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Donald Trump's key picks draw mixed reaction

He chooses Republican chair as chief of staff, firebrand conservative Bannon as chief strategist

CNN ONLINE

Donald Trump named two top advisers to his administration Sunday, tapping Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus to be his new chief of staff and Steve Bannon, the Trump campaign CEO and executive chairman of Breitbart News, as chief strategist and senior counsellor.



Priebus Bannon

"Steve and Reince are highly qualified leaders who worked well together on our campaign and led us to a historic victory. Now I will have them both with me in the White House as we work to make America great again," Trump said in the release.

It's an unusual arrangement that could create two power centres in the new White House, one around the Republican establishment and one connected to the far right and more controversial wing of conservatism. The campaign statement, which listed Bannon's role first, referred to the two men as "equal partners."

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Mandi community members celebrate Wangala festival at a programme in Harinchhara tea garden area of Moulvibazar on Sunday. They sang, danced, and performed various arts during the daylong celebrations. Wangala - the biggest traditional festival of the Mandi people -- is a celebration of harvest in late autumn.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Accused of Risha murder charged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday pressed charges against Obaidul Khan, lone accused in a case filed for killing Suraiya Akter Risha, a student of Willes Little Flower School in the capital.

Ali Hossain, inspector of Ramna Police Station, who investigated the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

In the charge sheet, he said the investigation found proof of the murder charge brought against Obaidul and so he should be brought under trial.

Twenty-six people were shown as prosecution witnesses in the charge sheet. The court set November 27 to decide whether to accept the charge or not.

Risha, a student of class-VIII, was stabbed near the school at Kakrail on August 24. She succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Obaidul, who used to work at a tailoring shop in the city, hails from Miradangi village in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur. He was arrested in Domar upazila of Nilphamari district with the help of locals a week after Risha was stabbed.

Navy gets two submarines from China

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Navy has added two submarines to its fleet for the first time in its history with a view to further intensifying monitoring in the Bay and enhancing the force's combat capability.

"With the inclusion of the submarines, Bangladesh Navy has started its journey as a three dimensional force," Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed said at the submarines' handover ceremony at Liaonan shipyard Dalian state, China.

Rear Admiral Liu Zizhu on behalf of the Chinese government handed over the submarines to Admiral Ahmed in presence of senior naval officials of both sides.

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EC RECONSTITUTION

President to hold dialogue with all

Hopes AL leader Razzak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League presidium member Abdur Razzak hopes that President Abdul Hamid will hold dialogue with all stakeholders, including civil societies, to seek their opinion about the reconstitution of the Election Commission.

"We urge all to have faith in him [president]. I firmly believe he will take steps in the light of the constitution so that everybody has confidence in the next Election Commission," Razzak said at a roundtable at the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

Contacted, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told The Daily Star that party chief Khaleda Zia would come up with a specific proposal for the reconstitution of the EC at a press conference at a city hotel on Friday.

"The Election Commission and the people in it have to be neutral. A neutral administration is necessary for holding fair and credible polls. Our

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SC stays bail for Manna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed until November 27 a High Court order that granted bail to detained Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna in a case filed on charges of provoking the armed forces to topple the government.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after a petition was filed by the government, seeking a stay on the HC verdict.

The apex court also asked the government to

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No wife for 4m men in Vietnam

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Some four million men in Vietnam will have no opportunity of getting married by 2050 if the current imbalance in the nation's sex ratio persists, according to experts.

According to the Hanoi Population and Family

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Choron Soren lying in a bed at Rangpur Medical College Hospital after police took off his handcuffs following a High Court order yesterday. The Santal man, who was shot in the legs during the November 6 attack on his community in Gaibandha, had been in handcuffs while undergoing treatment there. Below, worried Santal women in Gaibandha's Madarpur village and the truck loaded with relief goods that the indigenous people refused to take: KONGKON KARMAKER/PINAKI ROY



Reconciliation can't be forced on us: Santals

PINAKI ROY with REZAUL HAQUE

With no measures to alleviate their sufferings, a meeting was organised yesterday to have a reconciliation between local Bangalees and Santals whose houses had been looted and set ablaze just little over a week ago.

The victims of the November 6 eviction drive that led to the killing of two Santals and injuries to another 15-20 people were

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