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Trump threatens to cut bilateral ties with China

Beijing asks Washington to 'meet halfway', cooperate in fight against pandemic

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday urged the United States to meet it halfway and strengthen cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic after President Donald Trump threatened to sever bilateral ties.

Relations between the world's two largest economies have deteriorated in recent weeks, with both sides trading barbs over the origins of the virus that has killed more than 300,000 people.

"To maintain the steady development of China-US relations is in the fundamental interests of the people in both countries, and is conducive to world peace and stability," said foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian at a press briefing.

"At present, China and the US should continue to strengthen cooperation against the epidemic, defeat the epidemic as soon as possible, treat patients, and restore economy and production. But it requires the US to meet halfway with China."

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Shoppers queue up at the entrance to Suvastu Nazar Valley shopping complex in the capital's Shahajadpur yesterday. An employee of the mall is measuring their body temperature with an infrared thermometer before allowing them in to check if anyone is showing symptoms of Covid-19. Amid a countrywide shutdown, the government allowed shopping malls to operate on a limited scale from May 10 ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

New loan agreement with India

SC Bose, younger brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, calls on Bangabandhu on May 16, 1972.

May 16, 1972
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

TK 1000 CRORE EMERGENCY PROGRAMME

The government is preparing an emergency reconstruction and development programme worth Tk 1,000 crore to normalise economic activities and increase overall production. It is hoped that if the programme can be implemented properly the overall production in the country will reach pre-war levels. This two-year

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Debesh Roy passes away

STAR REPORT

Veteran Bengali novelist Debesh Roy -- a fierce fighter against communalism who was conferred the prestigious Sahitya Akademi award for his novel 'Teesta Parer Brittanto' -- died at a private hospital in Kolkata late on Thursday night, his family members said.

Roy was 84 and he is survived by his son.

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SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MUNTAKIM SAAD

With law enforcement agencies now busy tackling the coronavirus situation, drug dealers have seemingly taken advantage of the consequent reduction in monitoring and become active again in different spots of the capital.

These correspondents learnt this after visiting some spots and

LAX SURVEILLANCE AMID COVID-19 CRISIS Narcos active again

talking to police and Rab sources. After the countrywide shutdown was enforced to contain the spread of Covid-19, police, Rab, and the Department of Narcotics Control have hardly raided any spots where drugs are traded unless getting specific information. Besides, they also stopped searching suspected people for the sake of health safety.

The number of drug cases has

decreased significantly.

Earlier, around 1,400 drug cases were filed with 50 police stations in the capital on average each month, following regular drives. But in April, the number came down to just 123, according to data of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Mohammadpur's Geneva Camp, a densely populated area and home to around 40,000

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2 killed in 'shootouts'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with Rab at Banani in Dhaka early yesterday.

The dead Abdul Jalil, 45, an inhabitant of Banani's Korail Slum, was accused in at least 16 cases with different police stations, said Md Kamruzzaman, an assistant director of Rab-1. The Rab official said

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PRAYER TIMING MAY 16

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
3:47	12:45	5:00	6:38	8:00	
JAMAAT	3:57	1:15	5:15	6:48	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN	MAY	SEHRI	IFTAR
22	16	3:46	6:38
23	17	3:46	6:38
24	18	3:46	6:39

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01847265126	01313055109	01847265328	01313054669	01401188181	01992045746
01313054781	01730028498	01401188123	01730028440	01847265127	01313054614
UTTARA 3	UTTARA 6	HIRSOLA	SACHININDRA	GHAMMONDI	GREEN ROAD
01999081054	01992045848	01999081208	01991093331	01999081013	01401188101
01732752457	01847265211	01316802384	01313054552	01313054852	01951076512
JUGATOLA	LAKEHEAD HOUSING	BISHAMNADPUR	DHAKA HOUSING	MIRPUR 1	MIRPUR 10
01313055426	01992045851	01847265234	01999081118	01999081043	01992045850
01401188184	01847265144	01795135364	01401188145	01313054545	01724531660
MIRPUR 12	MIRPUR 11	WEST KAPALI	SHILGAON	BARASHEET C	MALIBAD
01999081072	01401188100	01999081017	01313055064	01992045861	01999081174
01401188151	01847265277	01847265143	01313054995	01970024457	01847265320
NOVAPUR	BASHARD	AZIMPUR	GOPIBAE	RAJMOONROAD	WARI
01313055428	01999081145	01847265114	01847265148	01401188190	01992045854
01847265219	01847265280	01313055410	01847265248	01313054591	01313055340
SYLHET ZONE					
UPOSHOHOR	PACHANTOLA	ZINDAGAZAR	SHRIGANI	AMBARKHANA	SHANBAZAR
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01313054539	01787688819	01313054793	01708138480	01313054890	01313054541
CHATTOGRAM ZONE		CUMILLA ZONE		CUMILLA SPC	BAHUTOLA
HALISHOHOR	GOLPHAR	CUMILLA	CUMILLA	01313055068	01401188170
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JOYDEPUR		NARAYANGANJ		NARAIAN	
JOYDEPUR	NARAYANGANJ	NARAIAN	SEKRI		
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01401188120			01708333086		

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