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Ram-raid victims still waiting for promised government help



Back in May, then-Minister of Police Poto Williams announced a \$6 million crime prevention fund to help small business owners hit by ram raiders.

But many beleaguered businesses said they have not heard a thing about what is next, and only five so far in Auckland have had any funding to beef up their security.

Frustrated and broke, businesses are calling for clarity around the crime prevention fund.

The owner of Royal Oak Liquor Centre said they had just fixed a door last week.

suspects have been referred to youth aid on charges of burglary and the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle. Across the country - but mainly in Waikato and Auckland - ram raid after ram raid costs victims a small fortune in repairs, increasing insurance premiums and lost business.

TJ Handcrafted Jewellers is one of those hits. It is still closed a month after a daylight theft in which two men used hammers to smash display counters and grab jewellery.

Owner TJ Haddadin said he hoped to install new glass this weekend, and he was fed up.

"This is the third incident in recent months. They don't worry about getting caught and maybe that's why they keep doing these things." Police said five

"I've had four robberies in the past year, three of them were successful. So, my total robberies were more than half a million dollars." The government is not addressing the real issue."

He said he had heard very little about the funding, and the recent robberies could change how high-value items were displayed at his shop.

Takanini Town Centre has had 12 ram raid incidents in the past year alone. Landlord Bruce Wallace said the crime prevention fund was a drop in the bucket.

"I think the \$6 million fund really is just a political announcement. It wouldn't address the problem.

"Takanini Town Centre alone would need a sixth of that funding for added security measures to decrease the risk of ram raids."

Minister of Police Chris Hipkins said five shops had funding for security provided and police were working towards funding another 15-20 shops in the next 10 weeks.

Stores themselves cannot apply for the fund. Instead, police select shops and contact them.

Hipkins said for each assessment the police offered advice on shop layout. Eventually, an estimated 500 retailers were expected to qualify for the fund. The programme is in trial phase and police would not reveal what the next stage was.

Data released to RNZ under the Official Information Act shows in the 12 months to July the police recorded 436 ram raids. That figure was more than double the 12 months before it. Indian community leader Sunny Kaushal believed youth offenders needed to be disciplined.

"This is extremely difficult for dairy and business owners to access funding. There's no awareness and we do not know the criteria.

"The police have not informed us despite asking them for a long time. That's why I'm saying this is an example of policy by press release and it's getting frustrating."

Kaushal said there was a need for a single service where government agencies worked together to help affected businesses access funding. -with inputs from RNZ



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Thousand of dollars of damage for business and communities



People stealing cars and driving them into retail premises have been causing thousands of dollars of damage for businesses and communities for months.

I've had people contact my office to tell me they are concerned for their safety, and shop owners are saying that the increased crime is scaring people away. Hearing these stories or reading the headlines is not the New Zealand we

know. Unfortunately, recently released figures revealed that the number of ram-raids on retailers have soared under Labour. There has been a more than 500 per cent increase in the number of ram-raids in the first six months of 2022 compared to the same period in 2018.

While communities across New Zealand felt these dangerous acts have been rising, Labour continued to deny the problem was worsening under their watch.

A Police report based on a sample of ram-raids show that only 37 per cent of offenders result in enforcement action and that re-offenders are responsible for a quarter of overall ram-raids.

The same report also showed that patched gang members and associates made up almost 10 per cent of ram-

raids. Labour's soft on crime solution to these brazen robberies is to simply subsidise bollards to mitigate damages from cars smashing into retailers. But that is not enough. National knows that offenders must be identified, caught, and held accountable for their actions.

Our police are working incredibly hard to keep our communities safe. Unfortunately, they are not supported by this Labour Government which, by the Prime Minister's own admission, has taken its focus off the Police portfolio.

Police response times have blown out, stories of ram-raids are all over the news, gang membership is through the roof, and assaults on Police went up 29 per cent in four years under Labour's watch.

Until this Labour Government cracks down on crime, youth offenders, gang members and organised crime groups

will continue to behave and act with impunity. Unlike Labour, National is backing our frontline Police officers and would give them four new tools to make their jobs easier. National would:

- Ban gang patches, which have been the recent fuel for the worst gun violence seen in New Zealand.
- Give police non-association powers to prevent gang members communicating and planning criminal activity.
- Allow police to issue dispersal notices where gang members come together in public to intimidate, threaten and sometimes assault members of the public.
- Give police the warrantless search powers they need to take the guns out of the hands of violent armed gang members.

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The commemoration of the 75th Independence Day anniversaries of India and Pakistan over the last 12 months have, like their respective journeys to freedom, been marked with endurance and adversity due to the global health situation of the past two years.

