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Nation observes first Genocide Day

Nirmul Committee calls for banning political, criminal activities in the name of religion

STAR REPORT

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday urged the government to take initiatives to ban political and criminal activities in the name of religion.

The committee made the call at a programme at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital marking Genocide Day, which was observed for the first time in the country yesterday.

"We'll continue our struggle to free the society from the clutches of communalism and to establish the spirit of the Liberation

War," Shahriar Kabir, president of the committee, said while reading out a declaration paper at the event.

Noted personalities at the event stressed the need for building consensus at home and abroad to earn international recognition of the day.

Speaking at the event, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said the day should have been recognised much earlier.

He hoped that Genocide Day would be observed on a larger scale in future.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister

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BLAST NEAR AIRPORT

Suspect still unidentified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of the unidentified man, who was killed near a police box at the capital's Airport intersection on Friday, was torn apart when the bomb strapped to his body exploded, a forensic doctor said yesterday.

During the autopsy at Dhaka Medical College (DMC), doctors found two electrical cables and scotch tape wrapped to the body of the man, aged about 30 years.

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BANGLADESH BANK FIRE

Electric short circuit may be to blame

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TIFFIN BOX

The fire at the Bangladesh Bank headquarters may have originated from an electric short circuit in a room on the 13th floor, according to a fire service probe committee.

"We suspect that the fire originated from the outlet for an electric kettle," said Samarendra Nath Biswas, head of the five-member committee formed by the Fire Service and Civil Defence, yesterday.

The kettle was at the office of the personal assistant to the head of the foreign exchange policy department, he said after visiting the floor.

"The socket of the electric kettle was found burnt," he said, adding that the fire was not an act of sabotage.

The deputy director of the fire service department said the affected floor was sealed off and footage from closed-circuit camera was collected.

The probe team would talk to all officials working in the building

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Largest 'artificial sun' switched on

AGENCIES

Scientists have just turned on the "world's biggest artificial sun".

In all, the sun is made up of a honeycomb of 149 spotlights, which together make the structure known as "Synlight". Individually, they are the kinds of xenon short-arc

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In a symbolic gesture, members of Sector Commanders' Forum hand over torches to youths at a ceremony in Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital early today marking Genocide Day.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Indigenous couple killed in home

Police say motive not clear yet Our Correspondent, Bandarban

An elderly couple belonging to indigenous Marma community was murdered at their home in Bandarban's Lama upazila yesterday.

Kya Hla Marma, 72, and phis wife Ching Hla Marma,
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Trump tastes bitter defeat

Obamacare repeal bid collapses; president blames Democrats

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump suffered a stunning political setback on Friday in a Congress controlled by his own party when Republican leaders pulled legislation to overhaul the US healthcare system, a major 2016 election campaign promise of the president and his allies.

House of Representatives leaders yanked the bill after a SEE PAGE 13 COL 1



PRAYER TIMING MARCH 26

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-55 12-45 4-45 6-16 7-45
JAMAAT 5-30 1-15 5-00 6-20 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

THE DAY BELONGS TO YOU UP PLEASE COME AND MAKE US PROUD

AS A SMALL AND DEFINITELY INSIGNIFICANT THANK YOU TO ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY, WE AT BURGER KING' WELCOME THEM TO ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY WYN-OPP-BAY MEAL ON US AT ANY OF OUR OUTLETS TO COMMEMORATE THE DAY.



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