## NEWS brief

### Palestinian kills teen in WB, shot dead

AFP, Jerusalem

A Palestinian attacker fatally stabbed a 13-year-old girl in her home in a Jewish settlement in the West Bank yesterday before being shot dead by security guards, the Israeli army said. The army said the Palestinian killed the girl in her bed after breaking into her home in the Kiryat Arba settlement outside the city of Hebron.

### Egypt priest killed in IS-claimed attack

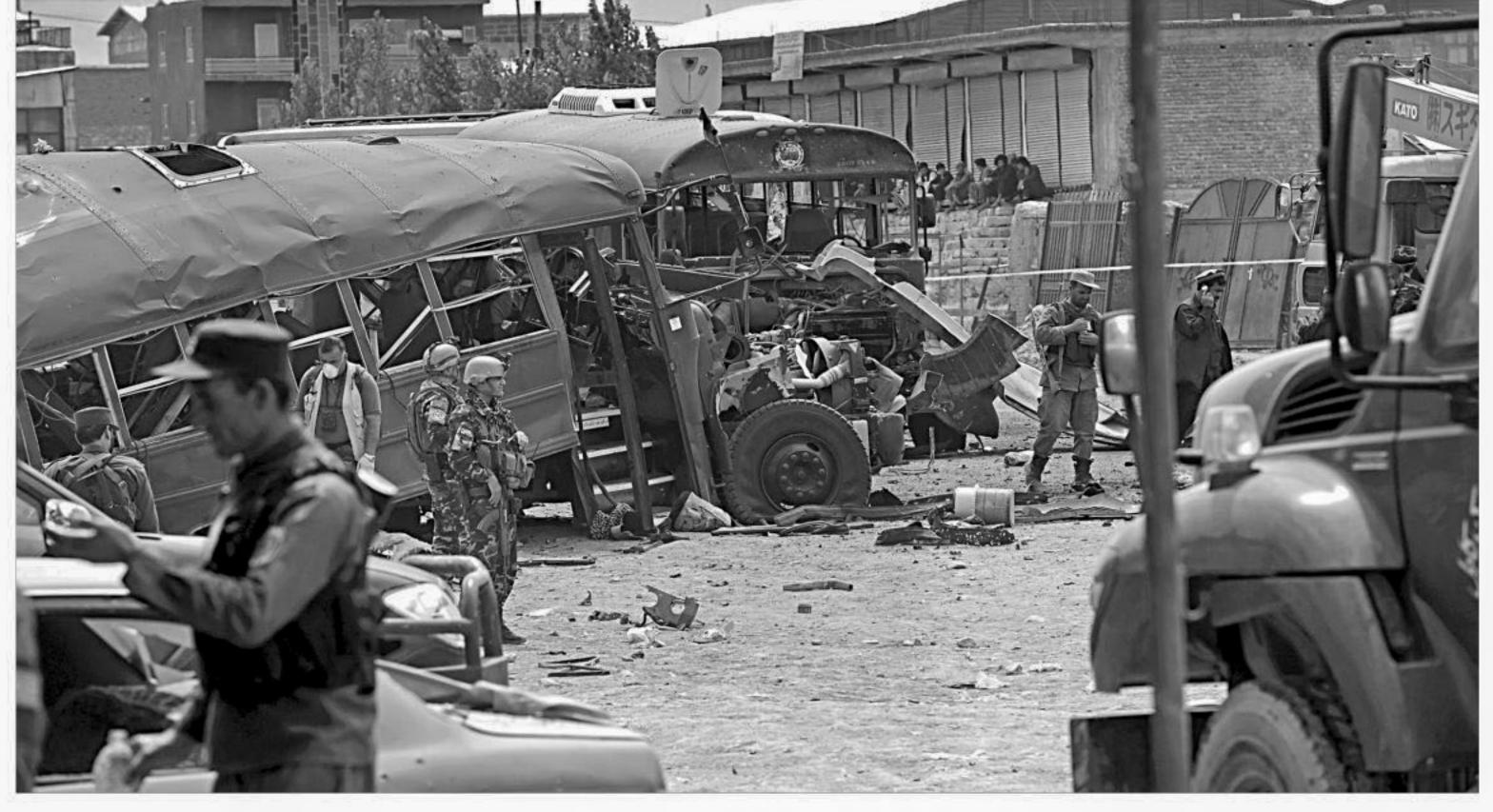
AFP, Cairo

An Egyptian Coptic priest was shot dead yesterday in the Sinai Peninsula where authorities are battling a jihadist insurgency, officials said, in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. The priest, Raphael Moussa, 46, died instantly when a man shot him in the head as he was standing next to his car in El-Arish, the capital of North Sinai, said Boulos Halim, a church spokesman.

## Blast at mosque kill 11 in

Cameroon REUTERS, Yaounde

A suicide bomber belonging to Nigerian jihadist group Boko Haram killed at least 11 people when he blew himself up close to a mosque in Cameroon near the Nigerian sources said yesterday. The attack, which took place late on Wednesday, occurred after the breaking of the fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. A Cameroonian army officer said the bomber was a young



Afghan security forces inspect the damage on buses hit by suicide bombers at the site of an attack on the western outskirts of Kabul yesterday. At least 30 policemen were killed and 40 wounded after the bomb attack claimed by Taliban struck a convoy of buses transporting police cadets in Kabul, the interior ministry said.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Human Trafficking and Slavery

# US puts Myanmar on blacklist

AFP, Washington

The United States released its annual human trafficking report yesterday and added eight countries, including Uzbekistan and fledgling democracy Myanmar, to the blacklist of those not doing enough to halt it. Djibouti, Haiti, Papua New Guinea,

Sudan, Suriname and Turkmenistan were also added to the now 26-strong blacklist of governments the State Department believes are not fighting people smuggling or slavery. Kuwait and Thailand found them-

selves promoted from this "Tier 3" list of worst offender to the "Tier 2 watch list" of countries making some kind of effort to combat the trade in persons but still under scrutiny.

Libya, Somalia and Yemen were judged special cases whose governments are in too much chaos to be judged.

"This is a heck of a piece of work," US Secretary of State John Kerry said, introducing the report, which is mandated by the US Congress to monitor progress around the world in the fight against exploitation.

