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Clinton slams FBI 'double standards'

New email probe slashes her poll lead as Trump warns of 'constitutional crisis' if she wins

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Hillary Clinton's campaign team has accused the FBI of "double standards" after its decision to launch a new probe into her emails slashed the candidate's election lead over Republican rival Donald Trump almost in half.

The Democrat's lead slumped from 4.6 percentage points on Friday to 2.5 points late on Monday, according to the Real Clear Politics tracker which averages most major polls.

And yesterday, an ABC News/Washington Post tracking poll put Trump a point ahead of his Democratic rival.

The poll also registered a seven point decline for Clinton in the share of likely voters who are strongly enthusiastic about her, a possible reflection of the renewed controversy over her use of a private server while secretary of state, pollster Gary Langer said.

Trump's 46-45 percent lead in the four-way race for the White House, while well within the margin of error, is the first time he has been polled ahead of Clinton in the survey since May.

The FBI said on Friday that it had found thousands of emails, during an unrelated investigation, that may be "pertinent" to its review of Clinton's use of a private server from 2009 to 2013.

But Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook decried what he called a "blatant double standard" following a CNBC report that FBI Director James Comey opposed releasing details about possible Russian interference in the

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Last minute cramming of an anxious student outside before she heads into the exam hall at Government Laboratory High School in the capital yesterday. Around 24 lakh students are taking the JSC and JDC exams this year.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

JUDGE RECRUITMENT 21 may not get jobs

Some fail police verification; some submitted flawed documents

Ashutosh Sarkar

Twenty-one candidates who have been recommended for the posts of lower court judges by the Judicial Service Commission run up against "objections" in police verification and may not be appointed.

In March this year, the Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission (BJSC) selected 100 candidates through a comprehensive recruitment process that includes preliminary test, written examinations and viva voce and recommended that the law ministry appoint them as lower court judges.

Six of the candidates, who have been selected in the freedom fighter quota, have apparently submitted flawed documents, according to two high officials of the law ministry.

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs has also reported to the law ministry that there are faults in six freedom fighters' certificates, the officials told The Daily Star requesting anonymity.

Police have also found objections against 15 other general candidates during verification, which is a part of the recruitment process.

The officials said the 21 candidates,

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Disposal of graft cases loses steam

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The recent surge of activity by the Anti-Corruption Commission seems to have less impact on curbing corruption, with an increase in pending cases due to legal tangles.

Graft cases have piled up over the years as the special courts that deal with them have been giving more emphasis on criminal cases since the enactment of the Special Court (Additional Charge) Act, 2003, said ACC Director General (Legal and Prosecution) Moyeedul Islam.

"Due to the piling up of [graft] cases it is taking long to punish corrupt people, which causes frustration among justice seekers," said TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

The rate of case disposal was high before the government passed the act since the courts were handling graft cases only at the time.

Identifying the problems, the anti-graft body wrote to the law ministry and the registrar general of the Supreme Court on September 8 for quick disposal of graft cases.

Until last year, the number of pending cases filed by the ACC was 3,097, of which Hallmark loan scam, BASIC Bank loan scam and Destiny and Bismillah groups' money laundering cases drew much attention.

Of the 3,097 cases, 2,660 were under trial and 437 remained stayed by the High Court on different grounds, according to the ACC's annual report of 2015.

Another 266 cases have been added to the lot until September this year.

Apart from these cases, the ACC has to investigate and gather evidence in cases filed during the time of the anti-corruption bureau defunct 12 years ago. The number of pending cases of the bureau regime until last year was 1,080.

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- 2,660 cases under trial
- 437 cases stayed by HC till 2015
- 266 cases filed this year (till Sept)
- Case disposal rate poor

INDO-PAK BORDER Tension rises as 2 Pakistani jawans killed

PTI, Jammu

In an escalation of cross-border military confrontation, 8 civilians were killed and 22 injured in Jammu region yesterday due to Pakistani shelling, prompting a strong retaliation by Indian Army which killed two Pakistani soldiers.

