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Myanmar troops mobilised in Rakhine

PORIMOL PALMA

Mobilising thousands of troops in northern Rakhine has created fears of a fresh crackdown and subsequent Rohingya influx like the one that forced around 750,000 members of the ethnic group to flee to Bangladesh.

Analysts think deploying troops near the Bangladesh-Myanmar border also could be Myanmar's tactic of provoking Bangladesh and distracting the global attention from the Rohingya crisis that has not been addressed yet even more than three years after the influx.

"One of the purposes of gathering troops in the Rohingya villages could be driving them out at a time when the world faces a global pandemic and other tensions over Indo-China border dispute and US elections," said Brig Gen (ret'd) Shahedul Anam Khan.

Another purpose could be provoking Bangladesh, he told this correspondent yesterday, a day after Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General (Myanmar) summoned Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh, Aung Kyaw Moe, to express concern over the suspicious movements of Myanmar soldiers along the border since last Friday.

Myanmar troops were moved to northern Maungdaw's Rohingya-dominated villages in boats via the Naf river that divides Bangladesh and Myanmar, said an official concerned.

The foreign ministry asked Moe to take effective actions to avoid any misunderstandings between the two countries. The diplomat assured the ministry of communicating the matter to the Myanmar authorities, he said.

"We have our fishermen fishing in the Naf river. There

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UN WARNS OF 'FURTHER WAR CRIMES' IN RAKHINE -- SEE PAGE 6



Passengers board a speed boat with their belongings, including motorcycles, yesterday as the authorities, due to poor navigability, suspended ferry services on Shimulia-Kathalbari route for an indefinite period on Sunday. The ferry service connects the capital with districts in the southwest.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Shimulia-Kathalbari Ferry service suspended indefinitely

STAR REPORT

Authorities have suspended the ferry service on Shimulia-Kathalbari route sine die due to poor navigability, causing immense suffering to passengers.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), the government body that operates ferry services, came up with the decision on Sunday evening around 6:30pm without any prior announcement.

Shimulia point is located in Munshiganj district while Kathalbari point is in Madaripur district.

As ferry services were suspended, many motorcyclists were seen crossing the Padma by boarding trawlers with their bikes.

"We could have crossed the river by Tk 70 in a ferry. Now we will have to pay around Tk 500 to Tk 600 to cross the river by a tawler," said a motorcyclist.

Besides, there was a huge flow of passengers,

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Suga elected to succeed Japanese PM Shinzo Abe

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's ruling party yesterday elected chief cabinet secretary Yoshihide Suga as its new leader, making him all but certain to replace Shinzo Abe as the country's next prime minister.

Suga easily won the ballot, taking 377 of a total of 534 valid votes from Liberal Democratic Party lawmakers and regional representatives.

His rivals, former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba and LDP policy chief Fumio Kishida, trailed far behind.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu holds talks with ministers

September 15, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

DRAFT CONSTITUTION, FOOD DISCUSSED

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman meets members of his Cabinet informally at the Gono Bhaban today. The proposed constitution of the country, fixation of date for election, food and other vital issues are learnt to have featured in discussions of the meeting. Earlier, Bangabandhu had an exclusive meeting with Syed Nazrul Islam, who was acting prime minister during Bangabandhu's absence from the country for treatment abroad. He also had separate meetings with the foreign minister and finance minister.

GOVT TO TAKE OVER 1,509 RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS THIS YEAR

Government is taking over 1,509 privately managed primary schools run by public donations within the current fiscal year. Education Minister Prof Yusuf Ali says today that these schools are in rural villages outside municipal areas. The decision to take over these institutions by the government is for their expansion and better management.

NO SHORTAGE OF KEROSENE

The government has issued stern warning to unscrupulous traders

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8 cops sued for attempted murder by 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A local lawyer yesterday filed a case against eight policemen, including former Boalkhali Police Station OC Himangshu Das Rana, and three civilians over implicating him in four "false" cases and threatening to kill him in a "shootout" in 2018.

