTRICT.



In a major crackdown against self-styled radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh on Saturday, the Punjab Police reportedly detained six of his associates. Supporters of the Waris Punjab De chief shared unconfirmed videos of the police giving chase to his cavalcade in Moga district and the vehicle speeding to Shahkot near Jalandhar.

The Punjab Police has neither confirmed nor denied the reports. Meanwhile, Internet services have been suspended in Punjab till 12 pm tomorrow in view of the events, state home secretary Anurag Verma said. According to sources, Singh, a Khalistan sympathiser, was on his way to Bathinda when the police tried to intercept him near Mehtabpur village in Jalandhar.

Six of his supporters were reportedly detained from Mehtabpur. The houses of his supporters have also been raided, sources said. All the phones of Singh's close aides were switched off. One kidnapping case has been registered against Singh at Ajnala police station Amritsar. The police have not revealed if any case was lodged against him after his supporters allegedly stormed Ajnala police station on February 24. His supporters had clashed with the police and stormed into the police station, protesting against the arrest of one of his associates.

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India-China relations cannot go back to normal, he said, until the border row is resolved in line with the September

2020 in-principle agreement he reached with his Chinese counterpart.

"The Chinese have to deliver on what was agreed to, and they have struggled with that."

Although forces from both sides have disengaged from many areas, discussions are proceeding over unresolved points, Jaishankar said.

"We have made it very clear to the Chinese that we cannot have a breach of peace and tranquility, you can't violate agreement and want the rest of the relationship to continue as though nothing happened. That's just not tenable." Jaishankar said he discussed the situation with China's new foreign minister, Qin Gang, on the sidelines of a meeting of the foreign ministers of the G20 nations hosted by India this month.

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MIGRANT WORKERS ROW: YOUTUBER MANISH KASHYAP SURRENDERS BEFORE BIHAR POLICE



YouTuber Manish Kashyap, wanted for allegedly spreading fake news about purported attacks on migrant labourers working in Tamil Nadu, surrendered before the Bihar police in West Champaran district on Saturday, officials said.

YouTuber Manish Kashyap. (File Photo)
 The YouTuber surrendered in Jagdishpur police station in Bettiah when the attachment process of his house was in progress under the leadership of the deputy inspector general (DIG) in Majhaulia in the same city on Saturday morning.

Economic Offence Unit (EOU) additional director general (ADG) NH Khan said that Kashyap will be interrogated by both the Bihar and Tamil Nadu police. "While the Bihar police have lodged three cases against him, the Tamil Nadu police have lodged nine cases," he added.

Earlier, a fact-finding team of the Bihar government, comprising senior officers, had denied the allegations of attacks on migrant workers in the southern state. Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin also rejected the allegations, warning of swift action against rumour-mongers spreading panic.

POLICE ENTER IMRAN KHAN'S LAHORE RESIDENCE: 'BUSHRA BEGUM IS ALONE'



Police entered former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's house on Saturday as he arrived at a court in Islamabad to appear in the Toshakhana case after days of standoff and intense clashes between police and his supporters around the property. Khan said the police stormed his house where his wife Bushra Begum is alone, claiming that the "assault" on his house was part of a quid pro quo to bring Nawaz Sharif back to power. "Meanwhile, Punjab police have led an assault on my house in Zaman Park where Bushra Begum is alone. Under what law are they doing this? This is part of the London Plan where commitments were made to bring absconder Nawaz Sharif to power as quid pro quo for agreeing to one appointment," Khan said in a tweet. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) shared a video of police entering Imran Khan's house.

"They're now trying to enter Chairman's house where only Bushra Bibi is present. We don't even see these kinds of acts in Martial law!" PTI said in a tweet. Earlier today, the former PM said he was aware that the government would arrest him as he headed to the Islamabad court.

NISHIKANT DUBEY SLAMMED FOR 'NAGARVADHU TWEET AIMING AT MAHUA MOITRA, DIPIKA SINGH'

CONGRESS LEADER SUPRIYA SHRINATE TAGGED NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN CHIEF REKHA SHARMA, AND UNION MINISTER SMRITI IRANI CONDEMNING NISHIKANT DUBEY'S 'NAGAR VADHU' TWEET 'ATTACKING MAHUA MOITRA AND DIPIKA SINGH'. DCW CHIEF SWATI MALIHAL SOUGHT AN APOLOGY FROM THE BJP MP.

Amid the ongoing row over his MBA degree, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey was slammed on Saturday for his 'nagar vadhu' tweet in which he asked his followers to not make any loose comment on Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra and Congress MLA Dipika Pandey Singh as the Hindu religion respects the 'nagar value' too. Nishikant Dubey did not mention the names and referred to them as a woman MP from Bengal and 'a woman MLA from Jharkhand with a twisted mind', respectively. Delhi Commission for Women chairman Swati Maliwal strongly reacted to the language and sought an apology from the BJP MP. "Differences in politics are given but one should not drop to this level of language. Parliament has seen the debate of Indira-Vajpayee ji, but the limits were never crossed," Swati Maliwal tweeted. Congress leader Supriya Shrinate called Nishikant Dubey a 'pervert' and said he called Mahua Moitra and Deepika Singh 'nagarvadhru of Vaishali'. "Smriti Irani, when will you scream 'apologise'," Supriya Shrinate said.

Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra has been attacking Nishikant Dubey over his 'fake MBA degree' and a 'dodgy PhD'. On Friday, Mahua Moitra shared the purported copy of Nishikant Dubey's MBA degree from Pratap University and pointed out a spelling mistake on it. She also shared the purported PhD application of the BJP MP and said that it had no mention of his DU MBA degree. "In the 2019 Lok Sabha affidavit Hon'ble Member makes no mention of an MBA and instead only states he has a PhD in Management from Pratap University Rajasthan in 2018. Please note- One cannot do a PhD from UGC deemed uni without a valid masters degree," Mahua Moitra wrote in a series of tweets. "Hon'ble member in his PhD application to Pratap Uni makes NO mention of DU MBA degree & instead miraculously has another MBA transcript from Pratap Uni itself from 2013-15! Clearly loves collecting MBA degrees :-) never know which one may work," Mahua Moitra added.

Congress MLA Dipika Singh too shared the screenshots and called Nishikant Dubey "Fazrikant Dubey". The MLA said Nishikant Dubey blocked her after she raised questions about his degree.

"All workers are requested not to make light comments for the woman who does not respect the elders, especially a woman MP from Bengal who is a victim of perverted mentality and my perverted legislature of Jharkhand. We come from a culture where we treated the Nagar Vadhu of Vaishali with respect," Nishikant Dubey tweeted.

ON 'CHINA THREATS', JAISHANKAR'S 'PANDA HUGGERS' DIG AT RAHUL GANDHI

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Days after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi claimed that external affairs minister S Jaishankar "does not understand" the threat that China poses to India, the latter hit back saying it was troubling as a citizen of India to see "somebody drooling over China". Speaking at India Today Conclave in New Delhi, Jaishankar also said "when Panda huggers try to be China hawks... it doesn't fly". Speaking to members of the Indian Journalists' Association in London, Gandhi earlier this month said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that "nobody has entered Indian territory" is an invitation to China to repeat its aggression on the Line of Actual Control. When asked about how India should deal with military threats, Gandhi said India needed to respond militarily to the nature of the threat. He added that Jaishankar and the government did not understand the actual threat from China, and the prime minister's statement demonstrated his lack of comprehension of the threat.

Replying to Gandhi's comments, Jaishankar said, "I am troubled as a citizen of India when I see somebody drooling over China and being dismissive about India." He was responding to a question on his thoughts on Gandhi's recent address in the UK.

Further hitting out at the former Congress president, Jaishankar rubbished Gandhi's allegations of India "being scared of China". "Rahul Gandhi talks admiringly of China.



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CONCLAVE 2023: CHINA SITUATION FRAGILE, VERY DANGEROUS IN MILITARY ASSESSMENT, SAYS EAM S JAISHANKAR

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Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar has categorically stated that India's relationship with China cannot return to normal unless all outstanding issues at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are resolved.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave 2023, Jaishankar said bilateral ties had entered a "challenging and abnormal phase" due to the heightened tensions at the Himalayan border and along the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh.

Though both sides have made substantial progress in disengagement and discussions are on to scale down troop build-up at other friction points, the foreign minister noted that the situation remains "fragile" and "dangerous" as per military assessment. Recalling his recent meetings with his Chinese counterparts, Jaishankar said, "When I met Wang Yi, we came to an understanding on how to resolve the border crisis. Now I've met with the new foreign minister Qin Gang. I have made it clear that we cannot have a breach of peace and then continue the rest of the relationship as if nothing happened."

He went on to state, "China has to deliver. China will have to resolve the border situation to move forward." Relations between India and China plunged to a new low following the lethal clash between Indian Army and Chinese PLA troops in eastern Ladakh's Galwan. It led to a massive build-up of forces in the high-altitude region and a months-long stand-off.

Though de-escalation work has since taken place, tensions continue to simmer. Both nations continue to build infrastructure along the LAC. In December 2022, troops clashed for the first time in more than a year near the Tangang sector of Arunachal Pradesh. Jaishankar said he felt "troubled" to see a political leader of Rahul Gandhi's stature "running down national morale" by admiring China and unfavourably comparing India to it.

OPERATION TO ARREST KHALISTANI LEADER AMRITPAL SINGH, INTERNET SUSPENDED IN PUNJAB

Internet services will remain suspended in Punjab till Sunday, officials said as Punjab police on Saturday launched an operation to arrest Khalistani sympathiser Amritpal Singh.

Internet services have been suspended all across Punjab as the police on Saturday launched an operation to arrest Khalistani sympathiser Amritpal Singh and his aides. Radical Sikh leader and Khalistani sympathiser Amritpal Singh has become active in Punjab for the past few weeks as his supporters last month clashed with the police at the Ajnala police station on the outskirts of Amritsar demanding the release of one of Amritpal's aides. On Saturday, six aides of Amritpal were reportedly detained in Jalandhar, news agency PTI reported. Some supporters of 'Waris Punjab De' chief shared some videos on social media claiming that policemen were chasing them. A video also showed Amritpal sitting in a vehicle and one of his aides could be heard saying policemen were after 'Bhai saab' (Amritpal), PTI reported. Officials said internet services will remain suspended in Punjab till Sunday. As the Internet was suspended, the Punjab Police urged people to maintain peace and harmony and not to spread panic, fake news or hate speech. "Punjab Police is working to maintain law and order," the Punjab Police tweeted. "All mobile internet services, all SMS services (except banking & mobile recharge) & all dongle services provided on mobile networks, except the voice call, in the territorial jurisdiction of Punjab shall be suspended from 18th March (12:00 hours) to 19th March (12:00 hours) in the interest of public safety," the government said. The Khalistani leader issued a warning to Union home minister Amit Shah, "Amit Shah had said that he won't let the Khalistan movement rise. I had said that the same was done by Indira Gandhi and if you do the same

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