

Amit Shah to address Parliament on students’ protest amid Oppn heat

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The Centre on Monday, August 10, said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah is ready to respond in Parliament to the row over police action against protesting students, amid protests in Parliament demanding

his presence and statement on the police brutality on students. The statement by the Centre falls on the heels of lathi charges and water cannons used on protesters in Jharkhand, where the state is in coalition with the Congress party. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told reporters that the government was fully

prepared for a detailed discussion on the students’ agitation but that the Opposition must let the Home Minister speak without disruption. “The offer made by the government is very clear that it is ready to have a full and detailed discussion on students’ movement and activities related to it,” Rijiju said, adding that once the debate begins,

“we must have a threadbare discussion.” His remarks came as Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi renewed his attack on the government over the alleged use of pellet guns and tear gas against students during the July 20 “Sansad Chalo” march at Jantar Mantar, called over irregular-

ities in the NEET and CBSE examinations. Gandhi alleged that several students, including minors, were injured, and demanded a Supreme Court-monitored probe, asking why Shah had not addressed Parliament on the matter even after nearly 20 days. Several reports suggest Shah could make his statement around August 20, though the date has not been officially confirmed by the government.

The Opposition’s push for accountability came on a day marked by fresh scenes of police action against students, this time in Jharkhand, where thousands marching towards the state Assembly over alleged irregularities in the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) and Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) recruitment exams were met with lathi charges and water cannons.

Leader Names Vahidi New IRGC Commander



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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei has made new appointments to six top military posts, including the head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC).

In six separate decrees issued on Monday, Major General Ali Abdollahi was appointed Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, with Brigadier General Kioumars Heidari as his deputy. Major General Ahmad Vahidi, promoted to the rank of Major General, was appointed commander-in-chief of the IRGC, with Major General Mostafa Izadi as his deputy.

Rear Admiral Ali Ozamaei was appointed IRGC Navy commander, and Hojjatolislam Hossein Taeb was named head of the Basij Organization.

Gen. Abdollahi appointed Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces

In another decree, the Leader appointed Major General Ali Abdollahi as Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, following the martyrdom of his predecessor, Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, in a US-Israeli airstrike.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the appointment was made in view of Mousavi’s “glorious and honorable martyrdom” at the hands of the Zionist-American enemy and in appreciation of Abdollahi’s worthy services and valuable experience.

The Leader outlined three key priorities for the new chief of staff, emphasizing the need to enhance the comprehensive and up-to-date defense and security capabilities of the Armed Forces and the Basij volunteer forces.

The Leader also called for preparing the ground for timely, revolutionary, and effective responses to all levels and types of conventional and emerging threats, including military, cognitive, and hybrid threats targeting the Islamic Republic.

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed the importance of completing the integration process between the Armed Forces General Staff and the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, in line with guidelines issued by the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

TELANGANA

GEARS UP FOR CENTRE’S CITIZEN REFORM INITIATIVE

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, along with senior state officials, on Monday, August 10, took part in a video conference convened by Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan with chief secretaries of all states to discuss the Centre’s proposed “Reform Utsav” initiative. The initiative will be rolled out in three phases. The preparatory phase, from August to September this year, will focus on establishing the governance framework, sensitisation activities and awareness campaigns. The follow-up phase, from December 28 onwards, will focus on regular monitoring of structural reforms and submission of action reports, as prescribed under the initiative.

JHARKHAND

POLICE USE TEAR GAS ON PROTESTORS DURING ASSEMBLY MARCH

Ranchi: Jharkhand Police fired tear gas on thousands of protesters after the students faced water cannons and lathis as they marched to the Jharkhand assembly on Monday, August 10, breaching barricades one after the other. Several protesters claimed they were injured in the police action, which took place when they reached the final barricade near Jagannathpur Temple on the road to the assembly, which is in session. “The baton charge was barbaric. We were protesting peacefully, but the government used batons against us. They can only inflict physical injuries, not harm our thoughts,” Piyush Kumar Soni, a protester, told PTI.

