## Violence against Santals

In recent weeks, we have seen an upsurge of violence against Santals, a minority group of Bangladesh, as they were forced to leave their land. The violence consisted of the burning of their houses, looting of possessions, and killings. Before this was brought forth to the mainstream media, the social media was where these incidents were brought to attention. While there is a large number of people protesting such terrorism, there are still those who are in support of this gross show of violence. The number of sufferers and victims are increasing everyday, while attention and actual help from the Government is still to be witnessed. A video by a young boy on social media spread like wildfire when he called on the society to turn towards the Santals, and let go of everything else that is distracting us from such horrors that the minorities are



Violence of Bangladeshi State on minority and indigenous communities has to be confronted. This is a continues problem, which is too often overlook by mainstream folks



Evicted Santals now face acute food crisis Indigenous people evicted from the land of Rangpur Sugar Mill in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha have been in dire straits



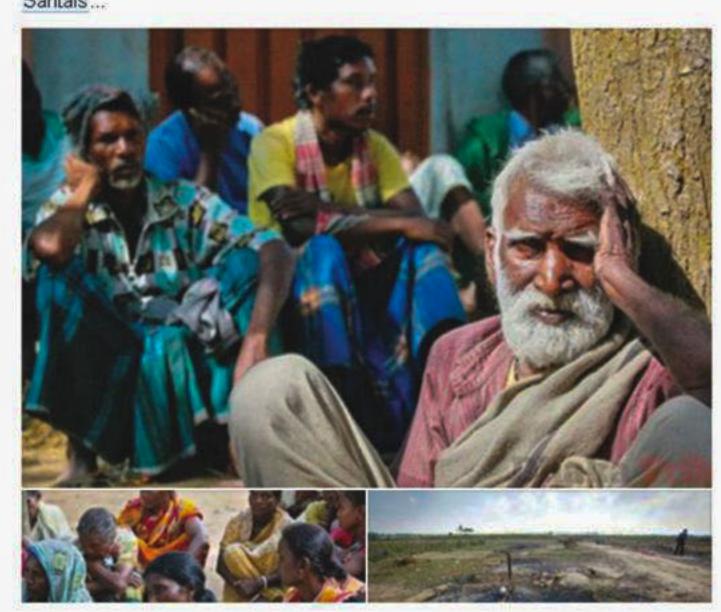
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Sitting under the tress stunned and shocked by the sudden violence fell upon them and took everything from them in blaze of fire by the local goons of the Rangpur Sugar Mill. What will happen to these poor people? The fate of 1000s

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## Supermoon Sighting

On the 15th of this month, the moon was the closest it has ever been in 68 years. This supermoon was sighted excitedly by the whole world as social media erupted with photos of the beauty. As the announcements of the moon came in, the world prepared themselves, counting days to the big finale of the brightest moon we have seen in so long. Finally, when the moon was full and at it's brightest peak, photos filled up newsfeeds on Facebook



watching The Supermoon in Austin,



#### Looks good though. #supermoor



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Last night November 15 in year 2016 there was the most spectacular supermoon since 1948 when I was a two year old baby. Next time it will be like this is in November 25 in year 2034 when I shall most likely be gone. So it was imperative for me to take this opprtunity to observe this moon for what it's worth. However in UK its not easy due to cloud cover but brief glimpses are possible. So here it is, not my best but the feeling is almost like the beginning of a first love affair that began with that same brief encounter. Life is beautiful and so is



# TRENDING THIS WEEK

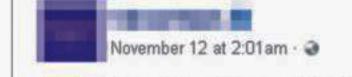
#### Trump's America

The whole world went into shock, whether positively or negatively, when Donald Trump was elected the president of the United States on November 8, 2016. Social Media exploded with expert and non-expert opinions on the future of America, the world, the economy, so on and so forth. The Bangladeshi government welcomed the news of Trump as president. But the shock of Hillary Clinton not being elected, even after everything and everyone went in her favour, is still being rippled across the globe. What can we look forward to with Trump as president? Even though a lot of violence has already erupted across the states, how worldly affairs change is yet to be seen.



Ok, don't panic... If we hold the North and South Pole down simultaneously for eight seconds, it'll automatically restore to factory





A quixotic campaign to reverse the election of Donald J. Trump as president is



Millions sign petition urging Electoral College to elect **Hillary Clinton** 

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#### STRIKING A CHORD

# FIVE PLACES TO VISIT IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

#### TEXT AND PHOTOS: ELITA KARIM

ou are in Sydney, a New South Wales district in the beautiful country of Asustralia, and you simply want to do a little more than attending weekend lunches and weekday dinner get-togethers at the various Bengali homes belonging to the Bhais and Bhabis. No doubt, you do crave for the free food that is cooked with so much love and care, but wouldn't you just love to be a tourist for once, grab a map, hop on a train or a bus and check out a few places on your own?

