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ILLEGAL BOAT TRIP TO KL Coast guards detain 220

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Members of the Bangladesh Coast Guard yesterday detained 220 people from a Malaysia-bound trawler in the Bay, some five kilometres off the Saint Martin's Island under Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar.

Of the detainees, 214 are Bangladeshis and six Myanmar citizens, an official said.

A patrol team of coast guards had seized the trawler on suspicion, said St Martin's Coast Guard Station Commander MA Newaz.

Newaz said the detainees had confessed that they were travelling to Malaysia illegally.

Mohammad Farhad, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said the detainees would be handed over to them today (Tuesday), as the sea at Saint Martin's remained rough yesterday due to inclement weather.

A gang of human traffickers collect people from Bangladesh and Myanmar, and keep them in different areas of Teknaf to send them to Malaysia through the Bay, coast guard officials said.

Meanwhile, members of the Border Guard Bangladesh

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A good catch in the Bay. However, fishermen say hilsas are not found in abundance these days, in contrast to what used to be once. These fish are being loaded on trucks at Firingibazar in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Friend testifies for SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A college friend of Salauddin Quader Chowdhury yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that he had met the war crimes accused once in Pakistan on April 9 or 10 in 1971.

His next meeting with SQ Chowdhury was three years later in April or May in 1974 at Hotel Purbani in Bangladesh, said second defence witness Nizam Ahmed.

The prosecution have brought 23 charges of crimes against humanity allegedly committed by SQ Chowdhury from

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42 killed as Egyptian troops open fire

Islamists call for uprising

REUTERS, Cairo

At least 42 people were killed yesterday when Islamists demonstrators enraged by the military overthrow of Egypt's elected President Mohamed Morsi said the army opened fire during morning prayers at the Cairo barracks where he is being held.

But the military said "a terrorist group" tried to storm the Republican Guard compound and one army officer had been killed and 40 wounded.

Soldiers returned fire when they were attacked by armed assailants, a military source said.

The emergency services said more than 320 were wounded in a sharp escalation of Egypt's political crisis, and Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood urged people to rise up against the army, which they accuse of a military coup to remove the elected leader.

At a hospital near the Rabaa Adawia mosque where Islamists have camped out since Morsi was

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SPY PROGRAMMES UK, US face legal challenge

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

The British and US spy programmes that allow intelligence agencies to gather, store and share data on millions of people have been challenged in a legal claim brought by privacy campaigners.

Papers filed yesterday call for an immediate suspension of Britain's use of material from the Prism programme, which is run by America's National Security Agency.

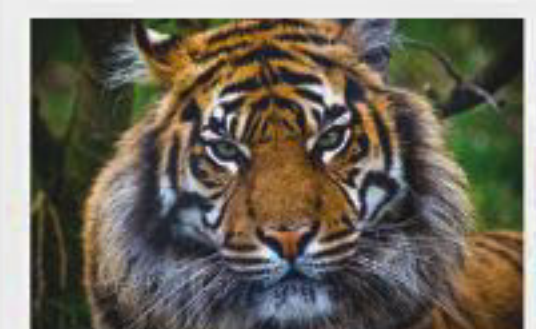
They also demand a temporary injunction to the Tempora programme, which allows Britain's spy centre GCHQ to harvest millions of emails, phone calls and Skype conversations from the undersea cables that carry internet traffic in and out of the country.

Lawyers acting for the UK charity Privacy International say the programme is not necessary or proportionate. They say the laws being used to justify mass data trawling are being abused by intelligence officials and ministers, and need to be urgently reviewed.

Privacy International has submitted a claim to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT), which is supposed to review all complaints about the conduct of Britain's spy

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Men trapped up a tree by tigers



THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

Five Indonesian men have been trapped in a tree for days after being chased into its branches by Sumatran tigers, who mauled a sixth man to death.

Four of the animals were still surrounding the base of the tree following their initial attack on Thursday, which they launched after the men accidentally killed a tiger cub.

The men entered the Mount Leuser National Park in the

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Visitors watch water gushing from a section of the Xiaolangdi Reservoir on the Yellow River in Henan province, China, during the annual sand-washing operation to move 30 million tonnes of silt downstream. The operation lowers the riverbed in the lower reach by an average of 2.03 meters each year.

PHOTO: MAIL ONLINE

RMG official shot by extortionists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A director of a garment factory was seriously injured as some criminals shot him in the capital's Mirpur area yesterday over their failure to get its jhut (garment waste).

Fazlur Rahman Babu, 38, director of Sirajganj Fashions Ltd at Barobagh in Mirpur-2, sustained bullet injuries in his abdomen and right leg. He is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

SM Kamal Farid, an official of the factory, alleged that one Mahadi of a local extortionist gang opened fire on Babu near the factory around 9:45 am

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