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Myanmar must stop attacks on Muslims

Warns UN chief, advocates citizenship for Rohingyas

AP, United Nations

The UN chief has warned Myanmar that it must end Buddhist attacks on minority Muslims in the Southeast Asian country if it wants to be seen as a credible nation.

Sectarian violence against Rohingya Muslims in the predominantly Buddhist nation has killed hundreds in the past year, and uprooted about 140,000, in what some say presents a threat to Myanmar's political reforms because it could encourage security forces to re-assert control.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday: "It is important for the Myanmar authorities to take necessary steps to address the legitimate grievances of minority communities, including the citizenship demands of the Muslim/Rohingya."

He says failing to do so could risk "undermining the reform process and triggering negative regional repercussions."

In 1982, Myanmar passed a citizenship law recognising eight races and 130

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People crowd Chawk Bazar iftar market in the capital on the first day of Ramadan yesterday. The iftar market is renowned for its variety in terms of items and taste. Inset, roasted lamb legs being sold at the market.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



US, EUROPEAN BUYERS DIVIDED Rift deepens over factory safety plans

THE FINANCIAL TIMES

US retailers have deepened a rift with their European rivals over factory safety in Bangladesh by launching an alternative reform plan that avoids accountability

mechanisms accepted in Europe.

Jay Jorgensen, chief compliance officer at Walmart, which played a central role in drawing up the US plan, said his company could not sign the European accord because

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M Zahir passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist and constitutional expert Dr Muhammad Zahir passed away yesterday at the age of 74 in Bangkok, Thailand.

M Zahir, son of late Justice Muhammad Asir, had been undergoing treatment at Bangkok General Hospital, a press release issued from Zahir's family said.

Sources close to Zahir told The Daily Star that the renowned counsel had been suffering from cancer, and he breathed his last at Bangkok General Hospital around 10:30am (Bangladesh time).

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Toddler buys car Uses dad's smartphone for the purchase

MAIL ONLINE

She may not be able to drive for another 15 years, but 14-month-old Sorella Stoute has already picked the car she

wants.

The Portland toddler managed to successfully bid for a 1962 Austin Healey Sprite on eBay after playing with her

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Limon cleared

UNB, Dhaka

Limon Hossain, maimed by Rab personnel two years back, was cleared of charges as the government yesterday issued a gazette notification for withdrawing the two cases the elite force had filed against him.

The notification, issued by the law ministry, said

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Muhith rules out Padma funding from China, Russia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after the Chinese proposal, Russia too offered to invest in the Padma bridge project.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith rejected both the proposals saying, "My position is very clear. I am not prepared to accept any fixed contractor. We have invited international bidders. And that's what we are going to stick to."

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Take part in JS polls PM urges opposition

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the recent elections to five city corporations had proved that free and fair polls could be conducted by the Election Commission.

She urged all, including

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NIZAMI'S TRIAL Shyamoli Nasrin cross examined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent teacher and prosecution witness Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury yesterday said she had always mentioned Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed as Al-Badr high command, but their names were erased from her interviews

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
2	12	3-48	6-53
3	13	3-48	6-53
4	14	3-49	6-53

PRAYER TIMING July 12

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	3-47	3-52
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
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Esha	8-17	8-45

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IN MEMORIAM

SYED ISHTIAQ AHMED, Barrister-at-Law
Our deepest respects on his 10th Death Anniversary, 12 July 2013.

Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Smriti Parishad and Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates

The Daily Star

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