Milson's Point: First stop would definitely be Milson's Point, where you will find families with picnic baskets, playing catch with a ball or simply walking or jogging by the sea. The best part about Milson's is that you will find the perfect spot to photograph the famous Opera House, and so much more!

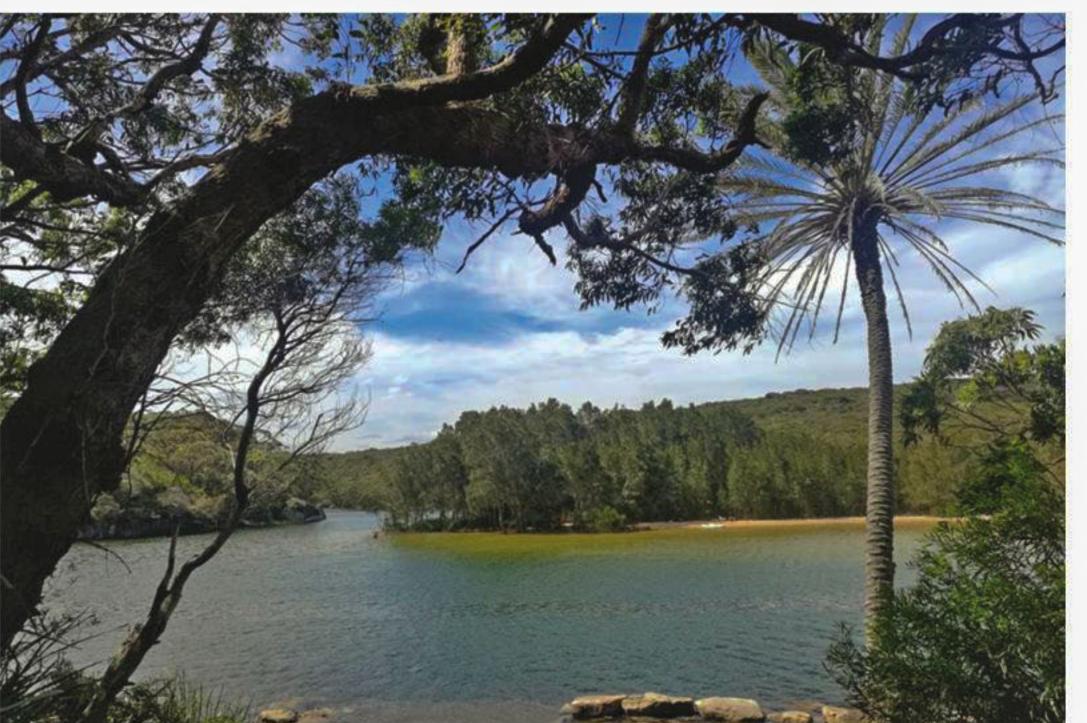


Bondi Beach: One of the most visited tourist sites in Australia, this

beach is also most visited by people living in the nearby suburbs, not to mention the Bondi suburb as well. A fantastic location for surfing, the Bondi Beach is filled with people involved with many kinds of sports and fitness activities. In fact, the Bondi Beach is represented in one of the most popular sporting competitions across Australia, the National Rugby League competition, by the local team the Sydney Roosters, officially the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club.

The Gap: Located in an area called Watson, the Gap is nicknamed as the Suicide Point. Many are said to have jumped from the cliff, located at the Gap, and killed themselves. True to the name, the Gap is filled with writings in pens and stones of one lined poems, eulogies and love notes -- written right before the jump! The authorities have now





barred the edges of the cliff with railings to stop these suicides. Nevertheless, the Gap is one of the most beautiful spots in Sydney, and will amaze one with its natural

Featherdale Wildlife Park: A sanctuary for animals and birds alike, Featherdale is an amazing place for friends to hang out, not to mention children and young people to interact with the animals and birds roaming about. Of course, one would have to

wonders -- cliffs, mountains, a quick

run down to the nearest coffee shop!

be an animal lover to gather the courage to feed a kangaroo or caress a sleeping koala bear!

Wattamolla Beach: Get a dear friend to drive you to the Wattamolla Beach, a paradise on earth. A little away from Sydney, you will get to witness the sea, a lake and a waterfall -- all showcasing their exquisiteness at the very same place! Plan a whole day for the Wattamolla -- with food, extra clothes, books, music and so much more!

