

Samsung chief questioned behind closed doors in arrest warrant hearing

A South Korean judge questioned Samsung Group leader Jay Y. Lee and another executive behind closed doors on Thursday to decide whether they should be arrested over their roles in a corruption scandal that has engulfed President Park Geun-hye.

Dozens of protesters surrounded by riot police met Lee, 48, who was wearing a dark coat and navy tie as he arrived at the Seoul Central District Court to attend the hearing.

South Korea's special prosecutor's office has focused its investigations on Samsung Group's [SAGR.U] relationship with Park, who was impeached by parliament



in December and has been stripped of her powers while the Constitutional Court decides whether to uphold her impeachment. Prosecutors accuse Lee in his capacity as the head of South Korea's

largest conglomerate of pledging 43 billion won (\$37.7 million) to a business and organisations backed by Park's friend, Choi Soon-sil, in exchange for support of a 2015 merger of two Samsung companies. That funding includes Samsung's sponsorship of the equestrian career of Choi's daughter, who is in detention in Denmark after being sought by South Korean authorities.

Park, Lee, Choi and Samsung Group all deny any wrongdoing.

Prosecutors have also sought an arrest warrant for Samsung Electronics Co Ltd president Park Sang-jin, who also heads the Korea Equestrian Federation and arrived for the hearing after Lee.

It is the second time in a month the special prosecutor's office has sought Lee's arrest.

The same Seoul court rejected its request for a warrant in January but a spokesman for the special prosecutor's office said on Wednesday it had since expanded the

charges against Lee to include hiding the proceeds of a criminal act, as well as bribery, embezzlement, hiding assets overseas and perjury.

Two groups of protesters - one calling for Lee's arrest and another carrying South Korean flags and demanding that the warrant request be dismissed - stood outside the courthouse in southern Seoul.

After the hearing concludes, Lee and Park Sang-jin were expected to await the court's decision in a detention centre, a prosecution spokesman said. The decision may come late on Thursday or early Friday, based on previous instances.

On Wednesday, Samsung Group repeated an earlier denial on its official Twitter account: "Samsung has absolutely never bribed the president seeking something in return or sought illicit favours."

"We will do our best for the truth to be revealed in court," it said.

The corruption scandal erupted late last year and has engulfed South Korea's political and business elite. Park, who remains in the presidential Blue House, could become the first democratically elected leader in South Korea to leave office in disgrace.

If Lee is arrested it could also deal a serious blow to Samsung, the world's biggest maker of smartphones, memory chips and flat-screen televisions, potentially hampering strategic decision-making such as new investments and acquisitions.

Unearthed essay on alien life reveals Churchill the scientist

A newly unearthed essay by Winston Churchill shows Britain's wartime leader was uncannily prescient about the possibility of alien life on planets orbiting stars other than the Sun.