PARLIAMENT PASSES TAXATION BILL, NO FEE ON UPI TRANSACTIONS

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The Parliament approved the Taxation and other Laws (Amendment) Bill on Monday, August 10, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman making it clear that the legislation does not impose any tax or transaction charge on users making payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The Bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha last week, was returned by the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote after a brief discussion

and reply by the Finance Minister. Speaking on the floor of the Upper House, the Finance Minister said the proposed amendment to Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act is only an enabling provision and does not introduce a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charge on consumers at this stage. “The enabling provision we are bringing in does not impose any tax or transaction charge on UPI users,” she said. No MDR finalised yet The Finance Minister added



that after the approval of the Parliament, the UPI and Services Steering Committee of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) will consider whether an MDR charge

should be introduced. “So, no MDR framework has been finalised,” she clarified. The clarification comes amid growing speculation that a transaction fee would be charged on

UPI payments following the government’s proposed amendments. The Finance Ministry had issued a statement on Saturday that person-to-person UPI transactions will continue to remain free of charge under the new proposal. The government said that if MDR is introduced, it would apply only to a limited set of merchant transactions above a specified threshold and would be charged at a nominal rate. The rate, it said, would be significantly lower than the MDR applicable to debit or credit card transactions.

MODI, SHAH CANNOT ESCAPE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS: RAHUL

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Upping the ante against the government over the alleged police “brutalities” against student protesters, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday, August 10, pushed for Home Minister Amit Shah’s resignation and claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s image has been “destroyed” and can never be rebuilt. The former Congress president said the youth of India will not allow the prime minister

and the home minister, or any official, to escape the consequences of their actions. On July 20, 2026, thousands of youths across India demanded accountability from those they elected to office and sooner or later, they will get that accountability, Gandhi said in an article published in The Hindu. “On July 20, 2026, India’s young people came together to demand a fair education system and accountability for paper leaks. These young women and men came from every caste, class, region and religion,” he said.



They were brave enough to demand justice, wise enough to know their Constitutional rights, tender enough to laugh at their own turmoil, and earnest enough to believe that they could fight and win, the Congress leader said.

Yemeni forces strike Saudi-backed mercenaries for second straight day

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Yemeni armed forces have launched a new wave of ballistic missile and drone attacks on Saudi-backed mercenary forces in the country, killing at least two militants and wounding several others. Local media reported that Yemeni military units struck Saudi-sponsored militiamen from the so-called Shabwah Defense Forces

in the Bayhan district of the southeastern province of Shabwah on Monday, inflicting heavy losses on them. The development came only hours after Yemeni army forces carried out fresh drone attacks on the port city of Mokha in the southwestern province of Ta’izz. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the late Sunday strikes. On Sunday, Yemeni army strikes hit Mokha port and nearby areas,

killing seven Saudi-backed mercenaries and wounding 30 people. Spokesperson for the Yemeni Armed Forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree announced in a statement that Yemeni troops struck the Saudi-backed forces and their arms depots, using ballistic missiles and kamikaze drones. He added that the projectiles and unmanned aerial aircraft precisely struck their designated targets. Saree noted that the

major operation was conducted as the mercenaries were executing a substantial military buildup and preparing to launch attacks on Yemeni force. On July 20, the Sana’a government announced a maritime blockade against Saudi Arabia, stating that authorities in Riyadh have imposed “an unjust and oppressive siege” on Yemen for nearly 12 years, “plundering our resources and implementing a complete blockade.”

“A TREE FOR HUSSAIN (AS): SAPLINGS DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC”

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The “WHO IS HUSSAIN” organization organized a program titled “Ek Darakth Hussain ke Naam” in the Darulshifa area of Hyderabad, during which tree saplings were distributed to the general public. Mirza Riaz-ul-Hasan Effendi, a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) representing the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM), was invited to the event; he commended the organization’s initiative and personally distributed the saplings to the people. Speaking on the occasion, Mirza Abbas Zar, a member of the “WHO IS HUSSAIN” organization, stated that just as Imam Hussain (AS) conveyed the message of following the path of humanity, they too are walking the path shown by him. The organization arranged this program to plant trees in his name. Under this initiative, over 1,500 saplings were distributed to foster a healthy environment and ensure a supply of fresh oxygen, thereby enabling people to lead healthy lives. Members of the ‘WHO IS HUSSAIN’ Organization including Ms. Asma Zar, Mr. Wasif Ali, Mr. Zia, Mustafa, Abid, Ms. Sakina, Mr. Tahir, and others participated in the program.