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KILLING OF 9-YR-OLD GIRL Protesters block road

20 hurt in clash with cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty people, including six police personnel, were injured as locals clashed with law enforcers at Bhatara in the capital yesterday.

The clash ensued after the locals who were dissatisfied with ongoing police investigation into the murder of a nine-year-old girl started demonstrations around 11:00am, besieging Bhatara Police Station and blocking the portion of Pragati Sarani in front of the station.

The incident led to long tailbacks on both sides of the busy street.

The protesters burned several tyres there and threw brickbats at the police personnel when the latter rushed to the spot from nearby stations, triggering the clash.

Police fired tear gas and charged batons on the demonstrators to disperse them.

Traffic on the street resumed around 12:30pm after the situation was brought under control, said police.

The clash left 20 people, including six police personnel of Bhatara and Gulshan police stations, injured. However, no one was detained.

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Rahul Sharma with his santoor conjures musical spell over Army Stadium last night



In marvel of melodies

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Bengal Classical Music Festival 2014, the biggest festival of classical music and dance in the world, entered its second day yesterday with crowds coming in early on a Friday afternoon to enjoy the highest order of classical performing arts.

They were treated to a lively performance of a talented percussion quartet from Bangladesh comprising Goutam Sarkar, Md Zakir Hosen, Enamul Haq and Bishwajit Natta. Supriya Das, another talented

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Don't meddle in local committees

Hasina tells AL MPs, ministers

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed dissatisfaction over her party's first-time MPs and minister for interfering in the grassroots unit councils, and said they could not run in elections for the party's thana units.

Hasina also warned them against meddling in the formation of local committees, sources said.

"The new MPs want to keep everything in their grips and this way they want

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Jobseekers to turn job givers

Yunus tells Social Business Summit in Mexico

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has said the primary focus of social businesses for upcoming years would be transforming the unemployed youth into entrepreneurs in every country.

"Social business can help enable jobseekers to become job-givers, thereby generating a virtuous circle of job creation. The changes cannot happen overnight, but we have to multiply the creation of social businesses," he told the Sixth Global Social Business Summit in Mexico City on Thursday.

The November 27-28 summit, the most important forum for social business worldwide, opened with a call to envision a bold future for social business and create a concrete agenda to bring about transformative changes to the world by 2020, said a press release.

More than 750 people, including social business practitioners and

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Stop holding lavish parties

Widodo asks officials

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Indonesia's president has ordered officials to eat local street food at meetings instead of fancy foreign fare and stop holding lavish parties, the latest moves by the new government to crack down on bureaucratic excess.

Snacks such as cassava, steamed corn and yam cakes should be served at official gatherings and the number of guests invited to high-ranking bureaucrats' parties should be limited to 400, a minister said.

President Joko Widodo, who took office last month and is known as a modest figure from a humble background, has made reining in official spending a key goal.

He has already slashed travel and meeting budgets for next year, and last week sought to

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Drug smuggling rises despite strong watch

BSF official on Indo-Bangla border

IANS, Agartala

Drug smuggling has increased along the India-Bangladesh border while the vigil along the frontier has been tightened to curb it, a top official of Indian Border Security Force has said.

"BSF troopers have seized and destroyed drugs and cannabis plants valued at Rs 270 crore on the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura," BN Sharma, inspector general of the force's Tripura frontier, told reporters in Agartala yesterday.

He said: "Since 2012, over 1,017,255 cannabis plants worth Rs 255 crore have been destroyed along the border with Bangladesh."

The seizure of drugs has been rising on the border, he said and added the BSF also seized a huge quantity of contraband valued at Rs 36.52 crore.

Plantations of cannabis are done on a large scale in the interior and inaccessible areas of the border region. Since most of these plantations are tucked away in hills and forests, government agencies have a tough time to detect and destroy them.

According to officials, a large number of villagers in Tripura cultivate cannabis and smuggle it to Bangladesh to earn money.

There is a huge demand for cannabis in Bangladesh, and Tripura plays a key role in meeting this demand, they added.

India has been erecting barbed wire fence and putting up floodlights on the 4,096-km

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In tears, a relative of a missing fisherman calls his family to let them know that a fishing trawler sank in the Bay yesterday after being hit by a ship. The photo was taken at Majhirghat in Chittagong.

PHOTO: STAR

Bid on to save masterminds

Allege families, lawyers, questioning Rab probe into 7-murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Victims' family members and lawyers have expressed disappointment over the Rab's probe into the Narayanganj seven-murder, saying a move is on to save the masterminds.

Though it's a positive sign that the Rapid Action Battalion finally has admitted its complicity, the architects of the gruesome murder are yet to be unmasked, said Sakhawat Hossain Khan, president of Narayanganj Bar Association, yesterday.

The Rab is also trying to save some of its members, he alleged at a press conference. "The probe committee formed by the public administration ministry in its primary report mentioned that 27 Rab men were involved in the killings. Then why were their names dropped from the Rab report?"

Archana Sarker, wife of lawyer Chandan Sarker, one of the murdered seven, said the Rab probe body has to make it clear exactly whose interest the killings meant to serve.

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Blasts hit Nigeria mosque during prayers; 64 killed

126 injured; Boko Haram Islamists suspected behind attack

AFP, Katsina

At least 64 people were killed and 126 injured when two bombs exploded during prayers at a mosque of one of Nigeria's top Islamic leaders yesterday, a week after he issued a call to arms against Boko Haram.

The blasts happened at the Grand Mosque in Kano, the biggest city in the Muslim north of the country, just as Friday prayers had got under way at about 2:00 pm.

The mosque is attached to the palace of the Emir of Kano Muhammad Sanusi II, Nigeria's second most senior Muslim cleric.

The blasts came after a bomb attack was foiled against a mosque in the northeastern city of Maiduguri on Friday morning, five days after two female suicide bombers killed over 45 people in the city.

"Two bombs exploded, one after the other, in the premises of the Grand Mosque seconds after the prayers had started," worshipper Aminu Abdullahi told AFP.

"A third one went off in a nearby road close to the Qadiriyya Sufi order. The blasts were followed by gunshots by the police to scare off potential attacks."

A senior rescue official said 64 bodies had been brought to just one Kano area hospital, while 126 people had been admitted with injuries at three facilities.

"Those figures are going to climb," he told AFP on condition of anonymity, as he was not authorised to speak to the media.

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Pink Floyd's new album, The Endless River, has been the fastest-selling vinyl since 1997.

Vinyl record sales hit 18-yr high

BBC ONLINE

More than one million vinyl records have been sold in the UK so far this year - the first time the milestone has been achieved since 1996.

The figures mark a largely unexpected resurgence in an industry now considered to be dominated by digital.

Earlier this month, Pink Floyd's The Endless River became the fastest-selling vinyl release since 1997.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you think that police and the authorities concerned should first ensure facilities for pedestrians before going drives against Jaywalking?

Yes (88%)

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Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation