

Quad unveils energy security, critical minerals frameworks

Launches Major Measures To Upgrade Maritime Surveillance

New Delhi: Seeking to inject fresh momentum into the grouping, the Quad on Tuesday announced energy security and critical minerals frameworks to mitigate supply chain disruptions and unveiled major measures to upgrade maritime surveillance and port infrastructure across the Indo-Pacific, even as it remained elusive on the timing of the next summit of the grouping.

While all measures except the energy security initiative are widely viewed as efforts to counter China's expanding Indo-Pacific footprint, the Quad explicitly voiced serious concerns over the situation in the East and South China Sea and denounced "coercion" threatening regional peace and stability.

The new steps to address pressing challenges were announced following a meeting of the grouping's foreign ministers in New Delhi, chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and attended by US Secretary of State Marco



External affairs minister S Jaishankar with Japan's Toshiimitsu Motegi, Australia's Penny Wong and Marco Rubio of US during the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday

Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshiimitsu Motegi.

The foreign ministers called for an uninterrupted flow of global commerce through the Strait of Hormuz and criticised the imposition of tolls on commercial shipping in the region, while seeking peaceful resolution of the West Asia crisis.

"We reaffirm our commitment to defending the rule of law, sovereignty and territorial integrity. We recognise the immense potential of innovation, emerging technologies, and trusted partnerships to drive economic prosperity across the Indo-Pacific and be-

yond," the Quad foreign ministers said in a joint statement.

On the situation in the East China and South China seas, the ministers expressed serious concerns regarding "dangerous and coercive actions", including interference with offshore resource development and the "dangerous manoeuvres" by military aircraft, coast guard and maritime militia vessels.

External affairs minister Jaishankar, in his media statement, said a free and open Indo-Pacific has many dimensions and facets. "Our meeting today took stock of the progress in many of them, while encouraging exploration in others," he said.

"In the coming days, whether it is economic activity, energy trade or maritime commerce, the Indo-Pacific will become even more important to the world. The responsibilities of the Quad will grow commensurately, and we must prepare for that," he said.

The Quad announced plans to work with P-1 to advance country's port infrastructure under the grouping's plans to enhance maritime facilities in the Indo-Pacific region. Under the Indo-Pacific energy security framework, the Quad plans to counter supply disruptions through strategic fuel reserves, targeted policy initiatives and coordinated emergency response mechanisms.

The new initiative comes amid increasing global concerns over disruptions in energy supply chains in view of the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz through which around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas usually passes. As part of the critical minerals cooperation framework, the Quad pledged up to USD 20 billion in public and private capital to bolster supply chains while voicing "grave concerns" over "economic coercion", widely seen as a reference to China's export control regime in the sector.

'Not rarest of rare case': Del court denies death to child rape convict

Grants Life In Jail To 22-Yr-Old Man For Rape Of 4-Yr-Old

New Delhi: A Delhi court refused to award the death penalty to a man convicted of raping a four-year-old girl, saying the incident did not fall under the "rarest of rare" category.

Additional Sessions Judge Amit Sahrawat made the observation while hearing arguments on the quantum of punishment to convict Sunny Kumar, and instead sentenced the 22-year-old to imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life.

"This court is not of the opinion that the present case falls in the category of rarest of rare cases. Considering the young age and clean past of the convict, the capital sentence is not justifiable in the present case," the court order read. On April 30, the court convicted Kumar for kidnapping and raping a girl, saying that the child suffered brutal & life-threatening injuries that could only have been caused by penetrative sexual assault.

The court said that the "diabolical" conduct of Kumar showed he posed a serious threat to society and deserved leniency.

The court noted that the convict was 22, had no criminal antecedents and had expressed remorse.

"Although the convict is not being considered for a capital sentence, but still there is no doubt in holding that his misdeeds are diabolical in nature and he does not deserve any kind of leniency and he is required to be kept out of society for as long as possible," the order read.

