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Yunus made chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate and global anti-poverty campaigner Prof Muhammad Yunus has been made the chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University

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PRABARANA PURNIMA

No festivity in Ramu

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

Given its age-old culture of religious harmony, Ramu could well be a town of a series of great festivals this October. And why not? This year, three major religious festivals -- Durga Puja, Eid-ul-Azha and Prabarana Purnima -- of the Hindu, Muslim and Buddhist fell one after another.

But Ramu suffered a deep scar, too, this year. Its people are yet to overcome the trauma of the heartbreaking attack on the Buddhist on September 29. The fire the communal forces set to Buddhist temples and homes has indeed burned more things than a place of worship or someone's dwelling. Those blazes have wounded those parts of their hearts where harmony and joy lived.

In a town where communal harmony has been so prevalent that its entire population regardless of religion

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The Buddhist community of Ramu on the occasion of Prabarana Purnima yesterday fixes paper lanterns at the ruins of Lal Ching Bihar, one of the temples destroyed in September 29 by Muslim fanatics. Yet to recover from the shock, the Buddhists are not releasing these lanterns -- locally known as *Fanus* -- in the sky unlike the previous years. *Inset*, devotees light lamps at Central Sima Bihar, another temple bearing the scars of the mindless mayhem.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



MYANMAR UNREST

No fresh intrusion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

No fresh Rohingya intrusion has taken place this month during the recent incidents of violence between majority Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims in the Rakhine state of Myanmar, say Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sources.

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Major reshuffle in Indian govt

Manmohan inducts 22 new ministers after 7 quit

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

In a major reshuffle of his council of ministers, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday inducted 22 lawmakers, including 17 new faces, in a bid to give

an image makeover to his government battling a series of alleged scams. Along with the cabinet reshuffle, possibly the last before next general elections in 2014, the premier also carried out a

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Grand rally on Nov 21

18-party announces fresh programmes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance yesterday announced fresh agitation programmes, including a grand rally in the capital on November 21, to press home its demand for the restoration of caretaker

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8 yrs in Indian jail for no offence

Bangladeshi sculptor, daughter-in-law return home with horrific experience

SHUDIPTA SHARMA

Languishing eight excruciating years in Tihar jail allegedly for a crime they had never committed, Bangladeshi sculptor Rashid Ahmed and his daughter-in-law finally came home on Saturday, the Eid-day. They were released the previous day.

By this time, 78-year-old Rashid has lost much of his health and all his property while his daughter-in-law Nurun Nahar Lovely her only daughter.

Interestingly, they received almost no cooperation from the Bangladesh High Commission in India, except for a suggestion to keep patience and hang on there for three to four years.

Rashid Ahmed is the sculptor of Mukto Bangla at Islamic University in Kushtia and Muktijuddher Smriti Saudha in Mymensingh, while Lovely was the women affairs secretary of Bangladesh



Rashid Ahmed Nurun Nahar

Commercial Artists Association. On December 16, 2004, Rashid and Lovely started for India to visit the shrine of Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti in Ajmer. On December 20, they reached New Delhi via Kolkata. There they had checked in a hotel where Rashid had an altercation with the hotel manager over room tariff, Rashid told The Daily Star yesterday at his elder

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THE PARTITION... Even this barbed-wire fence on the Indo-Bangla border in Meherpur can hardly divide them. On Sunday, a day after the Eid-ul-Azha, thousands from both sides gathered near the border to exchange greetings. *Inset*, a woman fails to hold back tears as she talks to her relatives on the other side.

PHOTO: BSS

আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাহত

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Yes (55.0%)
No (42.3%)
No Comments (2.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 418

TODAY'S POLL

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Fajr	4-50		
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	4-00	4-15	
Maghrib	5-32	5-35	
Esha	7-15	7-45	

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