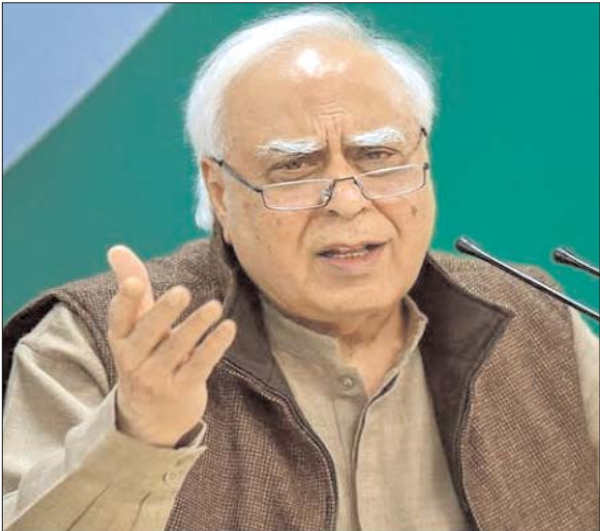


'Time to go': Kapil Sibal jabs Rajnath on 'regime change' charge

NEW DELHI, OCT 17: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday hit back at Union minister Rajnath Singh over his "regime change" charge against the Congress, saying it is the people who want a regime change, and that it is "time to go" for this government.

Sibal's remarks came a day after Singh lashed out at the Congress and its allies over the protests in the national capital against alleged electoral irregularities, accusing them of seeking a regime change on the lines of Bangladesh and using the energy of youth to spread "anarchy".

Addressing a presser in Lucknow, Singh said democracy does not give anyone the



licence to create disorder or undermine the credibility of constitutional institutions.

In a post on X, Sibal said, "Rajnath Singh: You allege

corruption' brought you power. Then: You embraced corruption; captured institutions; manipulated voters list. Time to go!" the Independent MP said.

On Friday, Singh said, "It appears that the Congress and its political allies, directly and through their supporting organisations, are trying to use the energy of the youth to fuel political confrontation and spread anarchy instead of channelling it towards constructive work and nation-building."

"The youth of the country are being made pawns in the politics of anarchy," he said, alleging that the Congress and its allies want a change of government on the lines of Bangladesh. (PTI)

Neha Bora released, Abhijeet Dipke to be produced before SEM court: Delhi Police

NEW DELHI, OCT 17: All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora was released early Saturday morning, while Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke will be produced before the SEM court, Delhi Police said.

Both were taken into preventive custody ahead of the 'Lehra Do Tiranga' protest march at Connaught Place here on Friday.

Bora was released after completing formalities related to her detention under Section 65 of the Delhi Police Act, while Dipke was arrested in a fresh case for breach of peace under Sections 126 and 170 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), police said.

The CJP founder will be produced before the Special Executive Magistrate (SEM) court later in the day, police sources said.

The SEM court will decide whether he will be sent to jail or released on bail, they added.

Earlier, when Dipke was detained at the airport on October 10, a separate case for breach of peace had been registered. He was made to sign a bond undertaking not to disturb peace for one year.

After being released, Bora slammed the Delhi Police and the BJP government at the Centre, calling the detentions "illegal".

She also demanded an end to the SIR process and called for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner



sioner Gyanesh Kumar and for him to be jailed.

"I was detained at Mandi House and kept here (at the police station) the whole night, until 5 am. Why are you (police) carrying out these illegal detentions? These things have been happening in this country for a long time, and this movement has clearly shown that such detentions are taking place. It has brought these kinds of detentions to light. They claim that they adhere to law and order and go by the book, but none of that is happening," Bora told PTI Videos.

The AISA president also demanded that all of the protesters who have been detained or arrested, including Dipke, be released immediately.

"During this movement, they (police) have been detaining people illegally in

the evening and releasing them the next morning or evening. We do not understand which law allows these kinds of detentions. The protesters who have been detained should be released, including Abhijeet Dipke. The sort of curfew that has been imposed in central Delhi should also end," she said.

"Everyone, from Gyanesh Kumar to the BJP government, should shed their arrogance. Gyanesh Kumar should resign or be impeached and jailed, and the SIR should be stopped so that the people of Delhi and India can breathe a sigh of relief," she added.

On Friday, Bora was detained at Mandi House, while Dipke was detained at Jhandewalan, as they were on their way to Connaught Place, police sources said.

AISA claimed that after

Lehra do Tiranga: Delhi Police files multiple FIRs for violation of prohibitory orders



NEW DELHI, OCT 17: Delhi Police has registered multiple FIRs in connection with alleged violation of prohibitory orders in Connaught Place ahead of the Cockroach Janta Party's 'Lehra do Tiranga' protest a

day ago, sources said on Saturday.

"Despite repeated announcements asking people to disperse, a crowd gathered in and around Connaught Place on Friday, prompting the police to initiate legal action," said the source.

The prohibitory orders, issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, banned mass gatherings in Connaught Place and adjoining areas. Hundreds of CJP sup-

Connaught Place turns sea of tricolour as CJP, students hold flash protests

NEW DELHI, OCT 17: The tricolour fluttered across Connaught Place, Palika Bazaar and Mandi House on Friday as hundreds of Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) supporters and student activists staged a series of flash protests, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar amid a massive police deployment.