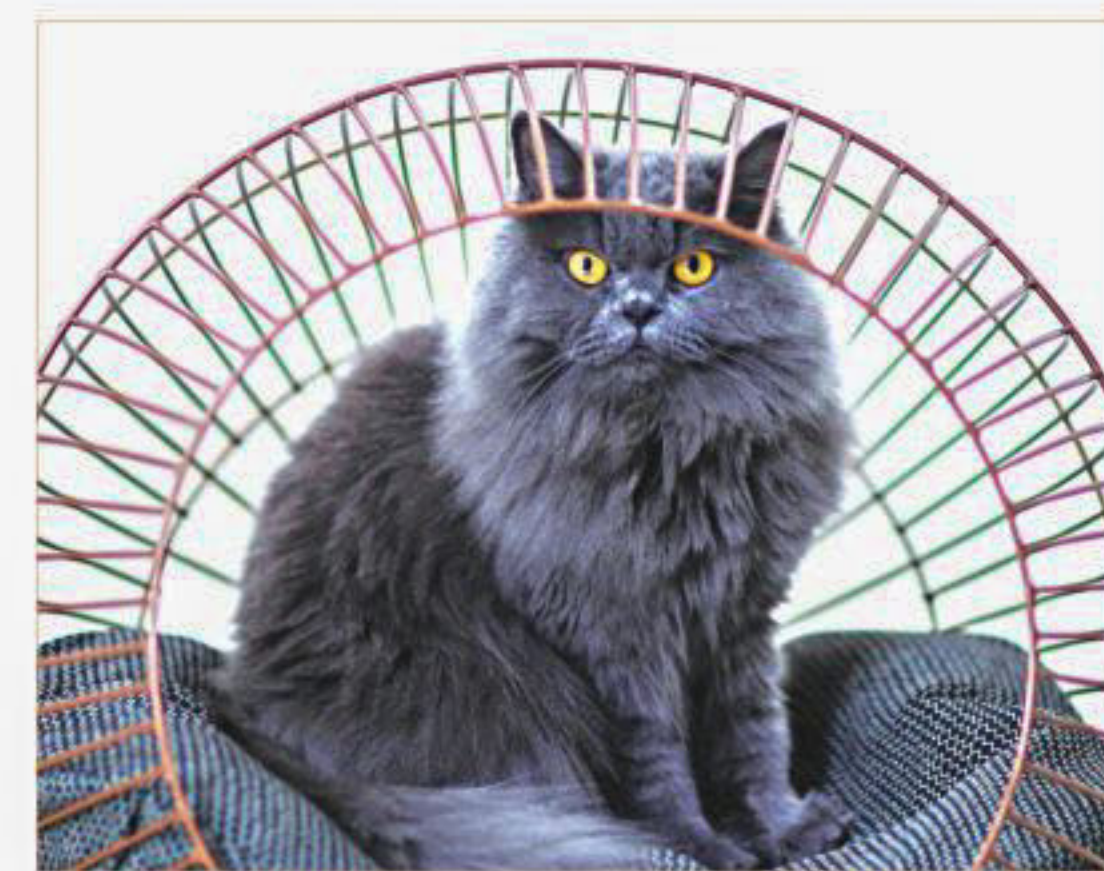
Since early morning, Pakistan troops resorted to heavy shelling of hamlets and military posts in Samba, Jammu, Poonch and Rajouri districts along the international border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Pakistani troops used heavy calibre weapons like 120mm and 82mm mortar bombs, the Army said.

"Five people died and nine others were injured in the shelling in Ramgarh sector of Samba district today," deputy commissioner of Samba Sheetal Nanda said.

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This cool cat is an Instagram star



PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, Manila

Panther the cat is an Instagram superstar, a kitty litter brand ambassador, a model, gets a ton of freebies, and is just an all-around great cat.

Panther, a blue doll-faced Persian cat, looks wistfully out the window at the street where stray cats roam free. When they disappear from sight, he strains his neck to catch one last glimpse.

"He's not much like a regular cat. He's friendly and very curious," says Carmen Goetz, Swiss freelance fashion photographer and mom to Panther.

True enough, Panther doesn't skitter away, like most cats do, when strangers enter the house. Instead, he gives them a long sniff before passing

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10-yr-old 'raped' in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-year-old girl has allegedly been raped in Savar on the outskirts of the capital.

The "rapist" was identified by the girl as Ratan, a youth who used to visit her family sometimes, her mother, a housemaid, told reporters at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Around 10:00pm on Monday, Ratan met the girl and asked her to go to a local fair in nearby Arapara area with him. As she agreed,

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 2
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-50 12-45 4-00 5-32 7-15
JAMAAT 5-25 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Hawkers have taken over the footpath in the New Market area and park-as-you-like vehicles on Mirpur Road near the market create traffic jams. Together they make life unbearable for pedestrians and anybody trying to move about the city. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

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