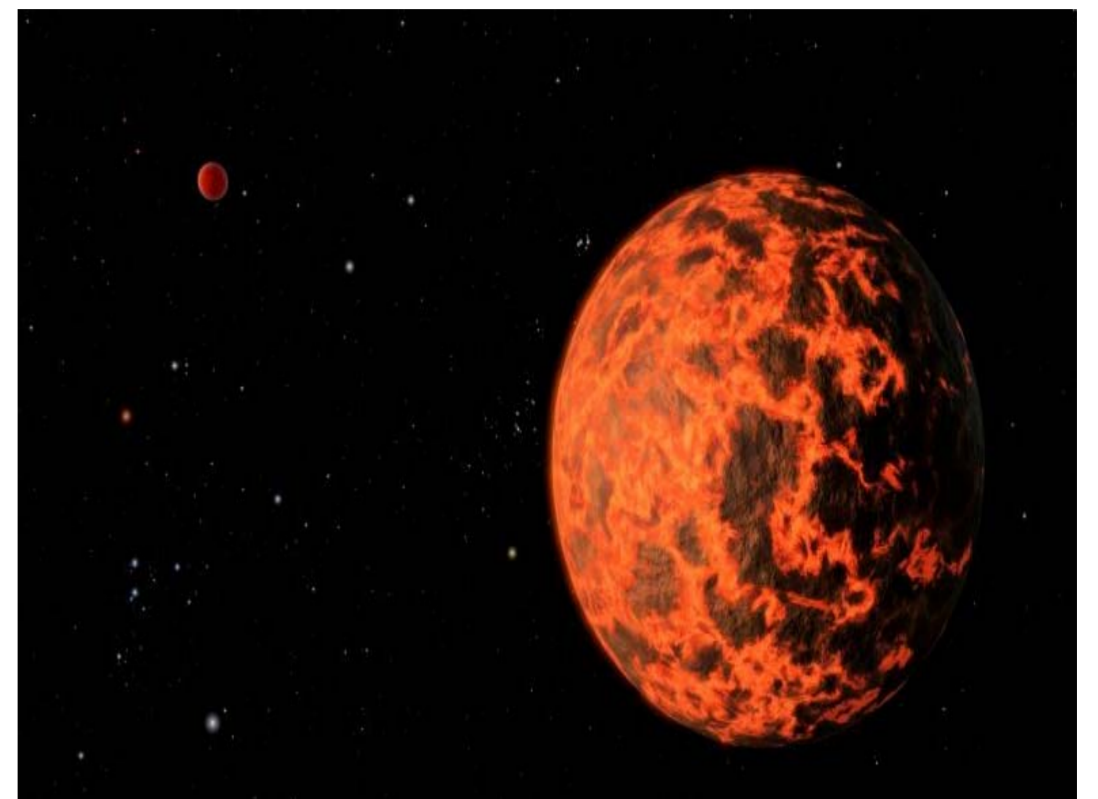
The 11-page article was drafted on the eve of World War Two in 1939 and updated in the 1950s, decades before astronomers discovered the first extrasolar planets in the 1990s.

Yet Churchill pinpointed issues dominating today's debate about extraterrestrial life, proving that the former prime minister "reasoned like a scientist", according to an analysis of his work published in the journal Nature on Wednesday.

The hunt for life on other worlds has taken off in the last 20 years as observations have suggested the Milky Way alone may contain more than a billion Earth-size planets that could be habitable.

Churchill was already thinking along similar lines nearly 80 years ago, writing that "with hundreds of thousands of nebulae, each containing thousands of millions of suns, the odds are enormous that there must be immense numbers which possess planets whose circumstances would not render life impossible".

He also honed in on the importance of liquid water for life, saying that a suitable planet would have to be "between a few degrees of frost and the boiling point of wa-



ter". Modern scientists are busier than ever looking for signs of life in such environments, both in our own solar system and in the wider universe. So far they have found nothing.

Churchill's essay was probably intended as a popular science piece for a newspaper, although it never appeared in print. The famous polymath had already written similar science articles for newspapers and magazines, including one on fusion power in 1931.

The type-written essay

entitled 'Are We Alone in the Universe?', was uncovered last year in the archives of the U.S. National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri, and passed to astrophysicist Mario Livio for expert examination.

In his analysis in Nature, Livio praised Churchill's clear thinking, as well as his support for science as a tool of government policy. Churchill was the first prime minister to employ a science adviser.

"At a time when a number of today's politicians shun science, I find it moving to recall a leader who engaged

with it so profoundly," Livio wrote.

Churchill's vision of life on Earth in the first half of the 20th century, however, was far from rosy.

"I, for one, am not so immensely impressed by the success we are making of our civilization here that I am prepared to think we are the only spot in this immense universe which contains living, thinking creatures, or that we are the highest type of mental and physical development which has ever appeared in the vast compass of space and time."

Purshottam Upadhyay and Sadhna Sargam graced Swarotsav

Ahmedabad: Music, Food and Literature came together at Swarotsav in Ahmedabad.

Padmshree Purshottam Upadhyay, Sadhna Sargam, Parth Oza, Bhumik Shah, Prahar Vora, Gargi Vora, Anal Vasavda, Nayana Sharma, Kosha Pandya, Gaurang Vyas made the evening all the more graceful with their beautiful musical compositions along with the poems of Ankit Trivedi.



