

## Morning News Script

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres yesterday warned the international community not to further escalate tensions with reprisals against Iran, while the U.S. warned the Security Council it would work to hold Tehran accountable at the U.N. Speaking to a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, Guterres, told member states that the U.N. charter bars the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. Strongly condemning Iran's attack on Israel, the UN chief, stressed that neither the region nor the world can afford another war. He called for an immediate cessation of the hostilities. Guterres urged all parties to exercise maximum restraint to avoid any action that could lead to major military confrontations on multiple fronts in the Middle East.

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The Ministry of external affairs yesterday expressed serious concern over the escalating tensions between Israel and Iran. The Ministry said that the country is seriously concerned about the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Iran, which threatens the peace and security in the region. The Ministry also highlighted that it is closely monitoring the evolving situation and the embassies in the region are in close touch with the Indian community. Calling for an immediate de-escalation, the Ministry emphasised the importance to maintaining security and stability in the region. It further urged both the nations to step back from violence and return to the path of diplomacy.

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Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge yesterday criticised BJP's election manifesto saying it must not be trusted as it could not do anything for the poor in the last 10 years. Speaking to media after addressing a public meeting in Nagpur, he said, the youth is looking for jobs, inflation is rising, but the Prime Minister is not worried about these issues. leader and Delhi minister Atishi referred to the BJP's election manifesto as "Jumla Patra" and accused the party of not fulfilling its promises even after staying in power for 10 years. Criticising the manifesto RJD leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav said it has no mention of youths, farmers, or employment and nothing for states like Bihar. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has dubbed the BJP's manifesto a "post-dated cheque drawn on a failing

bank". Reddy asserted that the Congress led by Rahul Gandhi will end people's misery.

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Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University (Lumami) Professor Jagadish K Patnaik released the Newsletter "MassCom Chronicle" of the Department of Mass Communication, at Lumami recently. Congratulating the department on the release of the newsletter, the Vice Chancellor suggested for bringing out a tabloid size monthly newspaper with an outreach news beyond the campus. He noted that Naga society as a rich flourishing society but unable to capitalise its richness. Patnaik therefore urged the students to take active part in disseminating positive ideas, information and messages to inform the masses about its important impact. The Vice Chancellor also proposed to rename the department as Journalism and Mass Communication and to start a Bachelor's degree such as Journalism and Mass Communication along with a Masters Programme. Further, the Vice Chancellor stressed on having dual degrees as per the National Education Policy and urged the department to increase its intake of students and proposed for more faculties.

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Assam Rifles yesterday organized a wreath laying ceremony in the honour of Rifleman/General Duty (Late) Nokzar Ao at his native Mangmetong village in Mokokchung who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation on 14 April 2009 in general area of Leisin Kongkan located in Kamjong district of Manipur. Officers, JCOs and ORs including NOK and relatives of Rifleman/General Duty (Late) Nokzar Ao attended the ceremony.

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Chief of the Naval Staff admiral R HariKumar will present Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards on behalf of President at Naval Investiture Ceremony 2024 in Goa today. The ceremony will be organized at naval base INS Hansa to felicitate naval personnel who have demonstrated gallantry, leadership, professional accomplishment and distinguished service of a high order. The awards including Nao sena medals (gallantry), Nao sena medals (devotion to duty) and vishisht seva medals will be presented to the naval personnel at the function. During the ceremony, the CNS will also present the Capt Ravi Dhir Memorial Gold Medal for promoting Flight Safety and the Lt VK Jain Memorial Gold Medal for pioneering research in the field of Weapon Improvement and Electrical Engineering. Unit Citations to various units will also be awarded at the ceremony.

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