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# Monk on a mission

Offers free Rakhine language classes to children at Kuakata



SOHRAB HOSSAIN with ANDREW EAGLE

The importance of one's mother tongue is perhaps nowhere better understood than in Bangladesh. A mother tongue is an indispensable fundament of self-identity. Armed with such understanding, Buddhist monk Utuchitta Mohathero from Amkholapara temple in Patuakhali's Kuakata is making efforts to ensure the next generation of his Rakhine community do not lose touch with the Rakhine language.

"Knowledge of written as well as spoken Rakhine is very important for our community," he says. "Many religious books are written in Rakhine. In the generation that are now parents, many can speak Rakhine but not read or write it."

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Buddhist monk Utuchitta Mohathero from Amkholapara temple in Patuakhali's Kuakata helps a boy write Rakhine alphabets. He takes free classes on Rakhine language at his "Bijoyrama Buddho Bihar" education centre within the temple compound.

PHOTO: STAR

# 11 CRIMINAL CASES Khaleda to appear in courts today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will appear before two Dhaka courts today in 11 criminal cases, including one of sedition.

"She will appear before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka [where 10 cases are pending] around 11:00am," her lawyer Sanaullah Mia told The Daily Star yesterday.

Later, she will appear before the Special Judge Court-9 of Dhaka in the Niko graft case.

The former prime minister, accused in 25 cases, appeared before different Dhaka courts on August 10 last year and secured bails in the cases. She later skipped court proceedings, citing different reasons.

Of the 11 cases, nine were filed with Jatrabari and Darussalam police stations in the first three months of 2015 in connection with arson attacks on vehicles. The Niko graft case was lodged with Tejgaon Police

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# Myanmar may be trying to expel all Rohingyas

UN expert calls for independent probe

AFP, Geneva

Myanmar may be seeking to "expel" all ethnic Rohingya from its territory, a UN rights expert said yesterday, pushing for a high-level inquiry into abuses against the Muslim minority community.

Yanghee Lee, the United Nations special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar, said a full purge could be the ultimate goal of the institutional persecution and horrific violence being perpetrated against the Rohingya.

The evidence "indicates the government may be trying to expel the Rohingyas"



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# TURKEY-NETHERLANDS ROW EU warns Erdogan as crisis deepens

Turkey summons Dutch envoy for third time; The Hague issues travel warning for Dutch citizens in Turkey

AFP, Istanbul

The European Union yesterday warned President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to avoid inflammatory rhetoric as a diplomatic crisis between Turkey and the Netherlands deepened over the blocking of Turkish ministers from holding rallies to win support for plans to expand his powers.

Erdogan at the weekend twice accused Nato ally Netherlands of acting like the Nazis, comments that sparked outrage in a country bombed and occupied by German forces in World War II.

In an escalating standoff that risks damaging Turkey's already deteriorating relations with the European Union ahead of the April 16 referendum on constitutional change, Brussels sternly warned Ankara to avoid making the situation worse.

In apparent reference to Erdogan's comments, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn

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# PM turns down fertiliser price hike proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Considering farmers' interests, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday turned down the proposal for increasing urea fertiliser price.

In the weekly cabinet meeting at the secretariat, she said the government would not raise the fertiliser price.

Meeting sources said the issue came up at the meeting as Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury wanted to know from Industries Secretary Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan about the plan to increase the fertiliser price.

Hasina then asked Industries Minister Amir

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# Girl gives up party to feed homeless



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There were no balloons or ice cream at Armani Crews' sixth birthday, because the little girl decided she didn't want a party as she wanted to feed the homeless instead.

Taking the \$300 (£245) they would have spent on her big day, her family bought food to hand out to those in need in her local Chicago community.

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# Bomb blast in front of police station

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Criminals exploded a crude bomb in front of Moynamoti Highway Police Station on Dhaka-Chittagong highway last night, police said.

A few minutes later, law enforcers recovered a crude bomb in a bag from the same spot around 8:45pm. No injuries were reported.

"The explosion created panic among local people. A team of bomb disposal unit was examining the recovered bomb," Abdullah Al Mamun, additional superintendent of Comilla police, told reporters.

Law enforcers could not confirm the motive for the bomb explosion.



Students of Home Economics College block the capital's New Market intersection, demanding their college be recognised as an institute of Dhaka University. The demonstration that started around 10:00am yesterday caused huge traffic jam, inset, on the city's key thoroughfare Mirpur Road.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# 5-YEAR-OLD BOY Abducted from Sylhet, rescued in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police rescued a five-year-old child, who was abducted for ransom in Sylhet on Friday, and arrested two abductors at Khuniyagachh in Lalmonirhat on Sunday night.

The police also recovered Tk 42,000 from the arrestees and returned the child to his father yesterday morning.

The child was identified as Niyamul Islam Rifat, 5, son of Nesar Ahmed and Swapna Begum of Bagbari in Sylhet.

The arrested abductors

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**THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF BANGLADESH (ICAB)**  
(An Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Commerce),  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) was established under the Bangladesh Chartered Accountants Order 1973 (President's Order No. 2 of 1973) to regulate the profession of accountancy and the matters connected therewith. ICAB is a member of IFAC, CAPA and SAFA.

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JAMAAT	5-40	1-15	4-45	6-15	8-00

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