The tryst of COVID-19 has meant, no matter our differences in cultures or ideas, a global unity and continued destiny has been forged as we work together in friendship for the betterment of the world.

New Zealand shares a special destiny of nationhood with our South Asian partners. We joined our sovereignty within the Commonwealth of Nations alongside their admission in the same year of 1947 through our national ascension to the Statute of Westminster and in our mutual ties over many years as free spirited and determined nations imparting our communal wisdom to other new nations of the world in the aftermath of the Second World War and end of the Colonial era.

The first peoples of the Subcontinent to come to New Zealand came to our shores almost as soon as our foundations began. They lived alongside us, they served in our armed forces, and they built our economy, they found their lives on New Zealand shores. New Zealand's modern relationship with Pakistan and India has built on this shared heritage as well as a contemporary one of industrious multi-ethnic development. Those people of our past, like those who have come in more recent years, all have added to the vibrant makeup

of New Zealand's identity; all their stories and their experiences, like those of the many other cultures that call this country home, shape the New Zealand of 2022. However our origins, our nations and their peoples have always been aspirational and optimistic for our futures.

We remain emboldened to champion our values and our countries unique identities as international partners and we celebrate our friendships. The valuable cultural ties and the strength that comes from Indian and Pakistani businesses, from their cuisines, their arts and media for the wellbeing of New Zealand cannot be underestimated.

Across New Zealand many celebrations will take place over mid-August highlighting the significance of the independence anniversaries. Many festivals will acknowledge the shared histories and many cultures, religions and ethnicities under the roofs of two strong nations that have now built roots on our New Zealand shores. In communal halls, in restaurants, in households and in our streets, people will come together to remember the legacy of those who founded the Federation of Pakistan and the Union of India. Those celebrating will be far from their ancestral homes physically when remembering their nationhood but these journeys that bring peoples together as one, nothing can keep us far apart from our shared heritage. We all should reflect on those journeys that have brought our communities together as part of New Zealand's economic future and family. Our 250,000 strong subcontinental population has grown here because the New Zealand way of life has shown them a beautiful future in our lands embracing their identities.

As we look ahead together in New Zealand to 75 more years of our

multilateral companionship I wish a very blessed Independence Day to all my Indian and Pakistani friends. May the year of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations be forever special to all Indian New Zealanders.

And a very blessed Azadi Mubarak to all Pakistani New Zealanders on this special occasion.

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You're not going to get rich sitting on welfare': Luxon



National Party leader Christopher Luxon won't say what figure of unemployment he would be comfortable with, instead saying he is "single-mindedly" focused on inflation.

Speaking ahead of the latest unemployment rate update, which was expected to drop, Luxon told Morning Report having more people in jobs was a good thing. Unemployment estimates had ranged between 2.8 percent and 3.1 percent from the current record low of 3.2 percent, with one measure of wages rising at an annual rate of more than 5.5 percent. "The bottom line here is that anyone in a job is a good thing,

that's the pathway to dignity. You're not going to get rich sitting on welfare and being confined to welfare all your life."

He said there were huge job shortages because of a constrained economy and constrained immigration. "I think what's more disturbing ... is you've got 50,000 more people on a Job Seeker benefit, that's a short-term benefit to accompany, help people through a job transition." The benefit numbers for the year at the end of June showed a 9.7 percent decrease in work-ready people on Job Seeker support compared to the previous year. That was 100,086 people, about 60 percent higher than the 63,030 when Labour took office in 2017 but down from the peak 2020 year when the number was 123,966 people. Luxon wants to remove employment as a consideration for the mandate from the Reserve Bank. He would not give an employment rate he felt was appropriate.

But was "single-mindedly focused" on inflation, he said. "That is the single biggest damage to our economy right now and that is the thing we needed to fixate on." He doubled down on National's stance that a "proper plan" was needed to deal with the underlying causes of inflation. "So, you've got this massive inconsistency between government spending and Reserve Bank monetary policy, and you need both of them to be ruthlessly focused on.

"This is serious stuff, it causes huge hurt, pain and suffering." National has called for an independent inquiry into the Reserve Bank. -with inputs from RNZ

Wake up and listen, Minister Sepuloni

"Minister Sepuloni needs to put her ego to one side and start listening to the overwhelming feedback being delivered on the Oranga Tamariki Oversight Bill," says ACT's Social Development spokesperson Karen Chhour.

"I asked the Minister what it would take for her to start listening. She was quite clear that she had no interest in hearing from anyone that held a dissenting view on the Bill and claimed that she had done enough consultation to satisfy her.

