

NEWS IN brief

Bloomberg named WHO's ambassador

REUTERS, London

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday appointed the philanthropist and former mayor of New York Michael Bloomberg as a global health ambassador to help governments tackle chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke, cancer and heart disease. Bloomberg will work with national and local politicians to highlight the heavy economic and health burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

North Korea resumes plutonium production

REUTERS, Tokyo

North Korea says it has resumed plutonium production by reprocessing spent fuel rods and has no plans to stop nuclear tests as long as perceived US threats remain, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported on Wednesday. North Korea's Atomic Energy Institute also told Kyodo it had been producing highly enriched uranium necessary for nuclear arms and power "as scheduled."

15 detained over Thai tourist town attacks

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's junta yesterday detained at least 15 suspects at military barracks on suspicion of launching a string of deadly bomb and arson attacks against tourist resort towns last week. No one has claimed responsibility for the bombing spree, which hit tourist towns in the country's south last Thursday and Friday, killing four and wounding dozens, including European visitors.

Ex-Sudan VP Machar 'safe' in DR Congo

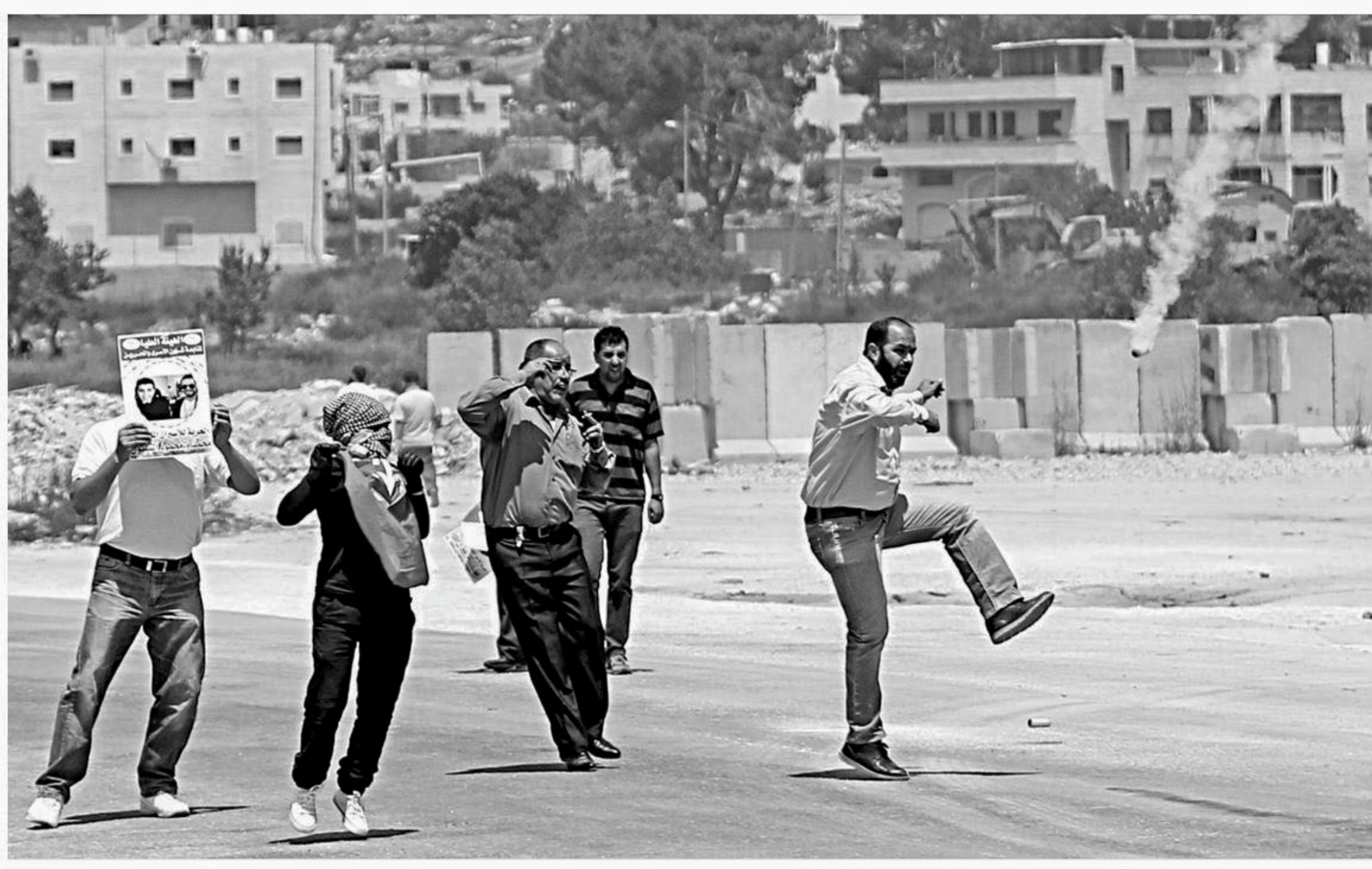
AFP, Nairobi

South Sudan's former rebel leader and ex-vice president Riek Machar has escaped to the capital of Democratic Republic of Congo following violent clashes last month, an official said yesterday. An earlier statement from Machar's SPLM-IO party said the leader had been "evacuated to a safe country within the region" without naming Congo.

