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Indian activist fighting against child labour, slavery and trafficking

AGENCIES

Reaching across gulfs of age, gender, faith, nationality and even international celebrity, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2014 peace prize yesterday to Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan and Kailash Satyarthi of India.

The award joined a teenage Pakistani known around the world with an Indian veteran of campaigns to end child labour and free children from trafficking.

Malala, 17, is the youngest recipient of the prize since it was created in 1901. Kailash is 60. The \$1.1 million prize is to be divided equally between them.

The award was announced in Oslo by Thorbjorn Jagland, the Nobel committee's chairman, who said:

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What the Nobel committee says

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014 is to be awarded to Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education. Children

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PLAYGROUND GONE FOR CATTLE MARKET

The playground of Azampur Govt Primary School in Uttara is in ruins after a temporary cattle market was set up there ahead of Eid. Children would be resuming school tomorrow after their holidays and they are likely to have no playground to play on during their breaks. The area smells of manure and the school boundary wall has been levelled. The photos were taken yesterday. Related photos on page 2.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

UN CONVOY ATTACKED 3 Bangladeshi peacekeepers injured in Central Africa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three Bangladeshi peacekeepers were injured as an UN convoy was ambushed by rebel groups in Central African Republic (CAR) on Thursday, Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate said in a press release yesterday.

Of the Bangladeshis, critically injured Sainik Md Iqbal Hossain of 18 BIR was rushed to a French hospital at a camp. Iqbal hails from Mukundpur village of Satkhira.

The two others soldiers are Sainik Jasim Uddin of 29 BIR. He hails from Naltona village of Barguna and Sainik Moazzem Hussain of 23 East Bengal, SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

BNP not ready for anti-govt agitation

Khaleda's move to revamp party proves futile due to leadership row in front organisations, intra-party feuds

RASHIDUL HASAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has tried and failed to overhaul her party in the last nine months, mainly because of intra-party feuds at central and local levels and lack of commitment of leaders.

As a result, she had to repeatedly postpone her plans for anti-government protests, and she is frustrated about this, party sources say.

The process to reorganise the party has virtually stopped in all its 75 district units, as leaders continue to fight among themselves over formation of new committees.

The overhaul efforts were aimed to strengthen the grassroots demoralised after

the January 5 one-sided elections, and to boost their morale for anti-government protests, insiders said.

After the polls boycotted by the BNP-led alliance and most other political parties, Khaleda at a crowded press conference on January 15 said she would announce a fresh movement to force the Sheikh Hasina administration to hold an election under a nonparty caretaker government, after reorganising the party.

BNP sources said most of their district units were being run by expired committees. Besides, nearly half of those are being run by convening committees.

In Manikganj, for example, the present

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Latif's removal from cabinet in a day or two

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The government is set to remove Posts and Telecommunications and ICT Minister Abdul Latif Siddique from the cabinet in a day or two.

President Abdul Hamid, who returned home last night, is likely to sign a file regarding the removal of Latif today or tomorrow.

Following the president's signature on the file, the cabinet division would issue a gazette to this effect.

Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina told a press conference on October 3 that Latif would be removed from the cabinet and his party post and that the file for his removal would be sent to the president once office opens after Eid holidays. The Awami League Central Working



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Too young to wed

Study says 66pc girls get married before 18 in Bangladesh; 86pc child marriage victims uneducated; Int'l Day of the Girl Child today

AKRAM HOSEN

At first sight, Sharmin, 15, looks like one of those emaciated children needing constant care. The fact of the matter, however, is: she herself became a mother just eight months ago.

Now she works as a domestic help in Dhaka. On top of doing the entire household chores at her employer's house, she takes care of her child all by herself when she is supposed to grow up with the love and affection of her parents.

Born and raised in a village in Narsingdi, Sharmin's parents married her off at the age of 11, putting an abrupt end to her education.

"At that age, I did not even understand what marriage is. All I was told was that everyone in my in-laws' house will love me a lot and buy me plenty of dolls," Sharmin told The Daily Star.

She migrated to Dhaka last month to escape poverty and an abusive husband.

"I didn't have an opinion in anything that happened to me. Nor could I do anything to change my fate," she said.

Sharmin, who has been suffering from malnutrition all her life, fought an uphill battle with death while giving birth to her child.

Quoting doctors at the local clinic where she had undergone a caesarean section, she said it was a miracle that she survived the heavy bleeding during the procedure.

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Obstructing the beautiful view of the mosaic wall, hawkers occupy the pavement, and garbage and rubble have been piled up behind their makeshift stalls at New Market in the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BURDWAN BLAST Bombs 'meant for Bangladesh'

Say Indian media reports; 8 more held; NIA suspects dead were JMB militants

STAR REPORT

A probe has found that explosives manufactured in West Bengal's Burdwan town were being sent to Bangladesh, Indian media reported, attributing investigators.

This could be the first evidence that the state was being used for terror activities across the border in Bangladesh -- an embarrassment for the Mamata Banerjee government, already under fire for not cracking down on Bangladesh-based terror groups in the state.

"All these explosives were being sent to Bangladesh," a CID official, requesting anonymity, told Hindustan Times.

"After taking over the reins of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina launched a crackdown on terror outfits and Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen operatives were forced to shift some of their operations out of the country. The easiest alternative was Bengal. We have come to know they started producing explosives since November last year."

The CID will hand over its report to the National Intelligence Agency (NIA).

The Indian Express adds: after confirming that the bomb manufacturing unit that was in operation in Burdwan

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Hudhud moving towards Andhra

STAR REPORT

Cyclone Hudhud was inching closer towards the coast of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in India yesterday and expected to bring heavy rains before reaching the coast tomorrow.

The severe cyclonic storm over the West Central Bay and adjoining East Central Bay moved slightly northwestwards and intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm over the same area, said a Met office special bulletin yesterday evening.

It is likely to intensify further and move in a west-northwesterly direction, the bulletin added.

Cyclone Hudhud could cause light to moderate thunder storms at places across the country though the monsoon was not very active in Bangladesh.

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