"I can assure the Minister that the advocates who are so concerned about the Bill feel differently. She should not be dismissing them. "Just last week a 16-year-old victim of abuse in state care travelled all the way to Parliament to hold a press conference because she wouldn't listen to his voice, or others in similar positions.

"If the Minister honestly thinks she's listened and done a good job of consulting, then I'm afraid she's in la-la land.

"The point of the Bill is meant to be to strengthen the oversight of Orange Tamariki, it will be degraded instead. She should be open to hearing that feedback." -TIN Bureau

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NZ NEWS

Decline in house prices but crash not expected

House prices are falling at the fastest rate in more than a decade and at the fastest pace since the

posted the biggest monthly fall of 3.6 percent in July. Values in Dunedin remained



Global Financial Crisis (GFC). The drop of 2.5 percent for the past three months was the largest quarterly fall since the GFC.

Corelogic NZ head of research Nick Goodall said despite the steep decline in prices, a property crash was not on his radar.

"Trying to get control of inflation through OCR [Official Cash Rate] increases is likely to remain their number one priority for now."

The nationwide figure was of a gradual fall but there were greater drops in some regions, he said.

For the past three months, Wellington's prices were down a marked 6.7 percent. That put them 0.3 percent lower than the same time last year.

Prices fell in each of the six main centres and previously resilient Christchurch joined the negative trend in other major cities.

Prices in the Garden City were down 1.6 percent last month, while Wellington

slightly above the same time last year but fell a further 1.3 percent in July to take the cumulative fall since the start of the year to 5.8 percent.

Auckland prices dropped a further 0.7 percent last month, with a similar fall in Hamilton of 0.6 percent and Tauranga of 0.9 percent.

Outside the main cities, all main urban areas experienced a price decline over the last three months.

Napier values were down 6.1 percent since April to leave the average value only 3 percent above the same time last year.

There seemed to be less interest from first-home buyers, he said, and fewer Wellington house-hunters were looking further afield.

"We're just like, if we can't get in, how does anyone else, because an average family income in New Zealand isn't in the six figures, is it."

She said she would keep on trying in the hope that patience and persistence paid off in the end. -RNZ

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EDITORIAL

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahahotsav

India celebrates 75th anniversary of its independence this 15th August, hence it carries a very special significance for the whole year. It also makes this occasion important since there is a popular government in India now that doesn't involve the Nehru-Gandhi family at the helm and yet country is marching ahead on the world stage with pride and dignity. In fact, so many things have changed so dramatically in last 8-10 years that country's oldest political party, Congress Party is at the verge of extinction and its top leadership is facing serious fraud and corruption charges. It is really agonizing to see the grand old party crumbling down to its own sins which they committed over the years on the people of India. The real intentions of this party and the family controlling the power for most of the early years, were never honest and the upliftment of the poorest and the most marginalised only remained a slogan to win elections. Seventy-five years is a long time for any nation to seize a dignified place on the world stage which was not done by successive dishonest and incompetent governments. There were countless lost opportunities and in absence of a strong political will, India turned into one of the poorest nations in the world. Its ironical that a country which is a pool of talent to the world and its best brains head the biggest corporates world over, we couldn't provide them the same dignified place in our own country. The brain drain happened due to government's fallacious and unrealistic policies that left the country at the mercy of mediocre and corrupt bureaucratic system. India's journey of first fifty years after the independence was very disgraceful and embarrassing that was marred by corruption, deceit, and lacked any futuristic vision. Indian leadership of that era committed blunders left right and centre and plunged the country into massive problems that will take many decades before those issues can be resolved. The problem of Kashmir remained despite the partition of the country on religious grounds, the appeasement of a particular community has led the

country to a point which has become out of control now. Offering Security Council's permanent seat to China and giving away of Tibet and other Kashmir land mass to enemy countries are the sins of the leadership of that time. Although Kashmir issue got one more opportunity to resolve it after 1971 war when India could have easily negotiated it on the table with Pakistan after its army surrendered to Indian forces. Indian leadership once again failed to seize that golden chance and even returned all the areas that Indian army had captured.

The list of these blunders can just go on and on and many books can be written about them but it's now time for an introspection and to correct these blunders of history. Ever since Modi government came to power in 2014, its working on these corrections 24x7 with a plan and vision for country's progress and development in next 50 years. The redevelopment and revamp of several revolutionary projects like the new Parliament and central vista to name a few apart from a countless other infrastructural project that have already been accomplished in only eight years. The seemingly impossible task of abrogation of Article 370 and 35A was done 2 years ago and several other rectifications are lined up to be executed in coming days. The Modi government has aptly named the 75th year of independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' since all past blunders are now being ratified and a new mantra is being infused into minds of the common Indian. This mantra is of resilience, self-reliance, staunch nationalism and of being proud of our cultural identity that goes back thousands of years. It's time for all Indians to stay united and not to succumb to the nefarious designs of India's enemies. Fighting in the name of religion, caste or other meaningless issues will lead us nowhere. We need to come out of petty political differences and need to fight the real issues of poverty, unemployment, corruption, and hunger. If India as a nation, can resolve these most pressing issues then it will be the true "Azadi" in real sense.

