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CTG TRANSPORT STRIKE Commuters suffer badly

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Leaders of Chittagong Regional Committee of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation postponed their 24-hour transport strike in Chittagong and four other districts yesterday afternoon, around nine hours after it began.

They postponed the strike after a meeting with Additional Commissioner (traffic) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police Masood-ul-Hasan, Superintendent of Police in Chittagong Nure Alam Mina and other top police officials.

Mohammad Musa, president of the federation, said they made the move after police officials assured them of taking steps to meet their demands.

To meet other demands, they would hold a meeting with the authorities concerned by December 4, he added.

Meanwhile, people in the districts suffered a lot to reach their destinations due to the strike that began from 6:00am.

Hafeza Begum, 41, and her two daughters started for their workplace around 7:00am yesterday from the city's Agrabad area like every other day.

The three, who work at a garment factory in the city's C&B area, somehow reached Bahaddarhat on foot or by auto-tempo around 9:30am.

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With public transport staying off Chittagong roads during a strike, a family is stranded near the Shah Amanat Bridge yesterday as it cannot take any long-haul bus out of the port city. Transport workers enforced the strike in Chittagong and four adjoining districts to press home their nine-point demand, including construction of terminals and stopping police harassment of workers. Although the 24-hour strike was postponed at 3:00pm, people in the divisional city had to face hours of travel misery.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

ROHINGYA ABUSE It may be crimes against humanity

Says UN

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's Rohingya may be victims of crimes against humanity, the UN's rights agency said yesterday, as former UN chief Kofi Annan arrived in the country for a visit that will include a trip to northern Rakhine.

The army has carried out a bloody crackdown in Rakhine, and thousands of the Muslim minority have flooded over the border into Bangladesh this month, making horrifying claims of gang rape, torture and murder at the hands of security forces.

Some 30,000 have fled their homes and analysis of satellite images by Human Rights Watch found hundreds of buildings in Rohingya villages have been razed.

Myanmar has denied allegations of abuse, saying the army is hunting "terrorists" behind raids on police posts last month.

The government has lashed out at media reports

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The cost of child marriage is huge. First, it's a gross violation of human rights. Second, after marriage, these young girls, powerless and unaware of their rights, accept various forms of domestic violence. Read more about all these aspects of child marriage, violence against women and the draft Child Marriage Restraint Act on page 3.



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Militants storm army base in Kashmir

3 Indian soldiers, 4 terrorists killed; Pakistan army chief issues warning to Delhi

AFP, Srinagar

Armed militants stormed a major Indian army base near the frontier with Pakistan early yesterday, killing three soldiers, as tensions between the two neighbours ran high after weeks of cross-border firing.

Police said four militants had also been killed in a stand-off with security forces inside the command centre in northern Jammu and Kashmir state that lasted most of the day.

It was the most audacious attack on an Indian military base since September, when 19 soldiers were killed in an assault that India blamed on Pakistan-based militants.

"All the four militants have been killed. Three soldiers including a major died in the firefight," a senior police officer told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"Now the search operation is going on inside the premises," they added. The base is one of four command centres in the restive region and home to over 1,000 officers.

The attack came as Pakistan's hugely popular military chief General Raheel Sharif handed over to his successor yesterday with a warning to India not to mistake his country's "restraint" for weakness.

"Unfortunately, in recent months, increasing state terrorism in (Indian) occupied Kashmir, and India's aggressive steps have put the region's peace in danger," Sharif said at a colourful ceremony welcoming the incoming chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa at a stadium at army headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

"I want to make it clear to India that considering our policy of restraint a weakness would be dangerous for her," he said to applause.

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DISPOSAL OF POLLS COMPLAINTS EC apologises to HC over non-compliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) has offered unconditional apology to the High Court for not complying with the latter's order that asked the commission to dispose of electoral complaints.

"The five-member commission led by Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad appeared before the High Court registrar's office on Saturday and offered unconditional apology to the court through swearing an affidavit," said a joint secretary of the EC.

"As we could not comply with the court order, we faced contempt of court charges. That is why we offered unconditional apology," an election commissioner told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.

In April, an aggrieved chairman candidate of the recently-held union parishad (UP) polls filed a writ petition with the HC, as the commission did not dispose of his complaints.

The hearing on the petition was scheduled for Sunday. But it was postponed as Justice M Moazzam Husain, who led the

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Venezuelans give up on counting piles of cash

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK



Inflation in Venezuela is expected to reach 720 percent this year, with the largest bolivar bill now worth just five US cents on the black market.

Some shopkeepers have reportedly taken to weighing rather than counting the wads of cash customers hand them, and standard-size wallets have become all but useless in the socialist South American state. Instead, many people stuff huge volumes of cash into handbags, money belts, or backpacks, in scenes analysts have said are suggestive of "runaway" inflation.

In 2014, plummeting global oil prices

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Indian defence minister flies in today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar arrives in Dhaka today on a two-day visit to bolster defence cooperation initiatives ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India next month.

Diplomatic sources said Parrikar would discuss with government high-ups, including the premier, to

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 30
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-10 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00
JAMAAT 5-45 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Ace flutist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia enthralled the audience with his magical performance on the closing night of Bengal Classical Music Festival in the city's Army Stadium on Monday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Do not use pvt cars for commercial purpose

BRTA tells Uber

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has asked Uber, a smart phone-based on-demand transport service, not to run its service by using private vehicles for commercial purposes.

The directive came at a meeting between BRTA Chairman Nazrul Islam and Uber officials at his office in the capital yesterday.

"We have no objection against the service. But it must come under a legal framework," Nazrul told The Daily Star last night.

As per BRTA rules, the vehicles, which are registered as private cars, cannot be used for commercial purposes, he said.

In response, Uber officials said they would place a detailed action plan of their service within three weeks.

"Further decisions will be taken after scrutinising their proposals,"

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16,000 flee east Aleppo: UN

'Situation chilling'

AFP, Geneva

Up to 16,000 civilians have fled strife-torn parts of eastern Aleppo as the rebels lost all of the northern neighbourhoods of their stronghold, the UN said yesterday, describing the situation as "chilling".

"The intensity of attacks on eastern Aleppo neighbourhoods over the past few days has forced thousands of civilians to flee to other parts of the city," UN humanitarian chief Stephen O'Brien said in a statement.

He pointed to reports from the UN's humanitarian partners on the ground indicating that "up to 16,000 people have been displaced, many into uncertain and precarious situations".

"It is likely that thousands more will have no choice but to flee should fighting continue to spread and intensify over the coming days," he warned.

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