

CCTV Shows Motel Staff Chase, Behead Indian Man In Front Of Wife, Teen Son

WAS: An Indian man from Karnataka was brutally beheaded by a Cuban immigrant with a violent criminal history-recently released from custody-at a motel in Dallas, Texas. Fifty-year-old Chandra Nagamalliah, who managed the Downtown Suites motel on Samuell Boulevard, east of Downtown, was repeatedly assaulted with a machete by Yordanis Cobos-Martinez, 37, who worked there.

CCTV footage from the motel has gone viral, in which the accused, in a white shirt, can be seen chasing Nagamalliah with a machete in the motel corridor. Nagamalliah's pleas for help alert his wife and teenage son, who tried to intervene several times, but Cobos-Martinez pushed them away and continued the assault.

At one point, Nagamalliah's son-- seen wearing a yellow shirt--brings a baseball bat from somewhere. But by that time, the victim's body appears motionless.

Cobos-Martinez then takes out something from Nagamalliah's pockets before again resuming the attack until the victim's head was removed from his body. When Nagamalliah's wife tried to stop him, he could be seen getting aggressive towards her. At this point, Nagamalliah's son drags his mother away from the scene.

Arrest Affidavit
An arrest affidavit released by police on Thursday revealed that Cobos-Martinez was involved in an argument on Wednesday morning with the victim. A witness told police that she was cleaning a room with the accused when Nagamalliah came to tell them about not using the washing machine, as it was broken.

The witness said the Cobos-Martinez became upset with Nagamalliah for having the witness "translate the communication instead of speaking to [Cobos-Martinez] directly." He took out a machete from his person and started chasing Nagamalliah.

Another witness told CBS Texas the accused chased the victim "from 108 all the way to the office. The man was trying to get into the office to tell his family."

Police said that after beheading Nagamalliah, "the suspect then kicked his head twice into the parking lot and proceeded to pick it up and carry it to the dumpster and put it inside."

As Cobos-Martinez walked away from the scene, police said a Dallas Fire-Rescue truck arrived and saw Cobos-Martinez still carrying the machete and covered in blood. The DFR unit followed Cobos-Martinez until police officers were able to take him into custody.

Japan's Centenarian Population Nears 100,000, 88% Are Women

The number of people aged 100 or older in Japan has hit a record high of nearly 100,000, with almost 90 percent of them women, ministry data showed on Friday.

The figures underscore the demographic crisis gripping the world's fourth-biggest economy as its population ages and shrinks. As of September 1, Japan had 99,763 centenarians, up 4,644 year-on-year, with 88 percent of them women, the health ministry said in a statement. Japan's oldest person is 114-year-old Shigeko Kagawa in the Nara region near Kyoto.

She remained active past 80 years old as an obstetrician-gynecologist and a general doctor, according to the ministry. "Walking extensively during house calls built strong legs, which are the source of my current vitality," Kagawa was cited as saying in the statement. She still has good eyesight so she spends the day watching TV, reading newspapers and doing calligraphy.

The world's oldest person is British woman Ethel Caterham, who turned 116 in August, months after the title passed to her following the death of Brazilian nun Inah Canabarro Lucas.

FBI Seeks Public Help In Finding Kirk's Shooter, Receives Over 7,000 Tips



Investigators searching for the man who killed right-wing activist Charlie Kirk appealed for the public's help Thursday, with no one in custody more than a day after a murder that has rocked America's fractious politics.

Kirk, a 31-year-old superstar on the Republican right who harnessed surging youth support for President Donald Trump, was shot dead while addressing a large crowd at Utah Valley University on Wednesday.

Hundreds of agents from across 20 law enforcement agencies are combing for clues to the identity of the culprit, but at a Thursday evening media briefing, they appeared to have little to show.

"We cannot do our job without the public's help," Utah Governor Spencer Cox told reporters, adding they had received more than 7,000 leads.

"We need as many, as much help as we can possi-

bly get. Any videos or photos that you might have... should be submitted to our digital media tip line."

FBI Director Kash Patel, who on Wednesday tweeted that agents had someone in custody before having to walk that back, stood mutely as Cox spoke.

No one took any questions from the assembled press corps.

Pictures released Thursday showed a man detectives want to question.

He was wearing Converse shoes, a black baseball cap, dark sunglasses, and what appeared to be jeans, with a long-sleeved top emblazoned with a design that included an American flag.

Police say they believe the shooter fired a single bullet from a rooftop up to 200 yards (180 meters) away, hitting Kirk in the neck.

A video played at the press conference shows a figure running across a roof at the university, then jump-

ing to the ground and making his way off campus towards some trees -- apparently the location where a high-powered bolt-action rifle was recovered.

Dark moment
Reflecting the highly political nature of the killing, Kirk's coffin was transported to his home city of Phoenix on JD Vance's official plane.

