

NEWS IN brief

Syria's White Helmets win rights prize

AFP, Stockholm
The White Helmets, a Syrian civil organisation of emergency responders in rebel-held areas, yesterday won the Right Livelihood Award, the jury for the Swedish human rights prize announced. Also known as the Syria Civil Defence, the group was honoured "for their outstanding bravery, compassion and humanitarian engagement in rescuing civilians from the destruction of the Syrian civil war," the jury said.

Saudi-led raids kill 20 in Yemen port

AFP, Aden
Saudi-led coalition air strikes have killed 20 civilians in a rebel-held port city in Yemen, a government official said in a rare admission of a possible "error" by the alliance. The strikes came as Riyadh faces mounting international scrutiny over civilian casualties in its 18-month campaign against rebels in Yemen.

Shabaab militants storm Kenya police post

AFP, Nairobi
Islamist gunmen launched an overnight attack on a police camp in Kenya's north-east, close to the Somali border, police and militants said yesterday. "Over 50 terrorists attacked the police patrol base in two Land Cruisers but the officers in the camp managed to repulse them amid a fierce exchange of fire," Kenya police spokesman George Kinoti said in a statement.

Philippine militants free Indonesian hostage

AFP, Manila
Islamic militants in the Philippines yesterday freed an Indonesian sailor abducted at sea, days after the gunmen released a Norwegian captive and three other Indonesians, the military said. The Abu Sayyaf turned over Herman Bin Manggak, 30, to another group of Muslim gunmen who later handed him over to the authorities, a military statement said.

Chinese rights lawyer jailed for 12 years

AFP, Beijing
A Chinese court has sentenced defence lawyer Xia Lin to 12 years in prison, his attorney said yesterday, the latest blow in a broad crackdown on human rights defenders and activists. Xia is best known for his work defending artist Ai Weiwei and fellow rights lawyer Pu Zhiqiang, who was detained after a private seminar discussing the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

Fire left 1.5m without power in Puerto Rico

AFP, Miami
A fire at a power station in Puerto Rico has left much of the island in darkness and some 1.5 million people without electricity. Officials at the US territory's government-run energy company said the blackout, which hit mid-afternoon on Wednesday, could last 24 hours or longer.



Indian army soldiers walk towards an army camp after an encounter with suspected militants at Aragam village of Bandipora district, north of Srinagar yesterday. One suspected militant was killed by Indian government forces, an official said, as hundreds of Kashmiri villagers protested against the troops as they demanded the body of the alleged rebel.

Indian Navy on high alert

Kids spot suspicious man near Mumbai

AFP, Mumbai
India's navy was put on high alert yesterday in the city of Mumbai, an official said, after reports that four men dressed in black and carrying weapons were seen near a base. Security has been strengthened at several naval facilities along the coast in and around India's financial capital, while officials investigate the reports. "The navy is at a high state of alert in Mumbai and adjoining areas after receiving inputs regarding suspicious activity reported by school children," Navy spokesman Captain DK Sharma told AFP. Sharma did not reveal the nature of the activity, but local media reported that the children had seen gunmen, their faces covered, near a naval facility at Uran, about 50 kilometres (31 miles) from Mumbai. "We are taking utmost care and precautions," Mumbai police spokesperson Ashok Dudhe also told AFP. Mumbai is particularly sensitive to security threats after gunmen, who arrived by sea, went on a three-day rampage in 2008 in the western city that left 166 people dead. India blamed the attacks on Pakistani militants. India has also been on guard since militants raided an army base on Sunday near the defacto border that divides the northern Kashmir region with Pakistan, killing 18 soldiers.

Suu Kyi defends efforts on Rohingyas in UN debut

Says her govt makes short- and long-term programmes aimed at promoting understanding and trust

REUTERS, United Nations
In her first address to the UN General Assembly as national leader, Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi defended her government's efforts to resolve a crisis over treatment of the country's Muslim minority.

Suu Kyi, a former political prisoner and Nobel Peace Prize winner who has been criticized for doing too little to address the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar's Rakhine state, said the government did not fear international scrutiny, but asked "for the understanding and the constructive contribution of the international community." "We are committed to a sustainable solution that will lead to peace, stability and development for all communities within" Myanmar, she said. "Our government is taking a holistic approach that makes development central to both short- and long-term programs aimed at promoting understanding and trust."