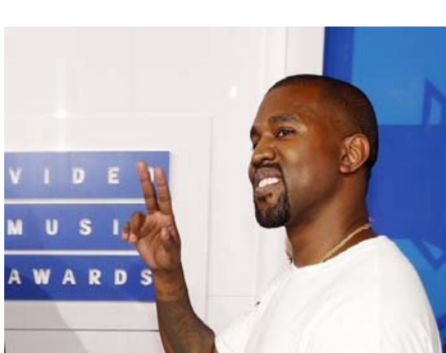
The event was started with Swarotsav title song after that song related to brother and sister bonding by Avinash Nayar was sung by Anal Vasavda and Prahar Vora. Parth Oza sang 'Hu Evo Gujarati' of Vinod Joshi with the musical composition of Gaurang Vyas. (13-9)

Kanye West unveils new Yeezy line during New York Fashion Week

Three months after being hospitalized for exhaustion, rapper Kanye West made his first major public appearance on Wednesday, turning up for his Yeezy fashion show during New York Fashion Week.

With his wife Kim Kardashian West in the front row next to Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour, West debuted the fifth season of his high-end athleisure wear collection for Adidas to the

fashion world's elite. The show, which has become one of the most exclusive presentations during recent fashion weeks, was not live-streamed on the music



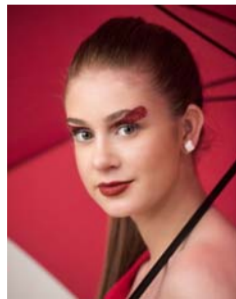
streaming website TIDAL as some of West's shows have been in the past. Many social media users expressed their frustrations when they learned they would not be able to watch online, but critics were positive about the 39-year-old singer's latest runway show, saying the emphasis was on his new collection, rather than him. "To me it felt like the most traditional fashion show that he's done," said Rickie De Sole, W Magazine's fashion market and accessories director, who was at the show.

"It had a polish to it. It felt like a serious fashion show. It felt substantial and there was less hoopla. It really was all about the fashion," De Sole added. The collection was dominated by denim, high-waisted jeans, hoodie sweatshirts, baseball caps, cargo pants, knee-high boots and, of course, sneakers.

Muslim model Halima Aden, the 19-year-old Somali-American who competed for Miss Minnesota wearing a burkini and who recently scored a major modeling contract with talent agency IMG, strutted the catwalk wearing a floor-length fur coat and a hijab. Buzz had been building around the appearance of the so-called "Yeezy Runner" after West was photographed wearing the oversized white sneakers by paparazzi in January. Kardashian appeared in athleisure wear herself, a sleeveless, see-through turtle neck shirt, track pants and an over-sized winter coat, all of which were maroon. During the presentation, there were roughly 150 posts per minute about the Yeezy line on Twitter, according to social media analytics firm Zoomph. "Jesus Walks" singer emerged as one of Donald Trump's most high-profile supporters during the 2016 election campaign and met the then president-elect at Trump Tower in New York on Dec. 13, making him the target of outrage and sarcasm from fans on social media.

I like Eliza's warrior personality : Marina Burbosa

Marina Ruy Burbosa is an established television actress from Brazil. She started work as a child actor at the early age of seven. Her first major role was in the television show, 'Começar de Novo'. She flourished as an actor and never looked



back. Marina, a fashion icon in her home country, with her trademark red hair is also the first choice of every advertiser in the beauty and fashion segment. The Brazilian edition of Forbes magazine had named her as one of the "Top 25 Celebrities of Brazil in 2015". She is quite popular on social media and has over 13 million followers.

The enticing beauty has recently been introduced to Indian audiences as Eliza from 'Total Dreamer'. Ensuring that fans of Zindagi do not miss the original episode of their favorite show, Total Dreamer, presented by Minute Maid Pulp Orange, that airs in Hindi every Monday to Saturday will now be aired twice on the same day at the dual time band of 2 PM & 10 PM respectively only on Zindagi. Marina is seen playing the main lead in 'Total Dreamer' which is the story of Eliza, a beautiful young girl

who lives a simple life. Her ultimate dream is to provide a better life for her family. She lives with her mother, siblings and her step-father. With the aid of her mother, Gilda, Eliza escapes from home after being harassed by her step-father, to try her luck in the big city.

Her life takes a dramatic change when she meets Arthur (Fabio Assunção), the owner of Excalibur - a modelling agency, who promises to make her a successful model. (19-8)

Rumor has it! German shepherd takes top prize at dog show

Rumor, a German shepherd, was named best in show at the 141st Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Tuesday, besting more than 2,800 other dogs that competed in New York this week.

