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# 'INDIA WON'T ALLOW **HUMILIATION**

## PUTIN PRAISES 'FRIEND' PM MODI AS **'BALANCED AND WISE LEADER'**

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Thr Democratic News Moscow, Oct, 03

 $R^{\rm ussian\ President\ Vlad-}_{\rm imir\ Putin\ has\ strongly}$ backed India's decision to continue its oil trade with Moscow. while praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and taking aim at the US for attempting to pressure New Delhi into halting its energy imports from Russia. Speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Putin praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "balanced and wise leader" and emphasised the unique bond between the

two countries

Putin dismissed any political motivation behind India's purchase of Russian crude oil, asserting that it is driven purely by economics. "There is no political aspect here... If India refuses our energy supplies, it will suffer certain losses. Estimates vary; some say it could be around \$9-10 billion. But if it doesn't refuse, sanctions will be imposed, and the loss will be the same. So why refuse if it also carries domestic political costs?" he said.

Putin further expressed confidence in India's resilience and its refusal to bend under external pressure, saying, "Of course, the people of a country like India, believe me, will closely monitor the decisions made by the political leadership and will never allow any humiliation in front of anyone. And then, I know Prime Minister Modi; he himself would never take any steps of this kind." These remarks come shortly after US President Donald Trump, during a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, accused India and China of being major financial supporters of the Ukraine war by continuing oil purchases from Russia.

In retaliation, the US slapped a 25 per cent additional tariff on Indian goods in August, effectively raising the total duty to 50 per cent. Putin also underscored the long-standing diplomatic relationship between Russia and India, highlighting historical ties that date back to India's independence movement. "In India, they remember this, they know it, and they value it.

We appreciate that India has not forgotten it... We have never had any problems or interstate tensions with India. Never," he said. Referring to Prime Minister Modi as a friend, Putin noted their comfortable and trustworthy relationship, calling him a "balanced, wise" and "nationally oriented" leader. Addressing the ongoing trade imbalance between Moscow and New Delhi, Putin acknowledged the need to diversify imports from India.

# Thousands protest in Italy, Greece, elsewhere against ISRAELI ATTACK ON GAZA FLOTILLA

**AMID CONDEMNATIONS** 



Thr Democratic News Italy, Oct, 03

Tens of thousands of protesters have staged massive demonstrations across many countries following Israel's attack on the Global Sumud Flotilla and abduction of hundreds of activists aboard the humanitarian convoy bound for the besieged Gaza Strip.

The rallies were held on Friday in support of Palestine to 80 minutes, and in other

and in condemnation of Israel's aggressive raids on the

national waters. Massive rallies were held in Rome and several European, Asian and Latin American capitals.

Gaza-bound flotilla in inter-

Thousands of protesters marched again on Friday in Rome to the vast plaza outside the central train station were cancelled or delayed up

Up and down the country, thousands of people gathered professors. for marches and flashmobs, banner reading: "Free Pales-

Among the crowd in Rome saying. was Giordano Fioramonti,

19, protesting along with fellow university students and

"It's also our civic duty from Turin and Trento in the to show how angry and unnorth to Bari and Palermo in happy we are with what is the south. A sea of people happening in the world, with clapped and waved the Pal- our government, to show our estinian flag in Milan as they support for the flotilla, espemade their way through the cially for Palestine, for the streets, carrying a massive Gazans who are being killed, tortured and massacred," of Termini, where services tine, Stop the War Machine." Fioramonti was quoted as

# eam to review ooli prepara-

Patna: Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar arrived in the Bihar capital late on Friday for reviewing, over the next couple of days, preparations for the high-octane assembly polls, which are expected to be announced soon, an official said. The CEC was accompanied by Election **Commissioners Sukhbir** Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi and they are scheduled to hold talks with representatives of various registered political parties on Saturday.This would be followed by a meeting with police and administrative officials across all districts of the state for a review of the law and order situation and other requirements for the smooth conduct of the polls.Later in the day, the EC will hold discussions with the state's Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and other top officials.