"There are some tough calls," he



admitted, but insisted that the list was based on facts and set criteria, not political considerations -- a criticism of past reports.

Last year, the State Department was criticized for not including Myanmar on its Tier 3 list, amid allegations that Washington was turning a blind eye to slavery in order to encourage a slow transition to democracy. This year's report on Myanmar dubs

it "a source country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and for women and children subjected to sex trafficking, both in Burma and abroad." Washington has also been accused

of taking too lenient an approach to Uzbekistan, where the government makes no attempt to hide the fact that it press-gangs civil servants into forced labor to harvest cotton.

Human rights watchdogs welcomed the demotion of Myanmar and Uzbekistan, which they felt had been unfairly protected from scrutiny for political reasons in last year's report, but expressed regret that Thailand and Malaysia were not being held to account.

## India test fires new surfaceto-air missile

TNN, Balasore

India yesterday successfully test fired a new surface-to-air missile, developed jointly with Israel, from a defence base off Odisha coast.

The medium range missile, a product of joint venture between India and Israel, was successfully test launched from a mobile launcher in the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur at around 08.15 hours, a DRDO official said.

"The test launch was a grand success and it met all the targets," he said. Apart from the missile, the system includes a Multi Functional Surveillance and Threat Alert Radar for detection of missile.

## **US-led** airstrikes pound IS in Iraq

Kill 250 fighters; US wants anti-IS fight to wrap up within 14 months

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US-led coalition aircraft waged a series of deadly strikes against Islamic State around the city of Falluja on Wednesday, US officials told Reuters, with one citing a preliminary estimate of at least 250 suspected fighters killed and at least 40 vehicles destroyed. If the figures are confirmed, the strikes would be

among the most deadly ever against the jihadist group. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the operation and noted preliminary estimates can change. The strikes, which the officials said took place south of

the city, where civilians have also been displaced, are just the latest battlefield setback suffered by Islamic State in its self-proclaimed "caliphate" of Iraq and Syria.