- Yugal Parashar

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Army commander calls on Arunachal Guv, discusses national security



General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita called on Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd.) on Tuesday and discussed the issues relating to national security and recruitment of the local youth in the Indian Army.

"The Governor appreciated the contribution of the Indian Army towards the wellbeing and security of the people living in the Northeastern Region, especially Arunachal Pradesh. He also complimented Army Commander for his and his staff's help in the

recruitment process of local youth," read a statement by PRO (Defence), Tezpur, Lt Col A S Walia. The Governor suggested that the armed forces should organise more awareness and motivational camps for the recruitment of local youth in different parts of the state. "The pre-recruitment rallies are important for more youth of the State joining the armed forces. He reiterated that State's homegrown soldiers will be the best defenders of

the safety and security of the State and the nation," said the statement. Brig. (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd.) also took up the issue of constant review of the plans for strengthening the Border Areas. He emphasised on goodwill civic actions and the welfare of the people by the armed forces in the rural and far-flung areas. Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita, who is on a two-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh, assured of his best cooperation in the recruitment process and instilling a sense of security amongst the people. -TIN Bureau

Over 3 crore national flags made in UP under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign



Uttar Pradesh government, as part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the country's Independence, is set to drape a total of 4.26 crore houses and 50 lakh government and non-government offices in tricolour, according to an official release.

The state government has already produced 3.86 crore tricolours so far against the target of 4.76 crore, as part of the Yogi Government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to mark Amrit Mahotsav. "Of the total target, the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) department of the state government has procured 2 crore flags through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal while over 20,000 NGOs and private sewing units are working round the clock to produce around 1.15 crore flags,"

said the release.

Women's self-help groups have completed the production of more than 96 lakh flags. As many as 2.26 crore flags are to be made at the district level.

Meanwhile, the union government has changed the country's flag code to allow the tricolour to fly both in the daytime and at night now. Polyester flags can also be produced by

machines.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that the "Har Ghar Tiranga" programme is a message to the world that every citizen of India is united to take forward India's journey of development, prosperity, security and culture.

"It is the same Tiranga that soldiers take an oath on as they make the ultimate sacrifice, it is the same Tiranga that crores of farmers see as they brave the weather to feed the world, the same Tiranga that is a symbol of the nation in every citizen's heart," he said.

The Home Minister also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme.

-TIN Bureau

Shinde faction MLA Uday Samant's vehicle attacked in Pune



Uday Samant, MLA from Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde faction, whose vehicle was attacked by some people in Pune's Katraj Chowk on Tuesday, said that the police will investigate if the attackers were following him or the Chief Minister. Earlier on Tuesday, Samant's vehicle was attacked by some people while passing by a location where Aaditya Thackeray held a public meeting, earlier. Condemning the incident, Samant said that this is not how politics is done in Maharashtra. "It's a condemnable incident. Politics in Maharashtra doesn't happen like this. They (attackers) had baseball sticks and stones. CM's convoy was going ahead of me. Police will investigate whether they were

following me or CM (Eknath Shinde)," he said while speaking to media.

The leader said that he would "not get frightened" by such incidents. "I will not get frightened by such incidents. I have spoken to CM Eknath Shinde and told him about the incident. Police

will investigate the whole matter," said Samant.

Reacting to the incident, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde called it an "act of cowardice" and said that strict action would be taken against them who try to disrupt peace and law and order.

"It is an act of cowardice. There is no bravery in pelting stone and fleeing. It is our responsibility to maintain law and order. If somebody tries to disrupt law and order, strict action would be taken against them. Everyone should maintain peace, but still, if someone disrupts peace, the police will take its own action," Shinde said. -TIN Bureau



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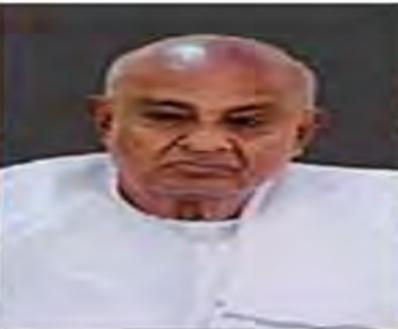
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HINDU SWYAMSEVAK SANGH (HSS) completed 25 years in NZ. HSS has been running youth development sessions (Shakhas) at 14 different locations in New Zealand covering most of the major cities.

