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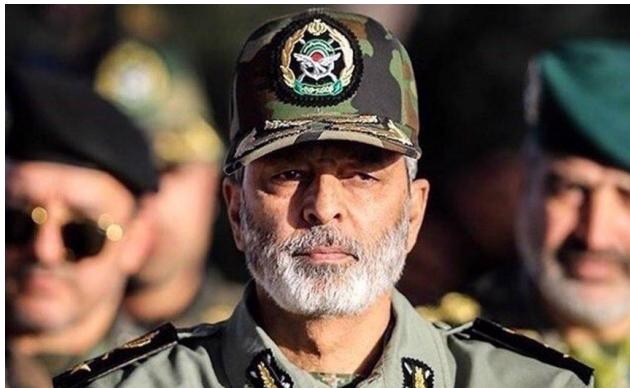
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NO AMERICAN WILL BE SAFE

TOP GENERAL WARNS IRANIAN ARMED FORCES

FULLY READY FOR RETALIATION

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Tehran, Feb 02

Iran's top military official warns that any miscalculation by the Islamic Republic's enemies would trigger a forceful response, saying the country is fully prepared for confrontation and retaliation. Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi made the remarks on Monday, saying the servicemen were prepared to respond decisively to threats. "We think only of victory. We have no fear of the enemy's superficial might, and we are fully ready for confrontation

and to deliver a retaliatory slap," he stated.

The Iranian nation has long stood firm against the arrogant and aggressive nature of the United States, forcing it into "repeated defeats," including in the recent "complex, multidimensional, and terrorist war," which disrupted enemy calculations.

The official was referring to the US- and Israeli-backed terrorist riots that had sought to divert economic protests towards unrest, but were faced with counteraction on the part of Iranian intelligence and security forces.

Over the past 47 years, he added – pointing to the time that has passed since the victory of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution – Iranians have proven

that the country "is not something that can be swallowed," warning that an "obstinate, reckless adversary who refuses to learn will ultimately be suffocated." Warning over retaliation and regional fallout, Mousavi said those who promoted the narrative of a "weak Iran" were now compelled either to retract their claims or "receive the regional slap of Iran's power." Referring to past confrontations against foreign aggression, he said Iranians withstood eight years of war beginning in 1980 and, during the 12-day war imposed on the nation by Tel Aviv and Washington in June last year, "rendered a 20-year plan devised by the United States and the Zionist regime futile and defeated them."

Not your advisor: Lok Sabha Speaker Birla to Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi: "I am not your advisor" Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla told Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi in the House on Monday. The Speaker made the remarks when Gandhi asked him to let him know what he should speak about during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address. Gandhi kicked off a row seeking to quote from former Army chief M M Naravane's unpublished "memoir" on the 2020 India-China conflict. "Do one thing, you tell me what I should speak," Gandhi said, addressing the Speaker. "I am not your advisor. As the Speaker, it is my responsibility to ensure that the House functions as per the rules and conventions," Birla said. He said nobody was being stopped from speaking in the House and underlined that members should follow the rules. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah strongly objected to Gandhi quoting from an unpublished book.



KCR is not above law, says TPCC chief on Telangana phone tapping case

The BRS supremo was questioned by the SIT for nearly five-hours at his Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad.

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Hyderabad, Feb 02

After an intense grilling session by the Telangana Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) supremo and former chief minister K Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) on Sunday, February 1, Telangana Pradesh Congress

Committee (TPCC) President, Mahesh Kumar Goud, said KCR is not above the law. KCR was questioned by the SIT for nearly five-hours at his Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad. His nephew and former Rajya Sabha MP Jigopal Santosh Rao was present during the examination. This was condemned by his son and Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) and former irrigation minister T Harish Rao. Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, he took a swipe at the pink party, saying, "The party should be called Blackmail Rashtra Samithi." Goud presented examples of other state chief ministers, including BS Yeddyurappa and

Mamata confronts police, asks for sensitivity towards SIR-affected families



New Delhi: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday, February 2, confronted the security personnel deployed outside Delhi's Banga Bhawan and said she was in the national capital for justice to the families that suffered during SIR, and not for an agitation. Banerjee, who arrived in Delhi on Sunday, February 1, reached the Banga Bhawan, one of the official guest houses of the West Bengal government here, where families affected by the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the eastern state are staying. It had a heavy deployment of security forces outside the building.