It marks the second time a German shepherd has won the top prize at the show. The breed last won in 1987, which also represents the only other time a dog from the herding group has won at Westminster.

"She's got a lot of beautiful details," Rumor owner, breeder and handler Kent Boyles, from Edgerton, Wisconsin, said about the features that make Rumor a winner.

Boyles, who said he became "German shepherd crazy" as a child, has been breeding the dog for 35 years. Boyles said he and his family will drive back to Wisconsin with Rumor, where she will be retired from shows. "This was definitely the ultimate type of win for her," Boyles said. Rumor, whose favorite snack is prime rib, will likely begin bearing puppies, Boyles said. Rumor won the herding

category in 2016 as well, but lost the top prize to a German shorthaired pointer. "She is just magnificent," Judge Thomas H. Bradley III said, in an interview with broadcasters about his pick. Adrian, an Irish setter from the sporting group, was named runner-up.

A total of 200 breeds vied for the blue ribbon at Westminster, which began in 1877, making it the country's second longest-running sporting event behind the Kentucky Derby horse race, launched in 1875. Devlin, a boxer, won the working group on Tuesday, while Tanner, a Norwich terrier, was the winner in the terrier group.

India launches record 104 satellites at one go



India February 15, 2017. REUTERS/Stringer

"This remarkable feat by ISRO is yet another proud moment for our space scientific community and the nation," he said. "India salutes our scientists."

Modi is bullish on India's space program and has repeatedly praised the efforts of scientists who three years ago pulled off a low-cost mission to send a probe to orbit Mars that succeeded at the first attempt.

ISRO's low prices attracted international customers to launch 75 satellites last year from Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

The launch of PSLV-C37 in a single payload, including the Cartosat-2 series and 103 co-passenger satellites, together weighed over 650 kg (1,433 lb).

Out of 101 nano satellites, 96 were from the United States and one each from Israel, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates.

India successfully launched 104 satellites in a single mission on Wednesday, setting what its space agency says is a world record of launching the most satellites at one go.

Of the 104, 101 are foreign satellites to serve international customers as the South Asian nation seeks a

bigger share of the \$300 billion global space industry.

"This is a great moment for each and everyone of us. Today we have created history," said project director B. Jayakumar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his congratulations on the launch conducted by the state-run In-

dian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) that went off smoothly and was carried live on national TV news channels.

People watch as India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C37) carrying 104 satellites in a single mission lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota,

Contemporary art brings life to Cairo's City of the Dead

On a winding road leading into Cairo's City of the Dead, a cartoon mouse with round ears and green eyes adorns the shop fronts and walls of the mausoleums where thousands of Egyptians live among the grave-stones. The path leads to a 15th-century complex built by Mameluk Sultan al-Ashraf Qaitbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has been recently revived as a local artistic hub. In an adjacent courtyard where local boys play football, a mural shows Frankie the mouse putting a leash on a Pharaonic cat.

Contemporary art is bringing life and color into the once-drab necropolis, part of an ongoing project by Polish architect Agnieszka Dobrowolska called "Outside In: the Art of Inclusion".

"What we want to do is to bring together the old herit-

age, the traditions of this particular place, with creative contemporary art and with various cultural events to promote diversity. Old meets new, death and life come together in the city of the dead, where we can exchange ideas and culture between east and west," Dobrowolska told Reuters. What began as a conservation project for the complex - which includes a mosque, a school and the remains of a drinking trough - grew into the initiative to invite artists from around the world to engage the community and create art inspired by the local culture. It is largely funded by the European Union. Artists have so far come up with murals, mosaics, sculptures, graffiti and even live performances. Frankie the mouse is the work of a Polish graffiti artist who uses the pseudonym Franek

Mysza. "Those artists, in the eyes of the community, they're eccentric people who have come here to do something unusual. But when they work here in the street, there's a constant delivery of tea and homemade cakes because they work (outside), they involve children and they try to contribute in any way they can," Dobrowolska said.

One visiting British artist asked children to create clay objects they would like to take on a long journey. She displayed their snakes, crocodiles and cats alongside her own work.

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