HSS works on with mottos Sanskar (Values), Sangthan (Unity), Sewa (Service). In the post Covid era, HSS has decided to impahsis on the Sewa aspect of its works.

To inculcate the urge to serve the society in the mind of its youth members a tree planting drive was organised headed by Tejas Udyawar incharge of Auckland North & West

Nagar.

The weather also welcomed this noble cause and surprisingly the day came out to be warm and sunny on the day.

The group met at Wenderholm Regional Park to participate in a Planting Day where they were briefed on health & safety measures before escorting to the planting site which was a sloped and marshy area.

Everyone dug right in and started planting as many mini-trees, plants, and shrubs as they could. The youth was seen enjoying the hard work of digging the soil however everyone enjoyed getting their hands and boots dirty. The youth was engaged for over 4 hours in the

tree planting session learning not only gardening skills but also strengthening the sense of giving back to society. Session was ended with chanting of a Shanti Mantra.

That means:

1: Om, Peace is in Sky; Peace is in Space (between Earth and Sky);

2: Peace is in Earth; Peace is in Water; Peace is in Plants;

3: Peace is in Trees; Peace is in Gods (presiding over the various elements of Nature); Peace is in Brahman(Absolute Consciousness);

4: Peace is pervading everywhere; Peace alone (which is outside) is in Peace (which is inside); May you be(established in) that Peace (and make your life fulfilled);

5: Om, Peace, Peace, Peace.

the service projects this year as trees and plants contribute to environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, conserving water, preserving soil and supporting forest life. Trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen that we breathe, so it is very important that we take care of after our environment.

As we all know, sewa, meaning selfless service, is a core Hindu value so it is our duty to do sewa. Everybody that participated in this sewa activity left the site with great satisfaction of having contributed towards a greater cause, feeling great and ready to do more.

-Dinesh Pahuja,

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China begins Trade sanctions against Taiwan



Displeased by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, China on Wednesday announced to halt the exports of Natural sand to the island, CGTN News reported, citing the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. US House speaker Nancy Pelosi arrived in Taiwan on Tuesday, despite Beijing's continuous security threats. Beijing maintained that Pelosi's visit is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-US joint communiques. It said the visit gravely undermines peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and sends a seriously wrong

signal to the "separatist forces for Taiwan independence". Shortly after Pelosi landed in Taipei on Tuesday, she reaffirmed her country's unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan's democracy and said this trip in no way contradicts longstanding United States policy on the self-governed island. Irked by the United States' move, China announced economic sanctions and import bans on several Taiwanese companies producing pastries, baked goods and sweets. The US House Speaker, who is second in line to the Oval Office after the US

vice-president landed in Taiwan on Tuesday on the highest level US visit in more than two decades. She arrived in Taipei as part of a Congressional delegation's tour of the Indo-Pacific region in the face of the China threat. Minutes after her aircraft landed in Taipei, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) announced that it would hold six live-fire military drills in waters around Taiwan, scheduled to take place from Thursday to Sunday. The Chinese ministry

opposed Pelosi's visit to Taipei saying that "Pelosi disregarded China's strong opposition and solemn representations and visited Taiwan, China." -TIN Bureau

Maldives President calls on President Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday. "Welcoming President Solih at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that she was happy to receive a close friend of India and an eminent leader under whose leadership Maldives has emerged as a stable and prosperous nation," the office of the Indian President said in a statement. The President said that Maldives is a major partner and close friend of India in the Indian Ocean Region. "The peoples of the two countries have enjoyed strong cultural, economic and trade ties for centuries. Maldives has a special place in India's 'neighbourhood first policy.'" She was happy to note that India's need-based financial and development assistance is supporting Maldives government's development priorities. The President said that the rapid expansion of India-Maldives development cooperation, defence and security initiatives, economic ties and people-to-people contact augurs well for India's relationship with the Government and people of Maldives.

