

# NEWS IN brief

## North Korea missile test fails again

AFP, Seoul  
North Korea yesterday conducted what appeared to be a failed test -- its second in a week -- of a powerful medium-range missile that experts warn could be deployed as early as next year. South Korean and US military monitors said the missile -- believed to be an intermediate-range Musudan -- exploded shortly after take-off at around 6:30 am Pyongyang time.

## Nepal govt suspends anti-corruption chief

AFP, Kathmandu  
The head of Nepal's anti-corruption commission has been suspended after lawmakers accused him of abusing his position and lodged a motion to impeach him, a parliament spokesman said yesterday. Lokman Singh Karki has headed the commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority since 2013 and was a controversial appointment because he had himself been the sub-

## Farming resumes in Singur after a decade

PTI, West Bengal  
The wheel of the iconic Singur agitation came full circle yesterday as farming resumed at the demolished Nano car plant site after a decade with India's West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sprinkling mustard seeds on the land. The physical possession of 103 acres of land was given to 298 farmers within the 12-week deadline set by the division bench of justices of the Supreme Court on August 31.

## Eight killed in Indian fireworks factory blast

AFP, New Delhi  
At least eight workers were killed yesterday in a huge explosion set off by a blaze at a fireworks factory in southern Indian, police said. Another 15 people were wounded in the blast in Tamil Nadu state, which came days before the Hindu festival of Diwali, which many celebrate by letting off fireworks. Emergency workers evacuated patients from a nearby hospital fearing the fire

## UN urges Lanka to reduce army's grasp

AFP, Colombo  
A UN rights expert yesterday reiterated calls for Sri Lanka to step up reconciliation efforts and reduce the military's presence in former war zones seven years after the end of fighting. UN minority rights expert Rita Izsak-Ndiaye urged the government to press ahead with healing the wounds of the conflict, after coming to power last year promising reforms and reconciliation.



A woman stands outside her house which was damaged by a fallen tree during Typhoon Haima, in Bangui, Ilocos Norte in northern Philippines yesterday. One of the most powerful typhoons to ever hit the Philippines killed at least eight people as ferocious gales and landslides destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Pakistan bans Indian content on TV, radio

AFP, Islamabad  
Pakistan has banned all Indian content on television and radio networks, media regulators said yesterday, its latest salvo after recent scuffles in the disputed Kashmir region spilled into the world of Bollywood and celebrity.  
The state-run media authority said in a statement it would suspend the licences of any TV channels or radio stations without notice for flouting the ban.  
The regulator said the government had authorised the ban, which will come into force from today, and that it has also launched a crackdown on the illegal sale of Indian satellite TV.  
Tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbours have soared in recent weeks after India blamed Pakistan for a raid on an army base in Indian Kashmir on September 18.  
Delhi responded with what it called "surgical strikes" infuriating Islamabad.  
The move comes after weeks of tit-for-tat retaliation playing out in the entertainment arena, with Pakistani actors and technicians banned from working on Bollywood sets, then Bollywood films banned in Pakistani cinemas, then last week Indian cinemas refusing to show any films with Pakistani artists.  
Several Pakistani artists have been forced to leave India after Hindu nationalist groups piled up the pressure on Indian filmmakers.  
Meanwhile, Pakistan yesterday warned of "appropriate action" if India violates the Indus Water Treaty and said it is closely monitoring the situation, amid reports that New Delhi may revisit the key water sharing accord.  
"Appropriate action will be taken in line with the Treaty in case of any violation by India," Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said at the weekly briefing.

# 'America has lost'

## Duterte meets Xi, announces Philippines separation from US

REUTERS, Beijing  
Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte announced his "separation" from the United States yesterday, declaring he had realigned with China as the two agreed to resolve their South China Sea dispute through talks.  
Duterte made his comments in Beijing, where he is visiting with at least 200 business people to pave the way for what he calls a new commercial alliance as relations with longtime ally Washington deteriorate.  
"In this venue, your honours, in this venue, I announce my separation from the United States," Duterte told Chinese and Philippine business people, to applause, at a forum in the Great Hall of the People attended by Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli.  
"Both in military, not maybe social, but economics also. America has lost."  
"I've realigned myself in your ideological flow and maybe I will also go to Russia to talk to (President Vladimir) Putin and tell him that there are three of us against the world - China, Philippines and Russia. It's the only way," Duterte told his Beijing audience.  
However, a White House spokesman stressed the traditional bonds between Washington and Manila when asked about Duterte's comments and stuck to a US approach of seeking to play down the Philippine leader's repeated attacks.