Footage showed the vice president with his hands on the casket as it was carried to Air Force 2.

Kirk's widow, Erika, held hands with Vance's wife after the plane arrived in Arizona, the headquarters of the powerful Turning Point USA.

The right wing mediasphere remained in a state of heightened emotion Thursday, with Fox News contributors recounting the impact Kirk had on their lives.

Conspiracy theories ricocheted around the internet, while calls for a return to civility in political discourse vied with those demanding vengeance.

"THIS IS WAR" wrote the popular right-wing X account of @LibsofTikTok.

Fox News host Jesse Watters on Wednesday said the killing showed his side of the political spectrum was under attack.

"Whether we want to accept it or not, they are at war with us.

Trump Seeks Death Penalty For 'Animal' Who Killed Ukrainian Refugee

President Donald Trump demanded the death penalty Wednesday for a man charged with murdering a Ukrainian refugee on a North Carolina train -- a crime the US right has turned into a political rallying point.

"The ANIMAL who so violently killed the beautiful young lady from Ukraine, who came to America searching for peace and safety, should be given a 'Quick' (there is no doubt!) Trial, and only awarded THE DEATH PENALTY. There can be no other option!!!" Trump posted on his social media platform.

Trump's demand came after his attorney general, Pam Bondi, said she would pursue the "maximum penalty" against 34-year-old DeCarlos Brown Jr.

Brown is accused of stabbing to death Iryna Zarutka, 23, as she rode home from work on a commuter train in Charlotte, North Carolina, last month.

Horrific security camera footage of the knife assault has been shared massively on right-wing outlets and social media accounts to bolster Trump's controversial crime crackdown.

Trump has deployed National Guard soldiers on the streets of Washington, DC, and has repeatedly threatened to expand the deployments to other Democratic-run cities.

Republicans say this is needed to reduce what they call out-of-control crime, while opponents accuse Trump of authoritarian overreach.

India Is One Of Top Relationships US Has In World Today: Secretary Rubio

Washington: Amid trade tensions between India and the United States over President Donald Trump's punitive tariffs, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has hailed New Delhi as one of Washington's "top relationships" in the world today. He made the remarks during the Senate confirmation hearing for Sergio Gor, US ambassador-designate to Delhi.

Introducing Sergio Gor at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rubio underscored India's increasingly important role in the Indo-Pacific region and global geopolitics.

"Sergio Gor is the nominee to India (as US Ambassador), which is one of the top relationships that the US has in the world today, in terms of the future of what the world's going to look like.

I said it earlier when I held the position as a nominee... In the 21st century, the story is going to be written in the Indo-Pacific. It's so important that we have changed the name of the combatant command in the Indo-Pacific. India is at the core of that," Rubio stated.

The Secretary of State stressed that India-US relations are in a "period of extraordinary transition".

"We've got some really important issues coming up that we need to work with



them on and work through that implicates what's happening from Ukraine, but also implicates what's happening in the region," Rubio added, indicating a thaw in ties that have been icy since President Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on Indian imports over its purchase of Russian oil.

Trump has accused India's crude trade of fulfilling Russia's offensive in Ukraine, even as New Delhi is not the biggest importer of Moscow's oil.

The trade negotiations between the two countries, which have been stalled following the imposition of tariffs on Indian imports, are likely to resume next week.

Talking about Gor, Rubio stressed the importance of having a US representative in India who has the direct ear and confidence of the President. He noted Gor's close working relationship

with President Trump, calling him "very, very close to the President" and someone who can "get things done both in the administration and through the Oval Office."

"I don't know of anyone out there that's better positioned to do that than Gor," Rubio said.

Last month, President Donald Trump promoted Gor, Director of Presidential Personnel, as the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.

"India is a strategic partner whose trajectory will shape the region and beyond. Under President Donald Trump's strong leadership, I'm committed to advancing America's interest in this important partnership," Gor said at his confirmation hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Despite Trump's Push For Nobel Peace Prize, Committee Says It Won't Be Swayed

Donald Trump's obsession with winning the Nobel Peace Prize next month may have hit a hitch -- the stubborn independence of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which insisted to AFP that it cannot be swayed.

Since returning to the White House in January, Trump has made it clear he wants the prestigious accolade, which his Democratic rival Barack Obama won to the surprise of many shortly after taking office in 2009.

The 79-year-old billionaire has taken every opportunity to say he "deserves it", claiming to have ended six wars, even though those in Gaza and Ukraine -- which he says he wants to resolve -- continue to rage.

"Of course, we do notice that there is a lot of media attention towards particular candidates," the secretary of the committee, Kristian Berg Harpviken, told AFP in an interview in Oslo.

"But that really has no impact on the discussions that are going on in the committee."

"The committee considers each individual nominee on



his or her own merits," he said.

