

Lady Gaga ends her engagement to Christian Carino

Singer-actress Lady Gaga has called off her engagement to fiance Christian Carino. Gaga's representative confirmed the news to people.com saying their relationship ended "a bit ago". **P14**

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VRS enrolment evaluation over Manama

The Civil Service Bureau has completed the evaluation on enrolment and withdrawal applications received under the voluntary retirement scheme.

The CSB highlighted that 120 enrolment applications and 84 withdrawal applications for the voluntary retirement scheme have been accepted. All applications have been accepted in co-ordination with various government entities.

Saudi orders release of 850 Indian prisoners

New Delhi

Coinciding with the visit of Crown Prince Mohammed

Indian prisoners lodged in its jails. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said the decision was taken on the

"Another big deliverable! At the request of the PM, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia has ordered the release of

He said HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman has also announced an increase in the quota for Indian Haj pilgrims to two lakh at the

1.75 lakh. During his visit to Pakistan two days back, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman had agreed to

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Civilians evacuated Manama

Civilians have been evacuated from the last village in Syria still held by the Islamic State (IS) group.

A convoy yesterday carried hundreds of men, women and children from Baghuz, near the Iraqi border.

The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) alliance have said they are waiting for their removal before launching an offensive against militants.

bin Salman to India, Saudi Arabia yesterday ordered release of 850

request of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

850 Indian prisoners lodged in Saudi jails," he said in a tweet.

request of Prime Minister Modi. The present quota is about

release over 2,000 Pakistani prisoners in Saudi jails.

Egypt hangs nine

Convicts found guilty of murdering prosecutor general four years ago

● The sentences of the other defendants were not considered because they had been sentenced in absentia.

● Amnesty International condemned the executions.

Cairo

Egypt hanged nine men yesterday for the 2015 assassination of the prosecutor general, judicial sources said, bringing to 15 the number of executions it has carried out this month.

Hisham Barakat was killed in June 2015 when a car bomb struck his convoy in Cairo follow-



Egyptian Public Prosecutor Hisham Barakat died in a car bomb attack near his house in the Heliopolis district of Cairo.

ing militant calls for attacks on the judiciary to avenge a crackdown on militants.

The nine men hanged were among 28 people sentenced to death in 2017 for involvement in

his murder.

Their death sentences were upheld in November by the Court of Cassation, which commuted the sentences of six others to life imprisonment.

28 people have been sentenced to death in the prosecutor general murder case.

The sentences of the other defendants were not considered because they had been sentenced in absentia.

The hangings came despite an 11th-hour plea by human rights group Amnesty International on Tuesday for a stay of execution.

Amnesty International condemned the executions.

Last week, Egypt hanged three people convicted of the 2013 murder of senior police officer Nabil Farag.

The previous week, it hanged three young "political detainees" convicted of the September 2013 murder of the son of a judge, Human Rights Watch reported.

No one claimed the 2015 attack against Barakat but authorities pointed the finger at members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood of ousted president Mohamed Mursi.

Since Mursi's overthrow by then army chief and now President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi in 2013, Egypt has struggled to quell a militant insurgency and cracked down on militants who backed him.

Hundreds of Mursi supporters have been sentenced to death, while the former president and top Brotherhood figures have also faced trial.

The Muslim Brotherhood was outlawed and branded a terrorist organisation in December 2013, just months after Mursi's ouster.



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