





‘No president abused power in this way’

Democrats say Trump puts own interest ahead of US’s, urge senate to oust him

AFP, Washington

Lead House impeachment manager Adam Schiff called dramatically for the Senate to remove President Donald Trump from office Thursday, saying the US leader cannot be trusted to put the country’s interests ahead of his own.

“The American people deserve a president they can count on, to put their interest first,” said Schiff.

His impassioned words capped a long day in which Democrats detailed Trump’s illicit scheme to pressure Ukraine to help his 2020 reelection campaign.

“You know, you can’t trust this president to do what is right for this country. You can trust he will do what’s right for Donald Trump,” Schiff added.

“He’ll do it now. He’s done it before. He’ll do it for the next several months. He’ll do it in the election if he’s allowed to. This is why, if you find him guilty, you must find that he should be removed.”

“Because right matters. And truth matters. Otherwise we are lost.”

As the 100 senators sat as jurors and millions of Americans watched on television, House impeachment managers mustered scores of videos, internal documents and extensive witness testimony to lay out a strong case that the US leader abused his powers.

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People look at the charred remains of their homes at Chalantika slum in the capital’s Mirpur yesterday morning, hours after a fire razed the slum. Fifteen fire engines doused the flames. About five months ago, another fire had broken out in a part of the slum which has now been designated for a project. Inset, a signboard of the National Housing Authority reads “Site for flat project; entry prohibited without permission”.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Fire ravages 400 shanties in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a fire devastated Chalantika slum in the capital’s Mirpur around five months ago, middle-aged Hazera Begum was struggling hard to get back on her feet.

But she was dealt a fresh blow yesterday. Fire broke out again at the slum, reducing around 400 shanties to ashes and leaving two seriously injured.

A cook at a garment factory, Hazera used to live with her son at a shanty at the slum, but she lost everything in the August 16 fire.

“After the incident, we passed several days right under the sky ... We built a new shanty after some NGOs came to our rescue and gave us aid.

“But now, everything is finished again,” she said yesterday, sitting next to the ashes of what used to be her home.

Lima Khanam, an official at the control room of Fire Service and Civil Defence,

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3 killed in ‘gunfights’

STAR REPORT

Three suspected criminals were killed in separate reported incidents of “gunfights” with law enforcers in three districts early yesterday.

In Cox’s Bazar, a “suspected drug smuggler” was killed in a “gunfight” with Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officials in Hnila union of Teknaf upazila around 4:00am, reports our local correspondent, quoting Lt Col Mohammad Faisal Hasan Khan, commanding officer (CO) of BGB 2 Battalion.

He said the person was a Rohingya from Kutupalong camp, however, he could not confirm the identity of the victim.

The incident took place near Jadimura mosque in the union on the bank of Naf River when a BGB special patrol team noticed some people carrying sacks on their head, the official said.

As the BGB team challenged them, they opened fire on the law enforcers in response, triggering the gun battle, the CO said.

BGB later found the victim caught a bullet and took him to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex and later to Cox’s Bazar Sadar Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead.

He was at first taken to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex and later shifted to

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DHAKA CITY POLLS 2020 BNP’s mayoral aspirants to push for city govt

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The election manifestos of the two BNP mayor candidates are likely to highlight the introduction of an “effective city government” to build a modern and liveable Dhaka city.

The BNP has nominated Ishraque Hossain and Tabith Awal for mayors of Dhaka south and north city corporations. Party leaders said the two have already finalised their election manifestos which would be unveiled soon.

Urban planners say city government is the only way to rid the capital of its problems. Organisations providing services like housing and infrastructure, water supply, transport, waste management, education, and health care have to come under the city government.

Tabith is likely to propose a 12-point plan to make Dhaka “habitable and free from corruption”. Ishraque may come up with a 16-point plan to build a “world class Dhaka metropolis”.

The two manifestos are almost similar to each other as those have been drafted by a group of top BNP leaders. They finalised the manifestos after identifying the problems of the mega city.

