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In tit-for-tat, Iran protests 18-mth detention of vessel

Diplomatic Stand-Off Worsens

Sachin Parashar | TNN

New Delhi: In a clear tit-for-tat suggesting a worsening diplomatic stand-off, Iran summoned Indian ambassador D P Shrivastava in Tehran on Wednesday and protested the detention of an Iranian cargo vessel for "unknown reasons" by Indian authorities.

The envoy was called in by the Iranian foreign ministry within 24 hours of India registering a strong protest with the Iranian envoy here for the "illegal detention" of an oil tanker, *Desh Shanti*, that was carrying Iraqi crude when it was boarded by Iranian Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) in international waters.

The development has largely confirmed New Delhi's fears that Tehran's al-



TOUGH STAND: India maintains that there was no justification for the Iranian Revolutionary Guards to detain Indian tanker *Desh Shanti*

legations about *Desh Shanti* polluting Iranian waters may be a smokescreen for illegally taking possession of the vessel. Despite Tehran saying the Indian ship was detained for purely technical reasons, India continues to maintain that there was no justification for the IRGC to detain the tanker and take it to Bandar Abbas.

According to reports in Iranian media on Thursday, an Iranian vessel, *Diyanat*, was detained by Indian authorities around 18 months ago and it has remained stationed at Mundra in Gulf of Kutch. Iran's deputy foreign minister Seyyed Ab-

bas Araqchi is said to have demanded the vessel's immediate release and also asked the Indian envoy to ensure its crew is not subjected to any "mistreatment".

India, however, countered this saying the Iranian ship was involved in a commercial dispute and that no parallel could be drawn with *Desh Shanti*. They said *Diyanat* had remained at Mundra because it had fallen foul of international admiralty and maritime laws. The ship owners are said to be locked in a dispute with a firm based in a southeast Asian country and needs to pay a certain amount of money before it is released. "This has hardly got anything to do with India," said a source, adding that Indian authorities have also allowed replacement of the vessel's crew several times.

The fact that *Desh Shanti* was carrying 140,000 tonnes of Iraqi crude when it was captured has sparked speculation about Iran's motives. India's crude import from Iraq now accounts for over 12% of India's total oil imports. On the contrary, imports from Iran went down to a little over 7% from over 10% during last fiscal.

Govt has its way, puts 2 of its men on 2G JPC

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Ashwani joins PAC as it vets coal report

New Delhi: The government finally had its way in inducting two MPs of its own choice into the joint parliamentary committee (JPC) on the 2G scam amid strong opposition from BJP members in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

After facing embarrassment on the issue last week, the government came prepared in the Upper House, with even PM Manmohan Singh, being the leader of RS, sitting throughout till the motion was moved and adopted to induct two members into the JPC.

Apprehending that the opposition could seek voting, the treasury bench was present in full strength. Last week, the government had to face embarrassment when the opposition forced it to agree for "wider consultations".

But the opposition's script went wrong right from the beginning. It did not have the numbers and was forced to make a strong protest and not

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The Congress's decision to put up Kumar for PAC membership is significant as he had quit the government under a cloud over a controversial meeting with CBI director Ranjit Sinha during which he reportedly sought to tone down the agency's status report. Kumar's nomination as the Congress candidate could show his readiness to put forward the government's views in the panel. Maitreyan will add to the opposition strength in the PAC.



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fall for division proposed repeatedly by the minister of state (MoS) for parliamentary affairs Rajiv Shukla.

Even as leader of opposition Arun Jaitley demanded consultation with leaders of Left parties and AIADMK, JD (U)'s K C Tyagi queered the pitch, stating that there are other parties who also need to be consulted. He pointed out that SP, BSP and JD(U) have nine members each.

The three parties along

with DMK remained passive throughout the ruckus making clear their support for the government on the induction of Congress's Pradip Bhattacharya and nominated member Ashok Ganguly into the JPC against two vacant seats in place of DMK's Tiruchi Siva, who has retired, and the Congress's E M S Natchiappan, now a member of the Union Cabinet.