She appreciated the courage and perseverance of the government and people of Maldives during the COVID-19 outbreak. She was happy to note that the strong India-Maldives cooperation during the pandemic has been lauded as a model for the entire region. The President noted that capacity building has emerged as a major pillar in the India-Maldives partnership. She expressed confidence that MoUs signed during this visit will further strengthen capacity building initiatives in Maldives. Maldives President is on an official visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is President Solih's third visit to India since assuming office on November 17, 2018. President Solih is accompanied by a high-level official delegation, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). During the visit, President Solih had restricted and delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi also hosted an official lunch for President Solih and the accompanying delegation. -TIN Bureau



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Taiwan visits 'not up to the CCP to decide'

-David Seymour



National and Labour are toeing the one-China line, but ACT leader David Seymour says he would be happy to visit Taiwan if invited. China's diplomats have been using fiery language and not-so-veiled threats in response to US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. Pelosi has been travelling around Asia

democracy". China's military was put on high alert, and the defence ministry said it would launch "targeted military operations" in response to her visit. "These moves, like playing with fire, are extremely dangerous. Those who play with fire will perish by it," China's foreign

and while her stop in Taiwan is not considered official she was greeted by the island's foreign minister and has been exclaiming US solidarity, saying the world faces a choice "between autocracy and

ministry said in a statement. "The United States, for its part, has been attempting to use Taiwan to contain China. It constantly distorts, obscures, and hollows out the one-China principle, steps up its official exchanges with Taiwan, and emboldens 'Taiwan independence' separatist activities. "China will definitely take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity in response to the US Speaker's visit. All the consequences arising therefrom must be borne by the US side and the 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces." "It's not for New Zealand or for me to cast judgement on the decisions from other leaders as to where they visit and why. What New Zealand will keep calling for though is ongoing diplomacy and dialogue to overcome what are tensions, particularly around the Taiwan Strait." Opposition leader Christopher Luxon struck much the same tone, even voicing specific support for the one-China policy and saying he would not visit Taiwan as prime minister if National won power. "Like all western countries we have a one-China policy, we want to uphold that," he said.

He said Pelosi's visit was ultimately a decision for the US. ACT's leader David Seymour also said Pelosi's visit was a US domestic decision, "but I would say that any person has the right to go to [capital city] Taipei if the people of Taipei want them there". "It's not up to the CCP to decide who can go to Taipei," he said. "The fact that they even think that's an acceptable position shows we've got problems." He said he had never been to Taiwan but would visit if invited. Whether that would lead to a diplomatic incident is uncertain. China maintains that Taiwan is an inalienable part of its territory in what is known as the one-China policy. "This has been clearly recognised by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 of 1971," the foreign ministry said. "Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, 181 countries have established diplomatic relations with China based on the one-China principle. The one-China principle is a universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm in international relations."-RNZ

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Ishan as he had to worry about paying salaries, finding work for his businesses, getting money to pay the bills, and other expenses. However, Ishan secured several new contracts due to his friendly nature and great interpersonal skills. He had to work very hard to ensure smooth business operations.

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CWG 2022, Day 5: Badminton mixed team clinches silver in final, gold sealed in TT and Lawn Bowls



Singapore to win its second straight gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. However, the mixed badminton team could not repeat their achievements from Gold Coast 2018 but settled for a silver medal. Long jumpers Murali Sreeshankar and Muhammed Anees Yahiya confirmed their berth in the final as did Manpreet Kaur for the women's shot-

It was another successful day for India as they added four more medals to their tally, taking the total to 13 which includes 5 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals.

The quartet of Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Turkey, Pinki and Nayanmoni Saikia created history by bagging the country's first-ever medal in the sports of Lawn Bowls beating South Africa (17-10) in the final.

Vijay Thakur won the silver medal in the men's 96kg category to make it eight medals for India at these games in weightlifting.

The medal rush continued as the Indian men's table tennis team defeated

put final. Swimmers Kushagra Rawat and Advait Page took the final two spots in qualification to reach the men's 1500m freestyle final.

Saurav Ghosal will battle for the bronze after his defeat in the men's singles semi-final in squash.

There was some bummer for Indians as well. Dutee Chand was eliminated from the women's 100m heats, India were beaten 3-1 in women's hockey, weightlifter Punam Yadav had a tough day in the women's 76kg, and Seema Punia finished an underwhelming fifth in the women's discus throw final. -TIN Bureau

Surya Kumar Yadav's 76 guides India to seven-wicket win over West Indies in 3rd T20I



Iyer's wicket invited Rishabh Pant to the crease to keep the momentum going in the favour of India. In the 14.3 over of the innings, Dominic Drakes gave his team a much-needed breakthrough as he dismissed well-set batter Surya Kumar, who scored 76 runs in 44 deliveries.

Hardik Pandya then came to the crease, but his stint was cut short as Jason

Surya Kumar Yadav's blistering half-century and fine cameo of unbeaten 33 by Rishabh Pant guided India to a seven-wicket win over West Indies in the third T20I of the five-match series at Warner Park, St Kitts on Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 165, Men in Blue got off to a great start as their openers Rohit Sharma and Surya Kumar Yadav started their game by playing aggressively. Rohit gave India a quick start but then retired hurt in the second over after seemingly pulling a muscle in his waist or side. Shreyas Iyer then came to bat on the crease and tried to anchor the innings with the opener Surya Kumar. The star batter of India Surya Kumar brought up his half-century in 26 balls.

