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arrested in India



Italian authorities want to deal with allegations its forces killed two Indian fishermen. **Page 5**

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charged for assault



Khan is charged with assaulting two fellow diners at Mumbai's Taj

Israel says Iran behind India and Georgia attacks

By Dan Williams

JERUSALEM - Israel accused arch-enemies Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah of being behind twin bomb attacks that targeted Israeli embassy staff in India and Georgia last Monday, wounding four people.

Tehran denied involvement in the attacks, which amplified tensions between two countries already at loggerheads over Iran's nuclear programme, and accused Israel of carrying out the attacks itself. Hezbollah made no comment.

In the Indian capital New Delhi, a bomb wrecked a car taking an Israeli embassy official to pick



Dan Sharma

Sri Venkateswara Swami Temple organizes Maha Shivaratri cultural celebrations

AURORA, IL - On the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivaratri, Sri Venkateswara Swami (Balaji) Temple in Aurora, IL, organized spectacular cultural celebrations 'Shivoham' on Saturday, February 18th, 2012, at the temple auditorium.

The event began with the beautiful chanting of Shiva puja by students of Dr. Hemalatha Burra.

Highlighting the evening was an unique presentation on Lord Shiva in Mohiniyattam dance style from



the beautiful state of Kerala. 'Siva Stuthi' was presented by Smt. Sandhya Radhakrishnan, artistic director of Bharatanjali School of Dance.

'Ardhanareeshwara' in the Odissi dance style was presented by Smt. Ipsitha Satpathy, Director, Utkala Centre for Dance.

Vibrant Kuchipudi performances 'Natesa Kauthvam' followed by 'Enneramum' by Dr. Sangita Rangala, a professional Kuchipudi dancer enthralled the audience.

Presenting the grandeur and

beauty of the North Indian dance style Kathak - 'Shiv Aradhana and Triwat' hailed the blissful and wondrous Lord Shiva. The presentation was beautifully rendered by Smt. Gauri Jog, Director of Indian Dance School, and Isha Jog.

Yet another unique and dramatic presentation of Bharatanatyam's traditional repertoire in praise of Lord Shiva is 'Ammam Anandadayini Varnam' performed by Bhavya Kumaran and choreographed by Smt. Sowmya Kumaran, Director, Nrithyasana-

geeth School of Dance.

Contemporary presentation in Bharatanatyam dance style 'Om Shivoham' by students of Jinoo Varghese created a ton of excitement in the audience.

Anjal Chande, Director of Soham Dance space offered 'Prostrations to Lord Shiva' in contemporary Bharatanatyam dance style.

Bringing out the fervour of Maha Shivaratri, Smt. Sushmita Arunkumar and students of Nrithyanajali presented 'Sankara - An Ode to the Dancing Lord'.

Combining elements of Tandava and Lasya along with talent and synergy, 'Natanaanadam - The Dance of Bliss', with original choreography by Smt. Janaki Anandavalli Nair and presented by the guru and her students, in Kuchipudi dance style, was one of a kind and made a lasting impression among the audience.

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February 29th

Brahma Kumaris, with "One World Family," will celebrate a peaceful celebration of our lives. Devotional singer from Bangalore. The event will be held at the Conference Center & Conference Center in Aurora, IL. For more information call 773-698-6339 or visit

March 3rd

Sri Venkateswara Swami Temple will present a musical Bharatanatyam orchestra from India. The performance is held at the auditorium located at 1145 S. Park Forest, IL at 7 p.m. For more information call 630-381-1145

March 7th

FAM Entertainment Theatre will present a stage play, "Love's Labour's Lost" by William Shakespeare, under the direction of David Bowman. The performance will take place at the Park Forest, IL at 7 p.m.

March 7th

Science of Spirituality will present a performance to celebrate the festival of Maha Shivaratri at Naperville Rd. in Naperville, IL along with a cultural program. For more information call 630-381-1145

March 17th

Tufaan Entertainment will present a fusion dance performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL at 6 p.m. Tufaan Entertainment will showcase Indian culture in the U.S. and Tufaan 2012 will show the interest in the South Asian community.

March 17th

Association of Rajas will present a celebration of the festival of Maha Shivaratri at the Rajas Auditorium in Naperville, IL. For more information call 630-381-1145

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