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X-ray centre technician films Mumbai woman on sly

V Narayan | TNN

Mumbai: A 26-year-old woman was in for a shock when she found a hidden mobile camera in a changing room recording her undressing for an X-ray at a diagnostic centre in Mumbai on Wednesday. When her husband confronted a male staffer with the finding, he slashed a knife at him and fled through the hospital's back door.

The woman, a homemaker, got suspicious when she noticed a white plastic bag with a hole hanging on a rod. When she checked further, she found a black box, also with an opening, inside. Upon opening the box, she found a mobile phone in recording mode which had captured her removing her clothes.

The woman immediately conveyed the matter to her husband outside, who asked the staff about the owner of the phone. After many questions, a technician, Ansar Shaikh (28), said the phone belonged to him, but that he wasn't aware of who had taken his mobile.

Senior inspector Jivajirao Jadhav said police checked the mobile record and have found that the mobile camera recorded Shaikh while changing the camera mode to video mode and also making holes in the carry bag and the black box.

The woman claimed there was no female doctor or technician at the centre, and that the staff was uncooperative. The director of the clinic refuted the allegations. Police have launched a search operation to arrest Shaikh and are also trying to find out if he has committed similar offences in the past.

Modi is tweeting in 15 languages

Kapil Dave | TNN



POLL VAULT

Gandhinagar: "Sonijir swastha bhalo acche shune khushi. Unar sreshtha swastha ebong bhoobiswater mongol kamona kori (Happy to hear that Sonijir is doing well. I wish her all the best for the future.)"

This is not an excerpt from a Bengali leader's speech but Gujarat CM Narendra Modi's tweet. With an eye on a bigger national role, Modi has been tweeting in 13 languages, including Urdu, apart from English and Hindi. His information technology (IT) team will soon be tweeting in Punjabi and northeastern dialects.

Fatwa against NaMo's Muslim aide

Several Muslim organizations have issued fatwas against Gujarat BJP's minority cell president Sufi Mehboob Ali Chisti (Bava) calling for his social boycott. Chisti had shot into the limelight during CM Narendra Modi's Sabdhavna fast in 2011. Sources said 19 maulanas from Surat and Bharuch districts have issued fatwas against Chisti for his book 'Tajine Sajda Jayaz Hai', accusing him of trying to divide the community. The maulanas have alleged he is using his clout to settle property and business deals. Chisti has dismissed the allegations as a political conspiracy. He says the Election Commission has even censured Congress leaders in the past for making inflammatory speeches against him.

He was recently attacked by fellow BJP minority cell workers in Ahmedabad. Chisti also heads the state Haj committee and is a national office bearer of the BJP. His re-appointment as the party's minority cell president was opposed by several Muslim leaders from the party. Chisti is the head priest of the famous Atladara Dargah in Surat and is expected to play a key role in mobilizing Muslim votes in the Lok Sabha polls.

Besides speaking Telugu at a rally in Hyderabad on August 11, Modi attempted addressing people at Puri in Oriya. Apart from Gujarati, Hindi and English, he can speak Marathi fluently. His IT machinery is working to launch websites on Gujarat in over 50 languages. The state information department is planning to outsource publicity content writing jobs in other languages.

Akalis upset with Guj CM

IPS Singh | TNN

Jalandhar: The Gujarat government's move to go ahead with its appeal against the Supreme Court order restoring Sikh farmers' right over the land allotted to them in Kutch after the 1965 war has irked the Shiromani Akali Dal.

Sources said the party, which wanted Narendra Modi to withdraw the appeal, was feeling let down as it has been his vocal supporter and was the first NDA constituent to welcome his elevation as the BJP campaign committee chief.

Modi has made his seriousness clear by hiring Fali S Nariman to argue the case. For the full report, log on to www.timesofindia.com

SC orders transcription of more Radia tapes

Dhananjay Mahapatra | TNN

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday widened the sphere of scrutiny to trace roots of criminality in the Radia tapes by ordering transcription of more intercepts of conversations between former corporate lobbyist Niira Radia with others for their analysis by a CBI team.