### Hamas condemns hawkish Israeli minister's threats against arrested flotilla activists

The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has strongly condemned the storming of a detention site by hawkish Israeli minister Ben-Gvir, where hundreds of activists captured on board a Gaza-bound flotilla were held. In a statement released on Friday, the Palestinian group described Ben Gvir's hostile treatment of the activists as a "stark display of arrogance and a disturbing reflection of the moral and political decay within the Israeli leadership." The resistance movement further said that the far-right Israeli minister sought to project an image of triumph over harmless activists, even as his fascist regime faces growing international isolation. "This calls for global and international condemnation of him and his fascist army's behavior against our defenseless people, and for pressure on the entity to release them immediately," the statement read. Hamas also expressed "pride and admiration for the heroic stance demonstrated by the hundreds of international activists" aboard the seized Global Sumud Flotilla.



# YEMENIS STAGE NA-**TIONWIDE RALLIES IN** SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA, **CONDEMN ISRAEL'S** GENOCIDE

Hundreds of thousands of Yemenis have including Sa'ada, Raymah and Ma'rib.

taken to the streets nationwide in a strong show of solidarity with Palestinians, denouncing the Israeli regime's ongoing genocide in the besieged Gaza Strip.On Friday, large crowds rallied in the capital Sana'a and across several provinces,

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9490618051 8019162110 Hyderabad's 2BHK Housing Push: Over 1,000 Families to Receive Pattas, first 75 Allotted

Hyderabad: Beneficiaries who had earlier been allotted double-bedroom houses but faced delays due to court cases have finally received clearance. On Friday, pattas were distributed to eligible families from Charminar, Malakpet, Yakutpura, and Chandrayangutta constituencies at the Minister's Quarters. The distribution program was attended by GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs, and other key leaders. Officials said this marks a significant step in delivering the government's flagship 2BHK housing scheme to urban res-



### Mosques covered ahead of **Durga Idol immersion in Hyderabad**

Hyderabad: Several mosques were covered on Friday, October 3, ahead of Durga idol immersion in Hyderabad on Saturday. The mosques have been covered to avoid untoward incidents during the Durga idol procession in Hyderabad. Mosques in areas of Old City, including Afzalgunj, Pathargatti, Siddiamber Bazaar, Moazzam Jahi Market and others. In September, mosques were covered ahead of Ganesh idol immersion in Hyderabad.

### Hyderabad

### Ponnam Prabhakar urges Ministry of Defence to clear SCB's Rs 1000 Cr dues

The minister also pointed out that the elections for the Secunderabad Cantonment Board have

**Thr Democratic News** Hyderabad, Oct, 03

Telangana's Minister I for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, on Friday, October 3 wrote a letter to Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asking him to clear Rs 1,000 crores pending in user charges from the Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

The minister stated that timely clearance of the dues



would allow the state government to maintain and upgrade public infrastructure in areas that overlap with the defence jurisdictions.

He also thanked the Government of India for agree-

ing to allocate certain defence lands for public use and urged it to expedite the process of handing them over, stressing that these land parcels are critical for implementing ongoing infrastructure projects.

Furthermore, the minister pointed out that the elections for the Secunderabad Cantonment Board have not been held in the past few years and asked for them to be undertaken at the earliest.

## RSS workers held for conducting puja in govt school in TN, granted bail

The incident occurred at the Ayyappanthangal Government Higher Secondary School

where the RSS conducted the event without prior permission. As many as 44 Rashtriya

Swayam Sevak (RSS) workers were arrested for conducting a puja and shakha training session at a government school in Tamil Nadu on Thursday,

They were briefly arrested and granted bail later. The incident occurred at the Ayyappanthangal Government Higher Secondary School, where the RSS conducted the event without prior permission. The headmaster of the school filed a complaint against the RSS members who entered the school premises without per-

"Police detained 39 RSS



members near Porur, Chennai, after they conducted a Guru Puja and special Shakha training session at the Ayyappanthangal Government Higher Secondary School without prior permission," Chennai police was quoted as saying by Maktoob Media.

A case of unlawful assembly and criminal trespassing was registered under sections 189 and 329 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The RSS workers were first detained, then briefly arrested before being granted the station bail.