Pakistan military kills 11 militants

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's military said yesterday it had killed at least 11 militants in air strikes in a restive tribal region near the Afghan border as part of an ongoing offensive. The latest operation in the Khyber district came just after the military said it had killed at least 14 militants in the same area Tuesday. Khyber is one of the seven tribal districts where the military has been fighting Taliban and al-Qaeda linked militants.



Palestinian protesters react to a tear gas canister fired by Israeli troops during clashes following a protest in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails, near Israel's Ofer Prison, West Bank. PHOTO: REUTERS

Teacher dies in army custody

Dozens injured after Indian soldiers raid village to quash ongoing protests; Amnesty India closes offices after sedition accusation

AFP, Srinagar

Soldiers raided a village in restive Indian-administered Kashmir overnight in an attempt to quash ongoing protests, leaving one civilian dead and dozens injured, police and witnesses said yesterday.

Villagers said soldiers from a nearby Indian army camp ransacked homes in Khrew village and beat residents with bamboo sticks, leading to the death of a teacher.

"They beat up men, women and children and took away many young men with them. We discovered the battered body of Shabir Mangoo on a village street in the morning," said one villager who asked not to be named, fearing reprisals.

Army spokesman Colonel N N Joshi confirmed the raid on the village 25 kilometres (16 miles) south-east of the main city of Srinagar, saying "the incident is being investigated".

Indian-administered Kashmir has been in the grip of almost daily anti-India protests and rolling curfews sparked by the killing on July 8 of a popular rebel leader, Burhan Wani, in a gunfight with government forces.

"One person was also found dead after the raid," a police

officer told AFP on condition of anonymity, adding that around 28 villagers were taken away by the soldiers.

The army raid -- the third in recent days -- comes after five weeks of unrest that have left more than 60 people dead.

India has clamped down hard on protests, with the army accused of using brutal tactics to suppress demonstrators.

"First the electricity went off and soldiers soon started attacking our home, beating up all of us including my 10-year-old niece," villager Ghulam Hassan told AFP from his hospital bed in Srinagar.

Dr Nazir Chaudhary, medical superintendent at the main SMHS hospital in Srinagar told AFP 24 injured villagers had been admitted for treatment.

Meanwhile, Amnesty International India has temporarily closed its offices and postponed events aimed at raising awareness of rights abuses over safety concerns for its staff after the charity was accused of sedition by protesters, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Political activists held demonstrations against the rights group on Tuesday and Wednesday, accusing it of inciting hatred against the state during an event it hosted on abuses by Indian security forces in the troubled Kashmir region.

Modi crossed the 'red line'

Says Pakistan after Indian PM talks about Balochistan

PTI, Islamabad

Pakistan yesterday said Narendra Modi crossed the "red line" by talking about Balochistan and asserted that it will "forcefully" raise the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly session next month.

"The Prime Minister strongly pleaded the case of Kashmir during General Assembly session last year and we will again forcefully raise the issue," Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said. Zakaria, in his weekly news briefing in Islamabad, also took strong exception to the remarks by Modi on Balochistan.

Modi had brought up Pakistani atrocities on people of Balochistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in his Independence Day speech.

"It is the violation of the UN Charter...He (Mr Modi) crossed the red line by talking about Balochistan," Zakaria said.

He alleged that India was involved in subversive activities in Balochistan and Karachi. Zakaria also claimed that India was referring to Balochistan to cover up its human rights violations in Kashmir.

KASHMIR VIOLENCE



Parents comfort their son who was injured by pellets shot by security forces in Srinagar yesterday.

New Nepal PM can revert to tradition

Likely to visit India ahead of China

PTI, Kathmandu

Prachanda is likely to visit India on his first official foreign trip as Nepal's prime minister, in a departure from his earlier practice when he visited Beijing ahead of New Delhi in 2008, sources said.

The Maoist chief, who was elected by lawmakers to the top post for the second time earlier this month, had rubbed India the wrong way when he chose China as his first destination after taking over as the premier in 2008 and attended the Beijing Olympics that year.

Prachanda's predecessor, KP Sharma Oli also visited India as his first official foreign destination. But the run up to his visit was surrounded by intense speculation that the Communist leader might visit China ahead of India.

Oli, viewed by many as pro-China, visited India in February, when the agitation by Madhesi - inhabitants of the southern plains who share strong cultural and family bonds with Indians - over Nepal's new Constitution was at its peak.