This year's laureate will be announced on October 10.

Trump has backed up his claim that he deserves the prize by pointing out that several foreign leaders, from Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu to Azerbaijan's Ilham Aliyev, have either nominated him or backed his nomination.

However, they would have to have been extremely quick, or prescient, for this year's prize given that nominations had to be submitted by January 31, just 11 days after Trump took office.

Phone call
"To be nominated is not necessarily a great achievement. The great achievement is to become a laureate,"

Berg Harpviken said. "You know, the list of individuals who can nominate is quite long."

Those eligible include members of parliament and cabinet ministers from every country in the world, former laureates and some university professors. Thousands or even tens of thousands of people are therefore able to put a name forward.

This year the committee will pick the winner from a longlist of 338 individuals and organisations. The list is kept secret for 50 years.

The most worthy candidates make it onto a shortlist, with each name then evaluated by an expert.

"When the committee discusses, it's that knowledge

base that frames the discussion. It's not whatever media report has received the most attention in the last 24 hours," said Berg Harpviken, who guides the committee but doesn't vote.

"We are very aware that every year there are a number of campaigns, and we do our utmost to structure the process and the meetings in such a way that we are not unduly influenced by any campaign," he said.

Trump raised the issue of the Peace Prize with Norway's Finance Minister Jens Stoltenberg -- the former NATO secretary general -- during a phone call about tariffs at the end of July, according to financial daily Dagens Naeringsliv.

The finance ministry confirmed the call had taken place but not whether the two had discussed the Nobel.

Unlikely laureate?
While the five members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee are nominated by Norway's parliament, the committee insists its decisions are taken independently of party politics and the sitting government.

US-Backed Brazil's Bolsonaro Sentenced To 27 Years In Jail In Coup Case

BRASILIA: As a military man Brazil's ex-president Jair Bolsonaro had a reputation for disobeying orders. As head of state from 2019 to 2022, he thumbed his nose at institutions.

Now he faces nearly three decades in prison for what prosecutors described as his most egregious act of defiance yet: plotting to cling on to power after losing elections to leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The former army captain, who has the political backing of US President Donald Trump, was convicted Thursday of having led a criminal organization that aimed to prevent Lula taking office in early 2023.

The plot envisaged the assassination of Lula, his vice president Geraldo Alckmin, and Alexandre de Moraes -- one of the five Supreme Court judges in his trial.

Moraes and three other judges voted over several days to convict him for a final verdict of 4-1, then pronounced a sentence of 27 years and three months.

Bolsonaro, 70, who has repeatedly voiced nostalgia for Brazil's 1964-1985 dictatorship, protests his innocence and claims to be the victim of political persecution.

- Bibles, bullets and beef -
Bolsonaro enjoys the support of Brazil's powerful "Bibles, bullets and beef" coalition -- Evangelical Christians, security hardliners and the agribusiness industry.

He shot to prominence after the 2016 impeachment of former president Dilma



Rousseff, with diatribes about corruption, violence, economic mismanagement and Brazil's "rotten" left.

On the campaign trail in 2018, he survived a knife attack that left him with severe abdominal wounds that continue to plague him to this day.

Bolsonaro's survival fueled followers' belief in their "Messiah" -- his middle name in Portuguese. Some have likened the attack to the 2024 attempt on Trump's life.

Nicknamed the "Trump of the Tropics," Bolsonaro's presidency was marked by Covid-19 denialism and rampant Amazon deforestation but also some early economic successes.

The pandemic, which Bolsonaro dismissed as a "little flu," claimed more than 700,000 lives in Brazil, second only to the United States.

Smarting from his failure to win a second presidential term, he left Brazil for Florida two days before the end of his mandate, snubbing Lula's inauguration.

Prince Harry Makes Surprise Visit To Ukraine in Support of Wounded Soldiers

Britain's Prince Harry has arrived in Ukraine for a surprise visit in support of wounded service members.

Harry's representatives confirmed they were in the capital, Kyiv, on Friday, though they declined to discuss the prince's schedule for security reasons.

This is the second time Harry has visited Ukraine since the start of Russia's full scale invasion.

"We cannot stop the war but what we can do is do everything we can to help the recovery process," Harry told the Guardian newspaper while on an overnight train to Kyiv.

Harry, a British Army veteran, is the founder of the Invictus Games, a Paralympic-style event designed to inspire military veterans around the world as they work to overcome battlefield injuries. Ukraine is bidding to host the games in 2029.

The prince's appearance in Ukraine follows a four-day trip to the UK, where he met his father, King Charles III, for the first time in 19 months.

The meeting was seen as a first step in repairing frigid relations between Harry and other members of the royal family, which deteriorated after he and his wife, the former

Meghan Markle, gave up royal duties and moved to California in 2020.

