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National News

Militants cling on to hundreds of buildings in besieged Philippine city

Islamist gunmen led by one of the world's most wanted terrorists, Isnilon Hapilon, still hold about 1,500 buildings in a southern Philippine city after weeks of ferocious fighting that has left hundreds dead, officials said Monday. The Philippine military has struggled to expel scores of gunmen who rampaged across Marawi city on May 23 flying the black flag of the Islamic State group, despite day and night artillery and air strikes that have reduced swathes of the downtown area to rubble.

rampaged

move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner.

swathes

a broad strip or area of something

Business News

OVL buys 30% stake in Namibian oil block

ONGC Videsh Ltd, the overseas arm of State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), on Monday said it had acquired 30% interest in an oil block, off Namibia, from UK's Tullow Oil. OVL did not disclose the deal value. Tullow Oil held 65% interest in the Namibian Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) 37, covering three blocks. Pancontinental Namibia (Pty) Ltd. holds 30% interest, while the remaining 5% is with Paragon Oil and Gas. OVL said it had "signed definitive binding agreements with Tullow Namibia Ltd. (Tullow), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tullow Oil plc, on June 28, 2017 for acquiring 30% participating interest in Namibia PEL 37 for Blocks 2112A, 2012B and 2113B out of Tullow's existing participating interest of 65% in the license".

relating to or characteristics of Namibia.

less important than but related or supplementary to something

We can strike Indian targets anywhere, anytime: Hizb chief Syed Salahuddin

"But we will not launch attacks against civilians or any public places," says Salahuddin, whose real name is Mohmmad Yousuf Shah, in an interview with a Pakistani TV programme.

Chief of militant group Hizb-ul Mujahideen Syed Salahuddin has claimed that Kashmiri militants have launched many operations against Indian forces in the State and have the ability to hit targets anywhere in India at any time.

The militant leader made the claims during an interview on Jirga, a talk show hosted on Pakistan's Geo TV on Sunday

support and strengthen

to make nervous or urgent