

# NEWSIN brief

## Lanka signals arrests over war killings

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena said Wednesday he would not protect anyone guilty of murder during the civil war, flagging arrests for a spate of high-profile crimes allegedly perpetrated by security forces. Sirisena said he would not stand by murderers but would defend "war heroes".

## Three arrested over Venice terror plot

AFP, Rome

Three men from Kosovo and an unidentified minor have been arrested in Venice on suspicion of plotting to blow up the city's celebrated Rialto Bridge, Italian police said yesterday. The suspects were detained in an overnight sweep carried out after it was established that they had undergone "religious radicalisation".

## Nicaragua restores ties with Israel

AFP, Managua

Nicaragua has restored diplomatic ties with Israel suspended nearly seven years ago when the Jewish state sent commandos to attack a flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. Nicaragua, which is led by former leftist guerrilla-turned-president Daniel Ortega, also recognizes Palestine as a state.

## Amnesty slams Fiji paper sedition case

AFP, Suva

Sedition charges brought against executives at Fiji's oldest newspaper are "absolutely outrageous", Amnesty International said yesterday, while accusing the government of trying to intimidate the media. Three staff members at the Fiji Times are facing up to seven years in jail for publishing a letter containing inflammatory comments about Muslims.

# Tibetan lama abandons monkhood to marry friend

AFP, New Delhi

A senior Tibetan lama at the centre of a long-running row over one of Buddhism's most important titles has abandoned the monkhood altogether after marrying a childhood friend in India, his office said yesterday. Thaye Dorje, 33, has claimed since childhood to be the reincarnation of the Karmapa Lama, the leader of one of the four major schools of Tibetan Buddhism. But many adherents of the Karma Kagyu school of Buddhism follow another monk with a rival claim to the title, Urgyen Trinley, who is recognised by the Dalai Lama. The disagreement has long split Tibetan Buddhists, but yesterday Thaye Dorje's office made the surprise announcement that he had married in a private ceremony in New Delhi on

March 25, and abandoned the monkhood.

"I have a strong feeling, deep within my heart, that my decision to marry will have a positive impact not only for me, but also for the lineage," the statement quoted Thaye Dorje as saying.

"Something beautiful, something beneficial will emerge, for all of us."

Thaye Dorje will continue to fulfil the role of the Karmapa, including by offering teachings and blessings to students around the world, his office said.

His new wife, 36-year-old Rinchen Yangzom, was born in Bhutan and educated in India and Europe.

Under Tibetan tradition, monks identify a young boy who shows signs he is a reincarnation of a late leader.



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull looks at damaged and flooded areas from aboard an Australian Army helicopter after Cyclone Debbie passed through the area near the town of Bowen, located south of the northern Queensland town of Townsville yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Xi to meet Trump in Florida

Two leaders will discuss pressing issues including North Korea, South China Sea, trade disputes during April 6-7 summit

REUTERS, Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping will travel to the United States to meet President Donald Trump at his Mar-a-Lago retreat in Florida on April 6-7, China's Foreign Ministry said yesterday, its first official confirmation of the highly anticipated summit.

It will be Xi's first meeting with Trump, whose presidency began on Jan. 20, and comes as the two sides face pressing issues, ranging from North Korea and the South China Sea to trade disputes.

Ministry spokesman Lu Kang made the announcement at a daily news briefing.

He did not give any more details of the meeting agenda, but spoke of the need to see the big picture while fostering mutual interests in trade relations.

"The market dictates that interests between our two countries are structured so that you will always have me and I will always have you," Lu said.

"Both sides should work together to make the cake of mutual interest bigger

and not simply seek fairer distribution," he said in response to a question about trade frictions.

Beijing had previously said that preparatory work for the meeting was underway. But it had not yet confirmed the trip, despite western media reports on a scheduled meeting and an



announcement by the Finnish government that Xi would make a brief stop in Finland on April 5.

The summit will follow a string of other recent US-China meetings and conversations aimed at mending ties after strong criticism of China by Trump during his election campaign.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson ended a trip to Asia this month in Beijing, agreeing to work together with China on North Korea and stressing Trump's desire to enhance understanding.

China has been irritated at being repeatedly told by Washington to rein in North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes and by the US decision to base an advanced missile defense system in South Korea.

Beijing is also deeply suspicious of US intentions towards self-ruled Taiwan, which China claims as its own.

During his election campaign, Trump accused China of unfair trade policies, criticised its island-building in the strategic South China Sea, and accused it of doing too little to constrain North Korea.