The group's territorial losses are not diminishing concerns about its intent and ability to strike abroad though. Turkey pointed the finger at Islamic State on Wednesday for a triple suicide bombing and gun attack that killed 41 people at Istanbul's main airport.

On Tuesday, a senior US official told skeptical lawmakers that the US-led fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria could be completed within 14 months.

Some 65 countries are engaged at varying levels in trying to defeat the IS group in its so-called caliphate in Iraq and



Syria, under a campaign that began in August 2014 and was initially devised to take three years.

US lawmakers, especially Republicans, have frequently blasted President Barack Obama for what they call an overly cautious approach that only takes incremental steps in ramping up the fight.

"We're not going to defeat them within 14 months, are we?" Senator Ron Johnson asked Brett McGurk, who is Obama's special envoy for the coalition.

McGurk, speaking at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, pointed to progress in the 22-monthold operation and said he wanted it finished even before it hits the three-year mark.

"I want it to go a lot faster than that," he told senators.

"We are moving at a tempo that I believe will lead to the ultimate defeat" of IS, he added.

# 'Rumi wasn't yours'

## Afghanistan furious as Iran, Turkey claim Sufi poet

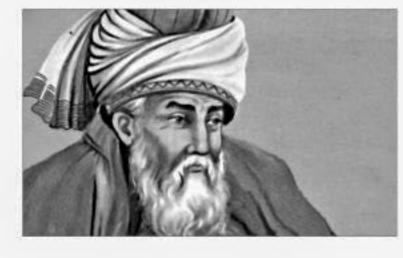
AFP, Kabul

Who can lay claim to Rumi, the Sufi mystic who is one of the world's most beloved poets? A bid by Iran and Turkey to do so has exasperated Afghanistan, country of his birth eight centuries ago.

Tehran and Ankara asked to list the work of Jalal ud-Din Muhammad Rumi as their joint heritage on the UN's "Memory of the World" register in May.

The register, falling under the UN's cultural organisation Unesco, was formed in 1997 to protect the world's documentary heritage -archives, correspondence and writing -- especially in troubled or conflict-ridden areas.

But the Afghan government has denounced the bid, which mainly concerns the 25,600 verses of "Masnavi-i-Ma'navi", one of the



most influential works in Persian literature.

He is one of the best-selling poets in the US, and his works have

been translated into more than 23 languages. Hollywood is planning a Rumi biopic -- also mired in controversy after rumoured plans for Leonardo DiCaprio to play him were met with accusations of "whitewashing".

The poet and philosopher "was born in Balkh in Afghanistan and made us proud," the Ministry of Information and Culture insisted.

Unesco "never asked us" about the proposal, Harron Haklimi, the ministry's spokesman, said, acknowledging that Kabul had been beaten to the punch but hoping they can yet convince the organisation that Afghanistan has the better claim to the poet.

## Scavenging garbage to supplement salary!

## Indonesia to honour policeman for refusing bribes for 40 years

AFP, Jakarta

A member of Indonesia's notoriously corrupt police is to be honoured for refusing to accept bribes during his 40year career, instead scavenging garbage to supplement his meagre salary, an official said yesterday.

While many countries give awards for police bravery, Indonesian authorities have decided to honour policeman Seladi, 57, after he became a media sensation when the story of his determination not to accept kickbacks emerged.

Father-of-three Seladi -- who like many Indonesians goes by only one name -- insists he always refused bribes despite only earning the equivalent of about \$400 a month and facing much temptation, as he worked in the



department that issued driving licences in the city of Malang, on Java island.

In 2004, Seladi began scavenging from garbage dumps to top up his state income, earning on average an extra \$5 a day, mostly by selling on recyclable items.