The court said that the sufferings of the victim cannot even be imagined. Undergoing several surgeries and then remaining bedridden due to surgical constraints is too painful, it said. "If convict can commit rape of such a small child, then he is a serious threat to society at large and therefore he should be kept behind bars throughout his life," the court said.

The court, however, declined the prosecution's plea seeking the death penalty observing that the case did not fall under the "rarest of rare" category.

BJP MLAs seek withdrawal of Sabarimala protest cases

Thiruvananthapuram: The BJP MLAs in Kerala on Tuesday urged the state government to withdraw all cases registered against devotees in connection with the Sabarimala protests and to order a CBI probe into the alleged gold theft case at the hill shrine.

In a letter to CM V D Sathesaran, BJP MLAs Rajeev Chandrasekhar, V Muralidharan, and B B Gopakumar said thousands of cases filed during the Sabarimala women's entry agitation should be withdrawn, describing them as "unjustified". Muralidharan said there had been no announcement on the demand for a CBI investigation even after two Cabinet meetings since the CM assumed office.

He noted that when Sathesaran was Leader of the Opposition, he had sought a CBI probe into the matter.

According to the MLAs, 2,624 cases were registered in connection with the Sabarimala protests, involving 29,119 accused persons.

They also said the government was considering withdrawing 1,047 minor cases, an

Murder charges against 4 in Zubeen case

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Guwahati: A fast-track court in Guwahati framed Tuesday murder charges against four people in singer Zubeen Garg's death last year, setting the stage for a trial that begins June 8 despite a Singapore coroner ruling out foul play. Judge Sharmila Bhuyan ordered all seven accused, now in judicial custody, to face joint trial through video conferencing, saying charges arose from a common chain of events linked to Garg's drowning during a yacht trip off a tourist island in Singapore on Sept 19, 2025.

Murder charges were framed against Shyamkanu Mahanta, organiser of North East India Festival in Sin-

gapore where Garg was scheduled to perform, singer's manager Siddharth Sharma, bandmate Shekharjyoti Goswami and co-singer Amritprabha Mahanta.

Charges of criminal conspiracy and criminal breach of trust were also framed against the four, along with Garg's personal security officers Nandewar Borah and Paresh Baishya. Garg's cousin Sandipon Garg faces a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

"The charges framed against the accused persons were read over and explained to them in open court ... to which the accused pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried," court order

said. All accused appeared from jail through video conferencing.

Court said investigators found "strong prima facie material" against the accused and pointed to eyewitness accounts that alcohol was supplied to Garg before he entered the sea in Singapore.

Order said conspiracy began in Guwahati and organisers and associates took Garg abroad without a medical fitness certificate while concealing his health condition.

Court also referred to expert findings that Garg was allowed to swim after heavy drinking. His toxicology test reported blood alcohol level of 333mg per 100ml at time of death.

Man hides in forest for a month after killing dad, arrested

Barwani (MP): A 35-year-old man hiding in a forest in Madhya Pradesh's Barwani district for a month after allegedly shooting his father dead over a property dispute has been arrested, police said on Tuesday.

The accused, identified as Chandan Barole, allegedly shot his father Jagan Barole (50) dead in broad daylight in a rural area of the Barwani district on April 20. Barwani police station in charge Rajesh Singh Bisen told reporters.

Bisen said Chandan hid in the forest and released a video on social media threatening to kill anyone attending the second wedding of his sister-in-law. He said that on Monday, police received information that Chandan was hiding in a temple in the forest of Ambali village, after which he was surrounded by the police. Chandan tried to escape by jumping from the temple roof, but his legs were injured due to the height of the jump, Bisen said. Superintendent

Dera chief reaches Sirsa, asks followers to obey instructions

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Gurmeet Ram Rahim walked out of Sunaria jail in Rohtak around 6.30am on Tuesday and immediately left for his Dera in Sirsa, around 200km away in a convoy of eight luxury vehicles. Sources said permission for him to stay in Sirsa was granted after getting clearance from the Sirsa district magistrate.