The West Bengal Chief Minister was seen directly confronting the security personnel and asking them to be sensitive towards the families of those who have been impacted by the SIR in her state. "People from Ben-

gal are being threatened in Banga Bhawan... Our case is going on in the Supreme Court, we have a meeting at the Election Commission. We are here with an official appointment... People have died, can their families not talk to the media?" Banerjee said while talking to the media. She is scheduled to meet Chief Election Commissioner Ganesh Kumar over the SIR issue on Monday afternoon.

TRUMP CUTS TARIFFS ON INDIA TO 18 PC, CALLS PM MODI 'GREATEST FRIEND'

The US President further claimed that India had agreed to stop purchasing Russian oil and would instead buy energy from the United States and "potentially Venezuela."

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New Delhi, Feb 02

President Donald Trump on Monday, February 2, announced to lower reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods from 25 per cent to 18 per cent, following a phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump said the decision was taken "out of friendship and respect" for PM Modi and would take effect immediately. He added that India had agreed to reduce its tariffs and non-tariff barriers against the US to zero. "Out of friendship and respect for Prime Minister Modi and, as per his request, effective immediately, we agreed to a Trade Deal between the United States and India, whereby the United States will charge a reduced Reciprocal Tariff, lowering it from 25 per cent to 18 per cent," Trump wrote, describing Modi as one of his "greatest friends" and said both leaders were "two people that get things done." The US President further claimed that India had agreed to stop purchasing Russian oil and would instead buy energy from the United States and "potentially Venezuela," a move he said "would help end the war in Ukraine." He also said India would purchase more than USD 500 billion worth of US energy, technology, agricultural and other products, and had committed to "Buy American" at a higher level. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the announcement, thanking Trump for the tariff reduction. "Wonderful to speak with my dear friend President Trump today. Delighted that Made in India products will now have a reduced tariff of 18 per cent," Modi said in a post on X. The announcement comes a day after India presented its Union Budget 2026.

Community Leaders Hail Indian Muslim Diaspora at Dr. Aslam Abdullah's Book Launch

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Editor of Siasat Daily Nawab Zahid Ali Khan stressed the need for Muslims to prioritize both religious and modern education for the younger generation, stating that knowledge is the only wealth that can never be taken away and that people of learning command respect despite societal discrimination. He was speaking to the media after releasing two English books by US-based writer, journalist, and Islamic scholar Dr. Aslam Abdullah—Muslim Education in India: A Panoramic View and IFME: A Journey of Faith,

zoor Ahmed. Nawab Zahid Ali Khan praised Dr. Aslam Abdullah's scholarly contributions to the Muslim community and suggested that both books be translated into Urdu, a task entrusted to Media Plus. He also lauded Dr. Mohammed Qutubuddin's social and educational services, describing him as a "Messenger of Peace," and appreciated Sana Qutubuddin, President of IFME. Dr. Qutubuddin recalled Nawab Zahid Ali Khan's patronage to IFME, announced an Urdu Festival in Chicago, and invited him to visit the United States. The proceedings were conducted by Siasat Daily senior journalist Riyaz Ahmed.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind moves SC against Assam CM's 'Miya' remarks

New Delhi: The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has moved the Supreme Court against some recent public remarks made by Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, terming them "communal, deeply divisive, and contrary to the spirit of the Constitution." The plea filed by Maulana Mahmood Madani, President, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, through senior advocate M R Shamshad, urged the court to frame strict and enforceable guidelines for persons holding constitutional positions, so that public offices are not misused to spread hatred or target any community. The application has been filed in a pending petition of Jamiat in which an order was reserved by the apex court on January 20. The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has submitted that such statements, especially when made by a person occupying a high constitutional office, cannot be dismissed as political rhetoric or free speech. "Instead, they amount to a deliberate attempt to spread hatred, create hostility, and stigmatise an entire community," it said, adding that such remarks "seriously damage social harmony" and "violate the dignity and responsibility attached to a constitutional office." The application also requested the top court to lay down regulatory guidelines for constitutional functionaries, ensuring that no one is allowed to take shelter behind their position to promote communal hatred, incite public animosity, or vilify any group.