Suu Kyi pointed to the establishment of an advisory commission for Rakhine state chaired by former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, with a mandate covering basic rights and security issues. Suu Kyi said there had been "persistent opposition from some quarters" to the establishment of the commission, but the government would persevere in its efforts to achieve peace in Rakhine. "By standing firm against the forces of prejudice and intolerance, we are reaffirming our faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person."

Suu Kyi told a subsequent event at the Asia Society in New York that Myanmar was only at the start of its road to democracy, given that 25 percent of parliamentary seats were still held by the unelected members of the military and peace needed to be affirmed with all armed groups. She said the main priority was to create jobs and the government would have to ensure investment was attracted to less-developed ethnic minority areas. Suu Kyi said the government was

trying to bring progress as well as peace to Rakhine state. "The Rakhines are poor, the Muslims, they are poor, and we want everybody there to be safe and secure. What we have been trying to do is to find a way of relieving communal tension and putting an end to communal strife," she said. Increased freedom of speech since the military stepped back from direct rule in 2011 has allowed for the unleashing of long-held anti-Muslim sentiment in Myanmar. Around 125,000 Rohingya remain confined in temporary camps after waves of deadly violence in 2012 between Buddhists and Muslims, when more than 100 people were killed. The Rohingya have long been persecuted, being seen by much of the majority Buddhist population as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, even though many have lived in Myanmar for generations. Most were stripped of their ability to vote in last year's election, which brought Suu Kyi to power as de facto leader. In Washington last week, Suu Kyi urged businesses to invest in Myanmar as a way to advance its democratic transition. US President Barack Obama also pledged to lift longstanding sanctions on the Southeast Asian country.



UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEET
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India obstacle to peace

Pak PM tells UN; Delhi slams Sharif's speech

AGENCIES
Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif lashed out at India over escalating tensions in Kashmir, telling the UN General Assembly on Wednesday that New Delhi was an obstacle to peace. Gun battles raged Tuesday on the disputed Kashmir border between the nuclear-armed neighbours, two days after 18 Indian soldiers were killed in an attack blamed on Pakistan-based militants, reports AFP. "The international community ignores the danger of rising tensions in South Asia, at its own peril," Sharif warned the General Assembly. "Pakistan wants peace with India. I have gone the extra mile to achieve this," he told the gathering in New York. "But India has posed unacceptable preconditions to engage in a dialogue. "Let us be clear: talks are no favor to Pakistan. Talks are in the interest of both countries. They are essential to resolve our differences," the Pakistani premier said. "We are open to discussing all measures of restraint and responsibility with India, in any forum or format and without any conditions," Sharif said. Meanwhile, India has strongly criticised Sharif's speech at the UN, in which he not only raked up the Kashmir protests, but also hailed Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Burhan Wani.

Afghanistan strikes deal with warlord

Peace agreement paves the way for Hekmatyar to make a political comeback despite a history of war crimes

AFP, Kabul
Afghanistan yesterday signed a peace agreement with notorious warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, paving the way for him to make a political comeback despite a history of war crimes and after years in hiding. Hekmatyar, who heads the now largely dormant Hezb-i-Islami militant group, is the latest in a series of controversial figures that Kabul has sought to reintegrate in the post-Taliban era by granting judicial immunity for past crimes. The deal with Afghanistan's second-biggest militant group marks a symbolic victory for President Ashraf Ghani, who has struggled to revive peace talks with the more powerful Taliban. A Hezb-i-Islami delegation shook hands with members of the High Peace Council (HPC), responsible for reconciliation efforts with militants, and the national security adviser at an official ceremony in Kabul.



Mohammad Amin Karim (R), representative of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, and Afghan national security adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar (L) hold a document after signing a peace deal in Kabul, Afghanistan, yesterday.

"This is not just a peace deal between Hezb-i-Islami and the government of Afghanistan," Mohammad Amin Karim, head of the insurgent delegation, said at the ceremony, which was not attended by Hekmatyar. "It is a beginning of a new era of peace all around the country." The agreement will come into force when it is formally signed by Ghani and Hekmatyar, the government said, though no date has been set. "Destruction is the only consequence of war. So I urge all the opposition groups to pursue peace and reconciliation," said HPC chief Sayed Ahmad Gilani.



South Korean soldiers play both the roles of South Korean forces and invading North Korean soldiers during a re-enactment of the 1950 battle of Nakdong River to mark the 66th anniversary at the town of Waegwan in Chilgok county yesterday. This event was held to commemorate the historic Korean War battle and honour war veterans.