Holder sent him back into the pavilion after scoring four runs. Deepak Hooda then joined Pant on the crease. The duo smashed great shots and took their team to a seven-wicket victory against the hosts with six balls remaining.

Earlier, West Indies set up 165 run target for Men in Blue largely thanks to a masterful half-century from Kyle Mayers and a good finishing charge by Rovman Powell.

Mayers started hammering Indian bowlers as he smashed two fours against Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Captain Nicholas Pooran scored 22 runs before being dismissed by Bhuvneshwar. -TIN Bureau

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Study finds if acupuncture can help ward off diabetes

A new study from Edith Cowan University has found acupuncture therapy may be a useful tool in avoiding type 2 diabetes. The research team investigated dozens of studies covering the effects of acupuncture on more than 3600 people with prediabetes, a condition which sees higher-than-normal blood glucose levels without being high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. The findings showed acupuncture therapy significantly improved key markers, such as fasting plasma glucose, two-hour plasma glucose, and glycated haemoglobin, plus a greater decline in the incidence of prediabetes.

There were also no reports of adverse reactions among patients. PhD candidate and lead researcher Min Zhang said this showed great promise for acupuncture therapy as an additional option to ward off diabetes, which is estimated to affect 11 per cent of the world's adult population. The International Diabetes Federation estimates nearly 1.3 billion people will have either

diabetes or prediabetes by 2045. "But many people struggle to adhere to lifestyle changes long-term, so non-pharmacological treatments such as acupuncture could prove valuable."

A holistic approach
Though diabetes is often associated with lifestyle factors, other aspects of life may also have an impact -- which is where acupuncture comes in. "It's not only about blood sugar levels," Ms Zhang said.

"If you experience sleep problems, high blood pressure, a lot of stress, these can contribute too. "So, acupuncture can help with these factors and work holistically to help people balance their life." "This is important because diabetic people can have issues with their skin, so perhaps it may not always be ideal to be using needles. We need to do more research into acupuncture and diabetes because we need to find more ways to prevent prediabetes from developing into type 2 diabetes," she said. -TIN Bureau

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Curry leaves 4-5 chopped
Method

fry.Keep aside.
GARNISH:
Chop very fine
Carrot-1
Fresh coriander- handful
Cabbage-1 /2 cup
Mix all above chopped in a plate
Tomatoe sauce 4 sp
Now take fried bread pakodaa and apply tomato sauce to it and then apply chopped garnish to be decorative.Enjoy as a evening time snack with garam chai.

Take a pan add oil and all tadka ingredients to it.Mix well and put aside.

Now add mashed potatoes,garlic and salt to the tadka.Mix well. Take two slice and fill masala to it like a sandwich.

Frying :
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Method

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This new Cost of Living Payment sits alongside our Winter Energy Payment, and, when taken together, these payments will support 81% of New Zealanders aged 18 and over with their bills this year.

To fight global inflation and help to ease the pressure on families, we

recently extended the fuel tax cut, reduced road user charges and half price public transport for everyone until the end of January next year. This will also help reduce the fuel burden on businesses, keeping the cost of food and essential goods lower across the board. We're also fixing the supermarket sector and increasing competition, to make sure that Kiwis pay a fair price at the till. This includes calling on the supermarkets to open up wholesale access for their competitors, at a fair price – or we will do it for them through law. By opening up supermarket's stockrooms, it will be easier for new competitors to enter the grocery market, and ensure fairer prices. There's no easy fix to the current cost of living pressures, but the measures we're putting in place will make difference for people across the country. They build on actions we've taken since 2017 to ensure Kiwi families have more in their pocket to get ahead – policies like the family tax credit, free school lunches, cheaper doctors' fees, and the removal of school donations.

As we take the next steps in our plan, we'll continue to grow a strong economy that gives security to New Zealanders in good times and in bad.

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Unemployment up, employment down wages flat-Act party

Somehow Labour has managed to increase unemployment in the middle of an unprecedented labour crisis, while the Kiwis who are working are making less money. It's more evidence we need real change in our country's approach to economic management," says ACT Leader David Seymour.

"Today's Labour Cost Index showed 2,000 more people in unemployment than last Quarter, with no increase in the number of people employed.

"We have a labour crisis in nearly every area of the economy, nurses, builders, fruit pickers, pilots, accountants. With the borders opening, Labour can't get more people in employment but they've managed to increase unemployment.