"The US-Philippines alliance is built on a 70-year history, rich people-to-people ties, including a vibrant Filipino-American diaspora, and a long list of shared security interests," spokesman Ned Price said.  
A few hours after Duterte's speech, his top economic policymakers released a statement saying that, while Asian economic integration was "long overdue", that did not mean the Philippines was turning its back on the West.  
"We will maintain relations with the West but we desire stronger integration with our neighbours," said Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez and Economic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia in a joint statement.  
Chinese President Xi Jinping, meeting Duterte earlier in the day, called the visit a "milestone" in ties.  
Xi told Duterte that China and the Philippines were brothers and they could "appropriately handle disputes", though he did not mention the South China Sea in remarks made in front of reporters.  
"I hope we can follow the wishes of the people and use this visit as an opportunity to push China-Philippines relations back on a friendly footing and fully improve things," Xi said.  
Following their meeting, during which Duterte said relations with China had entered a new "springtime", Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said the South China Sea issue was not the sum total of relations.



# Pak PM served notice over Panama Papers

## Media reports say govt to arrest Imran Khan over anti-Sharif protest

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Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday issued notice to Nawaz Sharif and his family members in the 'Panama Papers' leaks case, acting on petitions seeking his disqualification over alleged corruption and illegally possessing assets abroad.  
The court heard several petitions, including by Imran Khan of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, which accused Sharif and his family members of illegally transferring money abroad after the 'Panama Papers' leaks showed his family of possessing properties in the UK.  
In addition to Sharif, the court also issued notices his daughter Maryam, sons Hasan and Hussain, son-in-law Muhammad Safdar, finance minister Ishaq Dar, director of federal investigation agency, chairman Federal Board of Revenue, and the attorney general.  
Meanwhile, unnamed sources told Pakistani newspaper The News International that Nawaz Sharif government will likely to arrest cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan before November 2, when Imran plans to shut down Islamabad with an anti-Sharif protest.  
"Sources disclosed that it was likely that several key leaders of the PTI (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf) as well as party chairman Imran Khan would be placed under house arrest, in order to thwart their efforts to mobilize a huge crowd against the government," the newspaper wrote.  
The former Pakistan cricket captain and his party are protesting Sharif's "lack of accountability" after the Panama Papers leak implicated him. PTI plans an 'Islamabad lockdown', to block the city and stop the government from functioning.  
Representatives of Sharif's party, Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz), said recently that "no one would be allowed to block Islamabad and any such move would be resisted by the government," The News wrote.

# Pak welcomes Trump's peace offer with India

AFP, Islamabad  
Pakistan yesterday welcomed an offer by US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to ease tensions with nuclear-armed rival India over ongoing unrest in Kashmir, which both claim as their own.  
In an interview with Indian newspaper Hindustan Times last week, Trump said he would be pleased to be a mediator between Pakistan and India.  
"Well, I would love to see Pakistan and India get along, because that's a very, very hot tinderbox.... That would be a very great thing. I hope they can do it," Trump said.  
Islamabad said it did not comment on media reports usually but in this case it welcomed the mediation offer.  
"We continue to urge our American friends including those in the administration to play their due role in resolving bilateral issues between Pakistan and India, particularly the Kashmir dispute," Pakistan's foreign ministry spokesman Nafees Zakaria told a weekly briefing.  
"And definitely Pakistan has welcomed in the past also any role of mediation, we welcome such offers," Zakaria said.



Technicians adjust the earphones of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama as he arrives at the Arcimboldi theater to receive honorary citizenship of the city of Milan, in Milan, Italy yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

# 2002 MASSACRE OF MUSLIMS Indian court acquits 14 Hindus in Gujarat

AFP, Ahmedabad  
An Indian court yesterday upheld appeals by 14 Hindus convicted over the massacre of 33 Muslims burnt alive during some of the worst religious unrest the country has seen since independence.  
The victims had crowded into a small house seeking shelter during a wave of anti-Muslim violence in the western state of Gujarat in 2002, triggered by a train fire in which Hindu pilgrims were burnt alive.  
The rioters set the house alight, killing 28 people on the spot. Another five later died of their injuries.  
The court in Gujarat upheld the convictions of another 17 people sentenced to life in prison in the original 2011 trial for their role in the killings in the village of Sardarpura.  
"Out of the 14 acquitted, the bench granted benefit of doubt to 11, while it said it did not find evidence against three others," said defence lawyer N L Jain after the hearing.  
All 31 men were originally handed life sentences for murder, arson and other charges in the Sardarpura case.  
The attackers first surrounded the village, blocking off any escape, and then moved in.  
Gujarat's Hindu nationalist government was accused of tacitly supporting the attacks, and survivors of the Sardarpura massacre said it could have been avoided if the police had arrived on time.  
"We were shouting, pleading and begging. But no one came to our help, not even the police," Bifu Mia told AFP at the time.