East Java province police spokes-



man Argo Yuwono said Seladi would be honoured at a ceremony on Indonesia's national police day on Friday for not accepting bribes, and for his dedication in supporting his family

by doing extra work. The spokesman did not say what exactly Seladi would receive.

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The Proposal/Offer may be submitted to the General Manager (Corporate Planning) at Email: dacpm165@bdbiman.com by 1000 hours LT (0400 hours UTC) on 25 July 2016. Proposal/Offer may also be submitted through Courier Service or dropped in the Box placed in the Office of the General Manager (Corporate Planning), Biman Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229 within the stipulated time. The Proposal(s)/Offer(s) will be opened immediately after the closing time in presence of the Bidder(s), if any. No Proposal/Offer would be accepted after the closing time. Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd. will not be responsible for late receipt of Proposal/Offer due to any reason, whatsoever.

For further information or query, General Manager (Corporate Planning) may be contacted at Telephone: +880-2-8901600/Extension-2415, +880-2-8901697 (Direct), Email: gmp@bdbiman.com during the office hours.

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## Duterte sworn in as president of Philippines



AFP, Manila

Authoritarian firebrand Rodrigo Duterte warned of a "rough ride" after being sworn in as the Philippines' president yesterday, promising a relentless war on crime and corruption but also to be a unifying leader.

Duterte, 71, won last month's election in a landslide after a campaign dominated by foul-mouthed threats to kill tens of thousands of criminals and tirades against the nation's elite that cast him as an incendiary, antiestablishment hero.

After taking his oath before a small audience inside the Malacanang presidential palace, ending the era of Benigno Aquino, Duterte signalled there would indeed be some dark days during his six years in office. "The ride will be rough

but come join me just the same," Duterte said in a short speech, with his opening remarks focused on familiar themes about the need to instill discipline in a graft-infested society.

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Revenue for the People's Welfare



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Finance **Internal Resources Division National Board of Revenue** Rajashwa Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Important Notification for the Foreign Nationals to show/submit Income tax clearance /exemption certificate in income Tax Counter of International Airports/Land port at the time of departure from Bangladesh:

The National Board of Revenue has been making persistent efforts towards establishing an environment which is conducive to business, industry and investment in order to help implement Vision 2021 and Vision 2041 of the Honourable Prime Minister. With the help of all concerned, the National Board of Revenue is making all-out efforts to mobilize necessary resources to build a selfreliant and digital Bangladesh. Considering this, like other developed countries to ensure collection of taxes from Foreign nationals working in Bangladesh at companies, industries, businesses, NGO's, Hotels, Restaurants etc. an inter ministerial steering committee meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016. In that meeting a decision was taken to establish an Income Tax counter for checking Tax Clearance/Exemption certificate at all International Airports of Bangladesh (Hazrat Shahjalal (R:) International Airport Dhaka, Hazrat Shah Amanat (R:) International Airport Chittagong & Osmani International Airport Sylhet) and Benapole Land Port, Jessore on the eve of departure of the concerned foreign nationals.

Pursuant to the above decision an Income Tax Counter has been setup at the above places in order to assist all Foreign Nationals working in Bangladesh to comply with the provision of Section 107 of Income Tax Ordinance 1984 and to show/ present/ submit the Tax Clearance/Exemption certificate at the time of their departure through above mentioned International Airports and Land port of Bangladesh.

Salaries and allowances, received by foreign nationals, employed in any profession (except for persons entitled to special exemptions for their employment in different embassies, UN and international organizations) in Bangladesh, are considered to have taxable income where such income exceeds the taxable limit and in the case of a 'foreign non-resident', salaries and allowances are to be taxed according to the existing income tax law. Such foreign nationals are required to submit income tax return as well as pay taxes while their employers are required to deduct taxes at source (TDS) on their income.

For the above mentioned decision all concerned Foreign Nationals are humbly requested to show/submit the Tax Clearance/ Exemption certificate at the time of departure as per section 107 of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984. We deeply appreciate everyone's understanding and support.

**National Board of Revenue**