"It seems that any positives gained by the opening of the border have been made null in void by the amount of Kiwis flocking overseas. 10,000 Kiwis left in the first quarter of 2022 and the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has previously predicted 50,000 will leave our shores for the year.

"It's no wonder they're looking for greener pastures, today's figures show that New Zealanders are working harder and losing more money under

Labour's watch.

"According to today's figures, wages are up 6.4 per cent for the year, almost a full percentage point behind inflation at 7.3 per cent. In effect, people have taken a one per cent real pay cut over the last year.

"Labour's policies are making it harder for Kiwis to get ahead and today's statistics are another signal of the slow decline.

"What the Government needs to do is cut spending and cut taxes, so that people can keep more of their own money. The alternative is we continue on this path away from first world status. "The next Government will have to deliver real change, ACT is showing the way to do this with practical and well thought out policy that will turn our economy around.

"ACT is the only party putting forward practical solutions, having released two payments on the cost of living crisis since we declared it last December. For example, we have proposed that the Labour Market Test be dropped for accredited employers. It's absurd that every employer has to individually prove there's a shortage of labour when the whole country is clearly facing a Labour crisis.:

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A very happy 76th Indian Independence Day
to all of our Indian community across Aotearoa

Left to Right: Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan (MP for Maungakiekie, Minister for the Community & Voluntary Sector, Diversity, Inclusion & Ethnic Communities, and Youth), **Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall** (Labour List MP, Minister for COVID-19 Response and Seniors, Minister of Research, Science and Innovation), **Marja Lubeck** (Labour List MP based in Kaipara ki Mahurangi), **Vanushi Walters** (MP for Upper Harbour), **Naisi Chen** (Labour List MP based in Botany), **Ibrahim Omer** (Labour List MP), **Dr Gaurav Sharma** (MP for Hamilton West), **Ingrid Leary** (MP for Taieri)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ananya Pandey twinning with Karisma Kapoor



Kapoor's look from one of her 90s movies, along with the 'Raja Hindustani' actor's picture on the mirror. In a selfie, Ananya looked cute, posing with her tongue out. For makeup, she wore a dewy makeup look and kept her tresses in a messy ponytail. As soon as she posted the picture, Lolo a.k.a Karisma Kapoor dropped a cute comment. She wrote, "Awwww this is adorable, love you my doll."

Bollywood actor Ananya Pandey who is currently busy promoting her upcoming film 'Liger', recently dropped a cute picture of herself twinning with Karisma Kapoor. On Tuesday, the 'Pati Patni Aur Woh' actor took to her Instagram handle and treated her fans with behind-the-scenes moments from the sets of 'Liger'. Sharing the picture, Ananya wrote, "BTS of #Liger twinning w the forever inspo Lolo fun fact I take this picture with me on every shoot it's a mood!!!! #Liger25thAugust."

In the picture, the 23-year-old actor was seen donning a multi-coloured striped top similar to Karisma

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan also dropped a comment and wrote, "So cool you look you star" followed by heart-eye emoticons. In another comment, Bebo wrote, "No one like OUR LOLO." Along with her, many fans showered praises on the 'Khaali Peeli' actor and swamped the comment section with heart and fire emoticons. Meanwhile, on the work front, apart from 'Liger', Ananya will be also seen in Excel Entertainment's 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' along with Siddhant Chaturvedi and Gourav Adarsh. The official release date of the film is still awaited. -TIN Bureau

Check out Kriti Sanon-Rashmika Mandanna's fun workout moment



I are discussing world problems ya.. don't disturb" followed by laughing emoticons. Along with her the 'Mimi' actor also shared the video on her Instagram story. Karan, in the video, could be heard saying "I need to be stricter." Soon after the video was posted, it got viral on social media and fans are currently praising the bond both the actors share.

Rashmika, on the other hand, will be next seen in a Pan-India film 'Sita Ramam' alongside Dulquer Salmaan and Mrunal Thakur. The film is slated to release on August 5, 2022, in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam. Apart from that, the 'Kirik Party' actor will be also seen in the upcoming Bollywood flix 'Mission Majnu' alongside Sidharth Malhotra, 'Goodbye with

Celebrity trainer Karan Sawhney, on Tuesday, dropped a fun video of actor Kriti Sanon and Rashmika

Mandanna from their workout sessions. Taking to Instagram, the fitness trainer shared the video on his story, which he captioned, "This is what happens when I give Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna some time off."

In the video, the two actors could be seen discussing something inside a gym, sitting on the floor in a squat position in between their workout sessions. Rashmika responded to the video and wrote, "Karan Sawhney- Kriti Sanon and



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