Israel arrests 35 Palestinians in raids

AFP, Jerusalem
Israeli authorities have arrested at least 35 Palestinians over the last few days in raids following a spike in violence ahead of upcoming Jewish holidays, officials said yesterday. The arrests have occurred in annexed east Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank for reasons ranging from stolen property to suspicions of "terrorism." Israeli police carried out raids in Issawiya and the Shuafat refugee camp in east Jerusalem over the last two days, arresting 23 people, they said. "Police operations took place to locate and seize arms and weapons, finding suspects involved in terrorist activity, in riots and criminal activity," a statement said. Weapons and ammunition had been seized, it said. "As part of the police operation 23 suspects were arrested on suspicions of terrorism, rioting, possession of illegal weapons, drugs and stolen property," police said. Israel's military confirmed 12 Palestinians had been arrested overnight in various parts of the West Bank, including four accused of being Hamas operatives and others suspected of unspecified illegal activity.

Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Chittagong, Bangladesh

জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার

Invitation for International Tender

01	Ministry/division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.	
02	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).	
03	Procuring entity name	Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited.	
04	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.	
05	Invitation for	Procurement of Calibration Equipment for different bulk customer's metering station.	
06	Invitation Ref. No.	28.15.0000.111.06.001.16-04	
07	Date	18.09.2016	
KEY INFORMATION			
08	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
09	Budget and source of funds	KGDCCL Own Fund.	
10	Time limit to selling tender document	25.09.2016 to 06.11.2016 (Between 0900 hrs. to 1500hrs (BST) on all working days).	
11	Tender last selling date	06.11.2016	
		Date	Time
12	Tender closing date and time	07.11.2016	1130hrs (BST)
13	Tender opening date & Time	07.11.2016	1145hrs (BST)
14	Name & Address of the office(s) Selling tender document	Tender documents will be available in the following KGDCCL offices between 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs (BST) on all working days: a) Finance & Accounts Department, Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh. b) Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrobangla, Petrocentre (13 th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.	
15	Receiving tender document	Purchase Department, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh.	
16	Opening tender document	Purchase Department, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
17	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer must have at least 05 (five) years overseas track records/supply records for similar type of materials. The supply records must be supported with 03 (three) copies of Purchase Order/Contract of the last 05 (five) years giving customer detailed address with Telephone number, Fax number & E-mail number. The related evidences must be submitted along with the tender.	
18	Brief description of goods	i) Pneumatic Pressure Test Pump, ii) Digital Pressure Gauge (Low pressure measurement), iii) Digital Pressure Gauge (High pressure measurement), iv) Digital Thermometer.	
19	Price of tender document	US\$ 5.00 or Tk 400.00 (non-refundable).	
20	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Tender security amount
	Single lot	Procurement of Calibration Equipment for different bulk customer's metering station.	US\$ 330.00 or Tk 26,000.00
			Time for completion of delivery
			60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of letter of credit.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
21	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Purchase).	
22	Contact details of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager (Purchase), Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office: 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong, Bangladesh. Tel: 031-2557460 Fax: 088-031-656090	
23	Special instruction	a) Tender must remain valid for 120 days after the date of tender submission. b) Due to unavoidable circumstances if the tender cannot be opened on the schedule date, tender will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time & venue.	
24	The tender will be conducted and interpreted as per the Public Procurement Regulations-2008.		
25	KGDCCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM (DLP)
Diabetic Association of Bangladesh
Website: www.badas-dlp.org

ADMISSION NOTICE
CERTIFICATE COURSE ON DIABETOLOGY (25th Batch)
Recognized by International Diabetes Federation

Applications are invited from doctors (MBBS with permanent BMDC registration) for admission into the Certificate Course on Diabetology for the session January to June -2017. This course was introduced by Diabetic Association of Bangladesh with experts on distance learning of Open University, UK. The standard of the course is set to create Specialist in Diabetes Mellitus. Currently the course is being conducted in centers at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh and Faridpur.

Doctors willing to get admitted into the course are requested to go for online registration in DLP web site from 23.09.2016 to 14.10.2016. The selected candidates will be called in phases through the website (www.badas-dlp.org) and notice board of DLP Office, room 321 (2nd floor), BIRDEM General Hospital, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000, to complete the admission formalities.

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