Samar Krishna Chowdhury, an apprentice lawyer in Chattogram court, lodged the case with the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Salem Md Noman around noon, said court sources.

"Taking the case into cognisance, the court ordered the Police Bureau of Investigation to submit a report to it after investigating case," plaintiff's lawyer Jewel Das told The Daily Star.

The other accused in the case are Boalkhali Police Station's then Inspector (investigation) Mahbub Alam Akanda, sub-inspectors Atik Ullah, Arifur Rahman, Abu Bakkar Siddique, Ripon Chakma, Delwar Hossain and Assistant SI Alauddin, London expatriate Sanjoy Das, caretaker of Sanjoy's properties Sajal Das and Didarul Alam of Boalkhali.

Samar's family members alleged that cops in collusion with his rival Sanjoy Das picked up the lawyer from Chattogram Court Building area on May 27, 2018,

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Scientists clone endangered horse



CNN ONLINE

A cloned colt born at a Texas veterinary facility could revive the endangered Przewalski's horse.

The colt is a clone of a male Przewalski's horse and the first successful cloning of the species, San Diego Zoo officials said in a news release on September 4. It was born August 6 to a domestic surrogate mother.

Przewalski's horse are known as the last wild horse, according to the National Zoo. They were originally native to Europe and Asia, but the expansion of humans and environmental changes depleted their numbers.

Scientists said that the horse was formally extinct in the wild, and has been surviving for

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Actor Sadek Bachchu passes away

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Renowned actor Sadek Bachchu passed away yesterday in the capital's Universal Medical College Hospital.

He was 65.

After testing positive for Covid-19, he was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on September 6. He was then moved to Universal Medical College Hospital, where he was on life support.

He left behind his wife and three children.

Sadek Bachchu was born as Mahbub Ahmed Sadek in Chandpur on January 1, 1955. He was a retired

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MAJ SINHA MURDER Another cop arrested

Ex-OC Pradeep shown arrested in graft case

STAR REPORT

Rab members arrested a police constable for his alleged involvement in Major (ret'd) Sinha Md Rashid Khan murder case on Sunday night.

Rubel Sharma, a constable of Teknaf Police Station, was sent to jail yesterday after he was produced before the court of Judge Tamanna Farah of Senior Judicial Magistrate Court-4 in Cox's Bazar.

Meanwhile, a Chattogram court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to show former officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 15

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
4:35	12:45	4:30	6:14	7:45	
JAMAT	5:10	1:15	4:45	6:17	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Kulsum, a girl from the capital's Ahmedbagh, could not keep herself awake whilst keeping her spot in queue as she arrived at Mugda Medical College Hospital around 4:00am yesterday to get tested for Covid-19. She has been showing symptoms for three days, her mother said, adding that they came so early so that they can be among the first to get the token.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

WHO warns Europe of autumn

Reports record daily rise in global Covid-19 cases; India infections surge to 4.85m

AGENCIES

Europe will face a rising death toll from the coronavirus during the autumn months, the World Health Organization warned yesterday, as the number of daily infections around the world reached a record high.

Israel was among the countries battling a new spike, announcing a three-week lockdown from Friday under which people will not be allowed more than 500 metres from their homes.

The announcement sparked a wave of anger.

"It's unfair!" said Eti Avishai, a 64-year-old seamstress. "They didn't stop the big gatherings in synagogues, the weddings and the other events, and now I can't be with my children and grandchildren during the holidays?"

The world health body reported 307,930 new cases worldwide yesterday, the highest daily figure since the beginning of the pandemic in China late last year, as global cases crossed 29 million.

"It's going to get tougher. In October, November, we are going to see more mortality," WHO Europe director Hans Kluge told AFP in an interview.

But he stressed that the pandemic was "going to finish, at one moment or another," as WHO Europe's 55 members started a two-day online meeting focusing on their response to the virus.

The latest surge has sparked alarm across Europe -- a Czech expert warned that his country's health system faces

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