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## Bombers were brothers, hunt on for third suspect

**BRUSSELS** Bakraoui siblings had links to Paris attacks accused Salah Abdeslam

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**BRUSSELS:** Belgium said on Wednesday that two brothers with links to the Paris attacks were among the suicide bombers who struck Brussels, as mourners observed a minute's silence for victims of the carnage.

Hundreds of people gathered in a historic city square applauding and chanting "We love Belgium" in an emotional tribute to the 31 people killed and 270 injured in Tuesday's blasts at Brussels airport and a metro train.

Prosecutors identified Ibrahim El Bakraoui, 29, as one of two men who blew themselves up in the Zaventem airport departure hall at 7.58am while his brother Khalid, 27, struck at the Maalbeek metro station an hour later.

Police stepped up a manhunt for a third airport assailant whose bomb failed to go off in the attacks claimed by the Islamic State group.

Belgian authorities had already been hunting the Bakraoui brothers, both Belgian nationals with long criminal records, over their links to Salah Abdeslam, the key suspect in the Paris massacre who was arrested in Brussels on Friday after four months on the run.

Federal prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw revealed that airport bomb-



A family mourns for the victims of the bombings at the Place de la Bourse in the Brussels city centre on Wednesday. AP PHOTO

er Ibrahim El Bakraoui had left a desperate "will" on a computer that he dumped in a trash can in which he said "I don't know what to do."

In an apparent reference to Abdeslam, Bakraoui added: "I don't want to end up in a cell next to him."

A third man in a hat and white jacket, seen on CCTV footage with Bakraoui and another unidentified suicide attacker pushing their bomb-filled bags through the departure hall shortly before the attacks, "is on the run," Van Leeuw said.

## Day of false alarms, 11 IndiGo flights checked for bombs

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**NEW DELHI:** A day after a bomb hoax grounded five Jet Airways flights, 11 IndiGo jets were searched on Wednesday after a caller "alerted" its Chennai call centre about the presence of bombs.

Sources said the caller, who identified himself only as Smith from the United States, said the flights were facing bomb threat from a woman flyer from Pakistan. The threat was for flights originating from major airports such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Srinagar, Vadodara, Guwahati, Goa, and Kochi.

The call was treated as "specific" and extensive searches were conducted but nothing unusual was found.

"All our passengers are safe," IndiGo said in a statement. "We are actively engaged in working very closely with the concerned agencies."

The IndiGo call centre received the call at 11.13am, but initial reports suggest the airline delayed in informing security agencies. The Delhi airport was informed at 2.45pm.

## Indian missionary caught in fund scandal in Canada, US

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**TORONTO:** A lavishly funded missionary organisation that focuses on India, particularly Kerala, faces accusations in Canada of misusing millions of dollars in charitable donations while a class-action lawsuit, with a similar premise, has been filed against it in the US.

Gospel for Asia (GFA), with its headquarters in Wills Point, Texas, was founded by Kerala-born Yohannan Kadippiaril Punnose in 1978. Since then, it has burgeoned with branches in countries like the US, Canada, Australia, South Korea, Finland and others.

Complaints against the evangelical group's functioning have multi-

plied in North America. Among the complainants is Bruce Morrison, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church of New Glasgow in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia.

Morrison has prepared a 21-page financial analysis alleging that \$128 million in global donations received by GFA during 2007-14 had gone "missing", The Hamilton Spectator newspaper reported. The report alleged GFA was "using donations to build a massive for-profit corporate empire".

GFA's filings with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) show \$93.5 million was transferred to India in 2007-14, but "Indian government documents show that no money from Canada was received by the charity's Indian affiliates during the same period", the report said.

Morrison, who has filed complaints with the CRA and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), told HT, "They received money for one purpose and spent it for another. I wrote letters to them (GFA), but never really got good answers."

Another complaint has gone to CRA's Charities Directorate from Garry Chuley, a former board member of GFA Canada, who stated in a letter it was his belief that "a full investigation into financial and other practices by GFA is needed".

## Day after shooting Delhi teen, robbers back on her street

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**NEW DELHI:** On Sunday night, as the police fanned across south Delhi in search of a gang of robbers who had shot a 19-year-old girl a night ago, the group of five were scouring the streets for another hit.

Fearless, they even went back to the Moti Bagh neighbourhood they'd left in a hurry after shooting the teenager, who'd raised an alarm after catching them robbing an electronics store. The girl is recovering.

Arrested on Tuesday, the men told the police they left Moti Bagh after finding heavy police presence there and headed for Mehrauli, where they robbed two men of ₹2,000 in a failed attempt to take their car. Cases have been registered in both incidents and some others, said the police.

The five men, between 19 and 26 years old, were picked up from Ghaziabad. The leader, is involved in 60 cases, 31 of which were committed after he was released from jail in November, officials said.

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## In Hyd, Kanhaiya for 'Rohith Act' to end discrimination

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**HYDERABAD:** Kanhaiya Kumar alleged on Wednesday the NDA government turned the February event at JNU, where seditious slogans were allegedly shouted, into a row to divert people's attention from Hyderabad university PhD student Rohith Vemula's suicide.

He also underscored the growing demand for a "Rohith Act" — a law against caste discrimination in educational institutions.

The JNU students union president, charged with sedition for anti-national slogans, was not allowed to enter the University of Hyderabad, where outsiders and media-people were barred after Tuesday's violent protests against vice-chancellor Podile Appa Rao.

"The Centre smartly made up the JNU issue to keep the Rohith issue under the carpet... That's why as soon as I came out of jail, I thought my first visit outside Delhi would be Hyderabad," he said.

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