The protesters had blocked trade transit points with India, creating a huge shortage of essential goods and fuel in the landlocked Nepal.

The usual practice of new prime ministers in Nepal is to visit to India, ahead of China. Prachanda's China trip in 2008 was the only departure from that practice.

It is learnt that he will visit India ahead of China this time, sources said.

The development comes as Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister and minister of home affairs Bimendra Nidhi begins his two-day visit to India as Prachanda's special envoy yesterday.

UK's minorities face 'entrenched' inequality: report

REUTERS, London

Ethnic minorities face "entrenched and far-reaching" inequality and, combined with a rise in hate crime since Britain voted to leave the European Union, the government must come up with a long-term strategy, an independent report said yesterday.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), a public body, found that the life chances of young people from ethnic minorities in Britain had deteriorated over the past five years after looking at areas such as education and health.

David Isaac, who became EHRC chairman in May, called on the government to develop new targets to reduce race inequality in the criminal justice system,



education and employment.

"The combination of the post-Brexit rise in hate crime and deep race inequality in Britain is very worrying and must be tackled urgently," he said in the report.

In the week after June's Brexit vote, the number of hate crimes reported to British police online spiked, after concern about immigration drove many people to vote to leave the 28-country EU bloc.

"Today's report underlines just how entrenched race inequality and unfairness still is in our society," Isaac said. The EHRC said its biggest ever review into race equality in Britain found that long-term unemployment amongst 16 to 24 year olds from ethnic minority communities had risen by 49 percent since



Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi (L) and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang talk during a signing of agreements ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. Suu Kyi is on an official visit and is expected to meet Chinese officials to boost diplomatic ties.

Suu Kyi assures China of finding solution

REUTERS, Beijing

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi told China's premier yesterday that her new government is willing to look for a resolution that suits both countries to a suspended Chinese-funded hydropower project in northern Myanmar, a senior Chinese diplomat said.

Finding a solution to the \$3.6 billion Myitsonne dam project is important for Suu Kyi who needs China's cooperation in talks with Myanmar's ethnic minority armed groups operating along northern borders with China.

Former Myanmar President Thein Sein angered China in 2011 when he suspended work on the hydropower dam, in the Ayeyarwady river basin, after it drew widespread environmental protests.

About 90 percent of the dam's power would have gone to China. At the time, Suu Kyi also called for the project's suspension.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin told reporters after a meeting in

India's beloved tiger Machli dies, aged 20

AFP, New Delhi

India's most famous tiger, photographed by thousands of tourists over the years at a popular northern wildlife park, died yesterday, days after the ageing animal stopped eating.

Machli had been the star attraction of Ranthambore National Park for years because of her seemingly calm nature and penchant for posing for cameras, and she even had her own Facebook page.

But Machli, the longest-surviving tigress in the park at the age of 20, had been slowing down in recent years and had lost her teeth.

She was found starving and laying on her side this week near the park's boundary in Rajasthan state, sparking constant care by vets and park staff.

"We were trying to provide her treatment but she died. It was a natural death linked to her age," Ranthambore tiger project director Yogesh Kumar Sahu told AFP.

Endangered Royal Bengal tigers live on average for 10 to 15 years. Her death made national headlines in India, while saddened fans took to social media to pay their respects to the "lady of the lake" and the "queen of Ranthambore".

Featured in wildlife documentaries, she was once filmed successfully battling a four-metre (14-foot) long crocodile, according to the park's website. Machli, the Hindi word for fish because of shaped markings on her face, also had 11 cubs over the years whose offspring make up almost half the park's tiger population.

STALLED DAM PROJECT

China has been pushing for work to restart on the dam, which under the original plans would have sent 90 percent of its power to China.

A Myanmar government commission reviewing the project - as well as other proposed hydropower dams, including several on the Thanlwin river - is expected to report by Nov. 11.

Suu Kyi did not mention the dam in remarks to Li made in front of journalists, but said she hoped her visit would "further

Nassa-Taipei Textile Mills Limited

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MATTER NO. 182 of 2016

IN THE MATTER OF:
An application under Section 233 of the Companies Act, 1994.

IN THE MATTER OF:
Md. Altaf Hossain.

...Petitioner

-Versus-
Nassa-Taipei Textile Mills Limited and others.

... Respondents

It is hereby notified that upon an application filed under Section 233 of the Companies Act, 1994 for the protection of the minority shareholder of the Company namely 'Nassa-Taipei Textile Mills Limited (C-42304)', a private limited company having its head office at 238 Tejgaon 1/A, Gulshan Link Road, Dhaka 1208, the company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division presided over by Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed was pleased to admit the application on the 9th of August 2016. His Lordship further has fixed the matter for hearing on 30.10.2016.

If anybody is interested to oppose the application, he may do so by an Advocate or in person. The copy of the petition may be obtained from the office of the undersigned upon the payment of the prescribed fees.

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