During the nearly two hour-long in-camera proceedings, a bench of Justices G S Singhvi and V Gopala Gowda kept the heat on the income tax department and the Central Bureau of Investigation for

not taking steps to investigate and take a logical conclusion the 'criminality' reflected in some of the intercepts, which concern national security and cross-border transactions.

Additional solicitors general L Nageswar Rao and Paras Kuaud, appearing for the Union government and the CBI respectively, were asked several questions relating to the progress of the probe, if any, on any of the issues.

The bench came across a cache of intercepts, possibly from the first round of interception in 2009 when 14 of Radia's personal and office tele-

phones were kept under surveillance, which had not yet been transcribed. Till now, the I-T department has transcribed 5,831 calls intercepted in three tranches, which ran into more than 100 hours. The transcripts have been submitted to the court in 51 volumes in sealed cover.

The court directed the I-T department to reduce the non-transcribed tranche of intercepts into writing and give the transcription to the team of CBI officers. The court fixed further hearing on the issue on October 1 and wanted the CBI team to analyse it and give a report.

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This year the students who won the scholarships are from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Vidhyarthi Griha's College of Engineering and Technology, Pune and MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore



The Avery Dennison foundation aims at pioneering innovations in research, transferring discoveries to the broader community, and educating tomorrow's entrepreneurs. This will have a tremendous impact on the global economy and on improving people's lives

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These scholarships mark the second round of the Avery Dennison Foundation's annual program in India. The Avery Dennison Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Avery Dennison, a global leader in labelling and packaging materials and solutions. The company's applications and technologies are an integral part of products used in every major market and industry. With operations in more than 50 countries and 26,000 employees worldwide, Avery Dennison serves customers with insights and innovations that help make brands more inspiring and the world more intelligent. Headquartered in Pasadena, California, the company reported sales from continuing operations of \$6 billion in 2012. The company operates two manufacturing facilities and one distribution centre in India besides a Knowledge Centre in Bangalore and an Innovation Centre in Pune.

ships to help them in their research at a glittering award ceremony. Some of the brilliant concepts submitted this year included ideas for a safety sensor device, a wireless sensor network to tackle the long-term railway track maintenance problem, a protective covering for switches made of silicone rubber, a natural gas tank which stores gas at high pressure using CNG technology, among others.

Alicia Procello Maddox, president of the Avery Dennison Foundation and senior director of community investment for Avery Dennison Corporation, when asked about this noble endeavour said, "It is our mission, in awarding these scholarships each year, to foster the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among university students. The scholarships are awarded to students who exhibit a high level of creativity and inventiveness in



(Left:) Anil Sharma, managing director, India and Sub-Saharan Africa, materials group, Avery Dennison India; Jacques Marshall, senior director - human resource, Asia Pacific, MG group, Avery Dennison; Dr G Raghurama, director, BITS Pilani; and Vidushi Dwivedi, student, BITS Pilani. (Right:) Anil Sharma, managing director, India and Sub-Saharan Africa, materials group, Avery Dennison India; Arunabh Das Sharma, president, Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd; Prof Rajeev Singh, PVG Pune; and Sanket Razdan, student PVG Pune



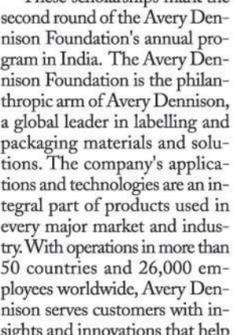
their work, students who have the potential to become important contributors to the economic well-being of their communities." Anil Sharma, MD, South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa, Avery



Dennison, talked on the need for innovation, which continues to shape and reshape the company and to come up with new solutions to help protect the environment. He remarked, "The



company continues to shape and reshape itself and the industry, as customer needs evolve, with a major emphasis today on materials and manufacturing methods that are easier on the envi-



ronment." Arunabh Das Sharma, president, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd, stressed on the need for innovation and its importance in today's evolving society around