Soon after reaching Sirsa around 9.15am, he released a video message asking followers to obey instructions issued by dera authorities.

On Jan 6 this year, the dera chief was released on parole during the Shah Satnam anniversary and stayed at the Sirsa dera headquarters. During some earlier paroles, he has stayed at the dera ashram in Bhopal, Uttar Pradesh.

He has been in jail since Aug 25, 2017, when a special CBI court in Panchkula convicted him of raping two 'sadhvis' (female disciples) and sentenced him to two terms of 20 years' imprisonment.

Around 40 persons lost their lives in Aug 2017 after violence broke out in Panchkula and other parts of Haryana and Punjab after he was convicted. He was also convicted of the murders of former dera manager Ranjit Singh and journalist Ram Chander Chahatpati but has since been acquitted in both cases by Punjab and Haryana high court.

Law On Parole / Pardon: As per the jail manual, a convict is entitled to 10 weeks of parole in a year. The period for which the convict stays out of jail is added to the sentence and is not deducted from the total sentence.

Similarly, a convict (who is sentenced to more than 10 years in jail) is entitled to furlough for a period of three weeks a year. The furlough period is included in the total jail term and considered undergone.

With this, a convict can remain out of jail for a maximum of 98 days a year. However, such freedom is not easily granted to all the jail inmates and depends on several factors, including the discretion of the authorities and clearance from the administration.

Dawoodi Bohra community celebrates Bakrid

Bhopal: The Dawoodi Bohra community in Bhopal celebrated Eid-ul-Adha (Bakrid) on Tuesday, marked by special prayers for world peace, devotion, and simplicity. While the Muslim community across the country will celebrate Bakrid on May 28, the Bohras celebrate their festivals according to the Egyptian Hijri calendar. Ibrahim Ali Dawoodi, media coordinator of the Dawoodi Bohra community of Bhopal, stated that special morning prayers (Khutba) were offered for peace, progress, and mutual brotherhood in the country and the world.

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Online Applications in the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for recruitment for various posts (Group A) (Non-Teaching Officers) and Faculty Posts (Teaching) latest by [30.06.2026] (Tuesday) followed by submission of the hard copy of filled application form along with relevant enclosures up to [15.07.2026] (Wednesday) (by 05:00 P.M.)

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NOTE: The online application Form and other relevant details regarding no. of posts, reservation, educational qualifications, experience etc. required for the above mentioned posts is available on University website <http://www.nsut.ac.in> from [28.06.2026] (Tuesday) (10.00 A.M.)

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table here below, for recovery of its dues due to the Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

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Sr. No.	Name of Branch	Description of Immovable Mortgaged Properties and Name of Owner(s)	AI Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession E) Physical/Constructive	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Bid Increase Amount	Date and Time of E-Auction
1.	Branch: (ARMB, Karnal)	All that part and parcel of (plot now in the shape of) commercial shop no. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and measuring 18M approx i.e. 2729/7075 share of land measuring 26-M pertaining to Khawat No 188, Khatoni No. 171, Rect. No. 36, Kila No. 4/10-13/1, 4/3/1-13/1, 5/10-1/1, kites 3, situated at Main Karnal-Indri Road, Village Gudha, Tehsil Indri, Karnal vide sale Deed No. 2865/1 dated 18.03.2020 belonging of Smt. Meenakshi Singla W/o Amit Singla, registered with the office of Sub Registrar, Indri and Jamband for the year 2021-2022 read with mutation No 2415, 2418, 2472 of Village Gudha.	A) 19.11.2022 B) Rs. 31,48,768.00 (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Only) with further interest w.e.f. 01.10.2022 and Charges (i) recovery itary, until payment in full, (ii) 02.02.2023 C) Physical Possession D) Physical Possession	Rs. 93,11,440/- Rs. 9,31,140/- Rs. 50,900/-	16.06.2026 11.00 AM to 4:00 PM

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