# ABUSE OF MIGRANTS Qatar to set up labour dispute panel

AFP, Doha  
World Cup 2022 host Qatar, long criticised over the treatment of its vast migrant workforce, has decided to establish a panel to oversee labour disputes, state media reported yesterday.  
The ministry of administrative development, labour and social affairs will set up the committee, with a judge at its head. Two ministry officials will also sit on the panel, under a cabinet decision.  
"The committee is charged with settling all disputes related to the provisions of the labour law or a work contract in a period not exceeding three weeks," a statement on the Qatar News Agency said.  
An appeals committee, also headed by a judge, will be established as well.

# ASSAULT ON INDONESIAN COPS Man wielding IS symbol shot dead

AFP, Jakarta  
Indonesian police shot dead a man carrying knives and suspected pipe bombs after he launched a daylight assault on officers near Jakarta yesterday, an official said, in an attack later claimed by the Islamic State group.  
The man was shot three times as he stabbed wildly at officers on a busy intersection in Tangerang, a satellite city outside the capital, Jakarta police spokesman Awi Setiyono told AFP.  
Setiyono said the perpetrator threw two suspected pipe bombs at the officers, but neither detonated, and displayed an IS symbol on a nearby traffic pole during the frenzied attack.  
"A man suddenly stuck an IS logo sticker on a traffic police post, took a machete from his bag and blindly attacked our personnel," he said.  
The attacker -- believed to be a member of a local hard-line group -- was also carrying a turban, along with knives and the suspected bombs, Setiyono added.  
The 21-year-old attacker later died of his wounds, the spokesman said, adding that the attacker had two brothers who were police officers in Tangerang.  
Three officers were injured and taken to hospital.  
The IS-linked Amaq news agency claimed credit for the incident, saying the policemen were wounded by "fighters from the Islamic State", according to the SITE monitoring group.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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**ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
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বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশন ইনস্টিটিউট-এ এক মাস মেয়াদি '২য় চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশনে অভিনয় প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স'-এ ভর্তির জন্য দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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প্রশিক্ষণের বিষয়	ঃ চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশনে অভিনয় সংক্রান্ত তাত্ত্বিক ও ব্যবহারিক বিষয়।
আবেদনের শেষ তারিখ	ঃ ১০ নভেম্বর ২০১৬। আবেদনপত্র অনলাইনে পূরণ করে জমা দিতে হবে। ওয়েবসাইট ঠিকানাঃ www.bcti.gov.bd সরাসরি অথবা ডাকযোগে নির্ধারিত ঠিকানায় আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
সংযুক্ত কাগজপত্রাদি	ঃ লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হওয়ার পর মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় প্রার্থীকে ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি; শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদ; জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, নাগরিকত্ব ও চারিত্রিক সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি জমা দিতে হবে।
প্রবেশপত্র	ঃ প্রবেশপত্র ওয়েবসাইট থেকে ডাউনলোড করে হার্ডকপি লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় প্রবেশপত্র সঙ্গে আনাতে হবে।
বাহাই পরীক্ষা	ঃ লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার মাধ্যমে প্রার্থী তালিকা চূড়ান্ত করা হবে। পরীক্ষার তারিখ ১৫ নভেম্বর ২০১৬ সকাল ১০ঃ০০ ঘটিকা।
প্রশিক্ষণ ফি	ঃ ৫,০০০/- টাকা (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র) নির্বাচিত হওয়ার পর প্রধান নির্বাহী, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশন ইনস্টিটিউট এর অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে জমা দিতে হবে।

প্রধান নির্বাহী, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশন ইনস্টিটিউট, অস্থায়ী কার্যালয়ঃ জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউট ভবন, ১২৫/এ, দারুস সালাম, এ. ডব্লিউ. চৌধুরী রোড, ঢাকা-১২১৬ বরাবর প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি সংগ্রহে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের ব্যাপারে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

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