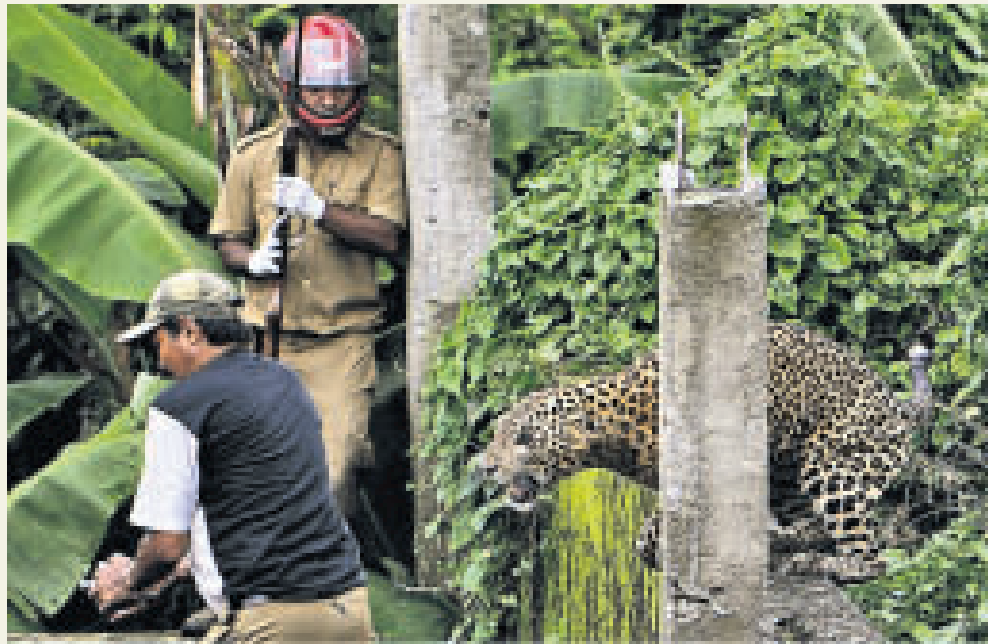


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**Red in tooth and claw: a battle of humans and nature**

**A** leopard mauled six forest guards and policemen as they tried to capture it alive after it wandered into the village of Siliguri in West Bengal.

"It was spotted near a house in the morning by villagers who raised an alarm, and this startled the leopard. With the villagers trying to chase it, it tried to flee and injured five villagers in the process," Kanchan

Banerjee, a forest ranger of the Sukna Wildlife Range, told *The Hindu* newspaper.

The leopard, which weighed about 200lb (90kg), critically injured a forest guard and then fled and hid in bushes. It was later captured by three policemen wielding batons and knives after it pounced on rangers as they approached it. The leopard was then tranquillised but later died of its injuries. (AFP)



**Briton shot dead on Caribbean island**

**Caracas** A British tourist was shot dead and his brother injured on the Caribbean island of Margarita, off Venezuela (Girish Gupta writes).

Thomas Ossel, 28, from Bedfordshire, and his brother Jack, 21, resisted a robbery attempt as they prepared to leave the island. The assailants were armed with a pistol and a knife.

**14 beaten to death**

**Beijing** Police beat 14 Uighur protesters to death and shot dead six others in clashes in Khotan, Xinjiang province, activists said. State media put the death toll at four, one of them a policeman, and said that a police station had been attacked. (AFP)

**President survives raid**

**Conakry** President Condé of Guinea survived an assassination attempt when heavily armed gunmen attacked his home. Shooting went on for two hours after the main gate was blown open by a rocket. One assailant died and another was captured.

**'Anonymous' arrests**

**New York** The FBI arrested at least 14 people in raids on the hacking group Anonymous. The arrests came after claims that it hacked into Apple servers and launched attacks last year that shut down sites of MasterCard and Visa. (Reuters)

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