Harry and his father last met in February 2024, when the prince flew to London after receiving news that Charles had been diagnosed with cancer. Harry spent about 45 minutes with Charles before the king flew to his Sandringham country estate to recuperate from his treatment.

Prince Harry's last trip to Ukraine included a visit to the Superhumans Center, an orthopedic clinic in Lviv that treats wounded military personnel and civilians.

The center provides prosthetic limbs, reconstructive surgery and psychological help free of charge.

Harry's visit Friday comes as Russia escalates its war against Ukraine.

It is less than a week after Russia's largest aerial attack on Ukraine since its all-out invasion began more than three years ago -- an attack in which the main Ukrainian government building was hit.

It also comes just days after numerous Russian drones entered the airspace of NATO member Poland -- the country Harry traveled through to reach Ukraine.

Pakistan Shamed At UN, Called "Another State Sponsor of Terrorism"



Pakistan was humbled at the United Nations after a human rights lawyer - Hillel Neuer called out the country for state-sponsored terrorism. The meeting started with the discussion of recent Israeli strikes on Qatar. After Islamabad supported Qatar against Israeli attacks, Neuer, who is also the executive director of UN Watch, called Pakistan "another state sponsor of terrorism".

"We also strongly condemn Israel's unlawful and heinous bombing in Qatar", Pakistan said. Neuer accused Qatar of harbouring terrorists and for being a "state sponsor of terror" for hosting officials of Hamas. "We have heard a lot about international law from the world's worst vio-

lators of international law. It's time to challenge the perpetrators," he said. He then addressed the Qatari delegation and said, "If you don't want targeted bombings of terrorists in your capital, why do you harbour terrorists in your capital? Terrorists who are still holding hostages, torturing them and rejecting peace deals?"

Neuer then proceeded to question why terrorists in Qatar were being hosted in luxury hotels - a place where they planned their terror activities from. He also questioned why Qatar had backed the takeover of Gaza by Hamas in 2007.

"Why do you act as a mediator by day, and a terror sponsor by night?" he asked. "Let the record

show, Qatar is a state sponsor of terror. The Gulf states said so in 2017 when they suspended ties with Qatar."

Criticising UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for being hypocritical, he said the latter condemned Israel's strikes on Qatar, but when Osama Bin Laden was killed in Pakistan, he had said that "justice had been done to such a mastermind of international terrorism."

A Pakistani diplomat interrupted Neuer's speech saying, "We reject casting unfounded accusations and allegations."

However, the UNHRC chair supported Neuer and said that he had four seconds to complete his speech. "Mr President, Pakistan is another state sponsor of terror," he said as his four seconds ended, leaving the Pakistani delegate dumbfounded.

On Tuesday, Israel said it had targeted Hamas leaders in Doha but the group said its top officials survived. Six people were killed in the attack: five Hamas members, none of them top leaders, as well as a Qatari member of the security forces in his 20s.

Jerry Seinfeld Says Racist Ku Klux Klan Better Than 'Free Palestine' Movement

WASHINGTON: Actor and comedian Jerry Seinfeld, speaking during an event at Duke University, reportedly called the "Free Palestine" movement antisemitic, linking it to the Ku Klux Klan-- the anti-Black and antisemitic hate group formed in the aftermath of the American Civil War.

The remarks add to his previous comments supporting Israel's war in Gaza. "Free Palestine is, to me, just - you're free to say you don't like Jews. Just say you don't like Jews," Seinfeld--who is Jewish--said, according to the student newspaper The Duke Chronicle.

"By saying Free Palestine, you're not admitting what you really think. So, it's actually - compared to the Ku Klux Klan, I'm actually thinking the Klan is actually a little better here because they can come right out and say, 'We don't like Blacks, we don't like Jews.' Okay, that's honest," he added.

Seinfeld, who reached the height of his fame in the 1990s with the sitcom "Seinfeld," appeared at the event in North Carolina on Tuesday to introduce Omer Shem Tov, an Israeli man abducted by Hamas operatives from the Nova music

festival on 7 October 2023. Tov was in Hamas captivity for 505 days.

The event, open only to Duke students, faculty and staff, was reportedly organised by student groups alongside the University, but Duke administrators dodged responsibility for Seinfeld's presence.

According to a university spokesperson, "Seinfeld introduced the speaker and requested his appearance not be announced beforehand, given Omer Shem Tov's experiences were the focus of the event".

"Duke does not preview the remarks of speakers who are invited to campus, and the invitation of speakers to campus does not imply any endorsement of their remarks," the University added in an email quoted by the Chronicle.

So far, Seinfeld or his spokesperson has not released any statement on the issue.

Jewish Seinfeld is a fierce critic of anti-semitism and has supported Israel's war in Gaza. Though he had never invoked the Klan, a racist group that believed that white people were better and wanted to see black people remain enslaved.