Carrying a giant Tricolour, a group of protesters took multiple rounds of Connaught Place's inner circle, while another climbed barricades with flags, banners and placards. Slogans of 'Jai Hind', 'Inquilab Zindabad' and 'Gyanesh Kumar, ab tumhari baari hai' rang out across the commercial hub in the heart of the city as the demonstrators moved between locations, dispersing and regrouping while police personnel attempted to clear the area.

The protests and heavy security deployment disrupted commercial activity in Connaught Place and Palika Bazaar, with traders in the two busy market areas growing agitated over the interruption to their businesses.

Police personnel moved through the inner circle of Connaught Place to disperse protesters and ease congestion amid traffic movement and crowds of onlookers.

Among the protesters was 21-year-old Taksh, a student of DY Patil University in Mumbai, who wore a red lehenga and carried a placard reading, "Gyanesh Ku-

mar jaldi istifa do, shaadi ka muhurat nikalta jaa raha hai."

He said he had been in Delhi for a month to participate in the protests and was attending his university classes online. Sign Petitions

"I bought the red lehenga for Rs 2,000," Taksh said, standing out among the protesters dressed in casual clothes and carrying national flags.

Demonstrators carried placards bearing messages such as "SIR band karo, vote chori band karo", "Who deleted my vote" and "Police violence is not an accident". Some protesters sang the national anthem as they marched through Connaught Place, while others raised slogans against the Election Commission and demanded action over the revision of electoral rolls.

Students and members of the All India Students' Association (AISA) and the Students' Federation of India (SFI) also gathered at Mandi House, demanding Kumar's resignation, a rollback of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and withdrawal of the 2023 Election Commissioner Appointment Act.

Left leaders, including MPs John Brittas and Sandosh Kumar, also participated in the march along with the Democratic Youth Federation of India.

Minor altercations broke out between protesters and police as personnel attempted to disperse the gatherings. Journalists and independent YouTube reporters were present at the protest sites to cover the demonstrations, with a few independent YouTube journalists being heckled.

The demonstrations were held in response to the CJP's call for a 'Lehra Do Tiranga' march,

'Law and order has collapsed in Punjab': Sachin Pilot slams killings in broad daylight

CHANDIGARH, OCT 17: Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Friday claimed law and order has collapsed in Punjab, and killings in broad daylight have become increasingly common. Buy Maps

"Gang violence has increased... killings are taking place in broad daylight. Law and order has collapsed in Punjab," Pilot told reporters here after arriving in poll-bound Punjab for a five-day visit.

Even when terrorism in Punjab was at its peak, such atmosphere did not prevail, he claimed, saying grenades are now being hurled at police station and cops are being targeted.

After reaching Chandigarh, Pilot along with Punjab Congress president Pargat Singh went to Mansa and met the family of anti-drug activist Parvinder Singh Jhota, who was shot dead three days ago.

During his five-day visit to Punjab, Pilot will meet the families of those who lost their lives in alleged gang-related violence.

Congress general secretary



and party's in-charge for Punjab Pilot will be visiting 11 districts -- Moga, Bathinda, Mansa, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Tarn Taran and Amritsar.

In each district, Pilot will visit homes of bereaved families, offer condolences, and listen to their accounts of the crimes and the response they received from police and the state government, a party statement issued Thursday said. Follow Politics

"Many of these killings have been claimed by or linked to organised gangs. Several families have waited for months, and some years, for arrests, chargesheets or a fair trial. The purpose of the yatra is to give these families a

voice," it said.

Pilot's visit ahead of the Punjab Assembly polls underlines that the Congress will make the law and order situation in the state a major plank of its attack on the AAP government.

Pilot said during his Punjab visit, he wanted to meet families affected by gang violence and drugs, share their grief, and assure them that the Congress stood with them in their fight for justice.

Replying to a question on the drug menace, he, besides slamming the AAP government, also took a dig at the BJP.

He said drones were being used to push drugs and firearms into Punjab from Pakistan, questioning what the Centre was doing to

HBO confirms Nicolas Cage, Antonio Banderas for 'True Detective' season 5

LOS ANGELES, OCT 17: American network HBO has officially announced that Hollywood star Nicolas Cage will headline the fifth season of its anthology crime drama "True Detective" with actor Antonio Banderas joining him in the upcoming instalment.

HBO shared the casting news on social media, saying production on the fifth season would begin in 2027.

"Cage, Banderas. Season 5 of #TrueDetective starts production in 2027," the network said.

According to Variety, Cage and Banderas will essay the roles of Henry Logan and Rai Garcia, respectively. The new season will be set in Jamaica Bay, New York.

Further details about the



characters and the plot have not been disclosed.

Last week, Cage had teased about him joining the franchise when he made an appearance at New York Comic Con.

"My agent's out there somewhere listening. That's okay that I'm the first to announce that, right?" said the actor, known for hits such as "Leaving Las Vegas", "Con Air", "Adaptation", "National

Treasure", "Pig" and "Dream Scenario".

The show will mark his second television outing, following the release of "Spider-Noir" on Prime Video earlier this year.

Banderas earned an Emmy nomination for playing Spanish artist Pablo Picasso in the second season of National Geographic's anthology series "Genius" in 2018.

His other television credits include the Spanish series "Pestanas postizas" and appearances in various TV productions early in his career.

Issa Lopez, who created and directed the fourth season, "True Detective: Night Country", will return as writer, director and showrunner for the upcoming instalment.

Created by Nic Pizzolatto, "True Detective" is an anthology series in which each season follows a new investigation, with a largely different cast and setting.

The show debuted in 2014 with a first season starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson as Louisiana detectives investigating a series of murders.