Both the candidates would briefly describe how they would ease the traffic congestion, develop a better sewerage system, set up recreation centres and corruption-free city corporations.

“The BNP candidates are likely to announce their manifestos after the Awami League nominees reveal theirs,” said a BNP standing committee

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Timber trader murdered in Bogura

Jubo League leader, his accomplice held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A timber trader was hacked to death allegedly by a Jubo League leader in Bogura Sadar upazila yesterday.

Victim Shahed, 35, was the son of Tozammel Hossain of Purba Ashkona village of the upazila.

Police detained Rubel, 30, president of Jubo League’s Nishindara union unit, and his associate Shanto for their alleged involvement in the murder.

The incident took place in broad daylight in Nungola Eidgah field area, police said quoting locals.

According to witnesses, Rubel and Shanto were beating up a local boy around 12:15pm with pieces of wood over a trifling matter.

As Shahed asked them not to take the pieces from his shop, the two became angry and started hacking him with sharp weapons,

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Scientists start making air out of lunar dust



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A new oxygen plant built to produce oxygen out of Moon dust hopes to lay the foundations for the lunar base of the future.

The European Space Agency (ESA) has opened the plant as part of its plans to send people to live on the Moon in the years to come.

If humans are to live on the lunar surface – a focus of space agencies around the world, and an important step for humanity’s journey to Mars and beyond – they will need access to oxygen to breathe and create rocket fuel for travelling around.

The ESA hopes that the new plant can provide practical ways of creating that using the dust on the Moon’s surface – known as regolith – in a way that

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16 Jamaat men arrested in C’nawabganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police arrested 16 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and recovered 15 crude bombs and gunpowder from their possession in Chapainawabganj town yesterday morning.

Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said on information, a police team raided a mango orchard in Charmohanpur area and arrested the Jamaat men when they were holding a secret meeting.

The team also seized 15 crude bombs, 500gm of

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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 25

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:35	12:45	4:15	5:46	7:15
JAMAAT 6:10	1:15	4:30	5:50	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Family may file special appeal for Khaleda’s release

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia’s sister Selima Islam yesterday said they were planning to make a special appeal seeking Khaleda’s release from jail as they were worried about her life.

Selima, however, did not make it clear whether they would make the appeal to the government or the apex court.

Talking to reporters after meeting her sister at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), Selima said, “We’re thinking of making a special appeal, but we are yet to take the final decision.

“The way her [Khaleda’s] physical condition has deteriorated, we fear we wouldn’t be able to take her home alive if her stay here prolongs. Any accident can take place anytime.”

Selima said her sister needed advanced treatment immediately as her condition has worsened further.

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Child jockeys race horses at a competition in Padmapara village of Bogura’s Gabtali upazila yesterday. Some 40 jockeys, mostly children, joined the race, organised as part of a three-day village fair. Although using children as jockeys is prohibited, their guardians let them take part in the race to win lucrative prizes.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ

SAVING LIFE OF A BABY 2 Bangladeshis awarded in Singapore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi migrant workers have been recognised in Singapore for saving the life of an abandoned child.

The awardees – Shamim Patwari, 24, and Mostafa Kamal, 37 – work as cleaners in the northern part of Bedok Reservoir in the country, reported The New Paper.

Earlier this month, they rescued an abandoned child from a rubbish chute.

Migrant Workers’ Centre (MWC) in Singapore awarded the duo with certificates of recognition.

The Bangladeshis received “MWC Commendation Award” and Fair Price vouchers worth \$500 each.

Yeo Guat Kwang, chairman of MWC, said the migrant workers went out of their way to help others.

“Such deeds should not go unnoticed,” he added.

Shamim, who spoke to The New Paper through a translator, said he did not expect anything of this sort and did not even tell his family members in Bangladesh about the incident.

“We have done something good and saved the life of a baby. We hope that this will encourage more people to help others in need,” he said.

THE WAY THEY SAVED THE BABY

It began with a soft crying sound and ended with the newborn, according to a report of The Straits Times.

It was the morning of January 7.

As Shamim and Mostafa drove a buggy to collect rubbish

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