Trump also incensed Beijing in December by taking a phone call from Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen and later saying the United States did not have to stick to the so-called "one China" policy.

# South Korea's Park arrested over graft

AFP, Seoul

South Korea's ousted president Park Geun-hye was arrested early today over the corruption and abuse-of power scandal that brought her down.

The Seoul Central District Court issued a warrant to arrest Park on charges of bribery, abuse of authority, coercion, and leaking government secrets, after a marathon court hearing the previous day.

"It is justifiable and necessary to arrest [Park] as key charges were justified and there is risk of evidence being destroyed," the court said in a statement.

Park will immediately be taken from the prosecutor's office where she has been awaiting the decision into custody in a detention centre near Seoul.

The former leader was grilled for nearly nine hours in court yesterday as a judge deliberated whether she should be arrested.

Looking grim-faced and pale, Park ignored a barrage of press flashbulbs and did not speak when she arrived at the court earlier in the day, nor when she left.

Being taken into custody will be a dramatic step in the disgrace of South Korea's first woman president, and is a key demand of the millions of people who took to the streets to protest against her as the scandal engulfed her leadership last year.

The former president was stripped of her immunity when she was dismissed from office by the country's top court earlier this month. Park, 65, has denied the accusations against her.



## Old Faujians Association (OFA) Announcement of Election of CGB

OFA Election Commission 2017

Election Commission is pleased to announce that as per rules of business, Election for OFA Central Governing Body for the term 2017-2019 will be held on Saturday 15 April, 2017. AGM will start at 16:00 hours at Dhaka followed by election at 18:00 hrs at Radisson Blu, Utshob Hall, Ground level, Airport Road, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka and OFA Chittagong Chapter's Office, Hotel Avenue, Lalkhan Bazar, (Near Bigshop & Maurice Brown School) Chittagong.

All Faujians are requested to enroll themselves to register as members of the respective Chapters by March 28, 2017 to be eligible as voter or contest for any post in the OFA Central Governing Body. The membership registration can be done at the respective Dhaka and Chittagong chapter offices or through the website: [www.ofabd.com](http://www.ofabd.com)

For further details please contact Chapter offices.

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## COMBATTING EXTREMISM IN XINJIANG

# China sets rules on beards, veils

REUTERS, Beijing

China will step up a campaign against religious extremism in the far western region of Xinjiang on Saturday by implementing a range of measures, including prohibiting "abnormal" beards, the wearing of veils in public places and the refusal to watch state television.

Hundreds of people have died in recent years in Xinjiang, home to the Muslim Uighur people, in unrest blamed by Beijing on Islamist militants and separatists, though rights groups say the violence is more a reaction to repressive Chinese policies.

The government strongly denies committing any abuses in Xinjiang and insists the legal, cultural and religious rights of Uighurs, a Turkic ethnic group, are fully protected.

While China officially guarantees freedom of religion, authorities have issued a series of measures in the past few years to tackle what it sees as a rise in religious extremism.

New legislation, passed by Xinjiang lawmakers on Wednesday and published on the region's official news website, widens existing rules and will come into effect on April 1.

Workers in public spaces like stations and airports will be required to "dissuade" those who fully cover their bodies, including veiling their faces, from entering, and to report them to the police, the rules state.

# Duterte faces impeachment

Philippines MP files charges over allegation of 'defeatist' China stance

REUTERS, Manila

A Philippines lawmaker filed supplementary charges yesterday to an impeachment complaint against President Rodrigo Duterte, accusing him of taking a "defeatist stance" by doing nothing to challenge Beijing's activities in the South China Sea.

Opposition congressman Gary Alejano said Duterte had made a slew of remarks that proved he had no intention to protect Philippine sovereignty and had alienated key allies like the United States through "rants and unstoppable outbursts".

The complaint adds to a laundry list of what Alejano says are impeachable offences that amount to high crimes, abuse of power and betrayal of public trust.

He submitted the initial complaint two weeks ago, just as Congress went into a recess, a move aimed at keeping it in the public spotlight and preventing Congress from dismissing it right away. It reconvenes on May 2.

Duterte is frequently accused of abuse of power, though none of the allegations have so far stuck. The populist former city mayor commands a legislative majority and enjoys huge public support. Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo said Alejano's additional complaint was groundless propaganda and part of a coordinated conspiracy by Duterte's opponents.



## Africans being attacked by mobs in India

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Africans living in northern India are locking themselves into their homes after a spate of mob attacks left several people hospitalised.

Five Nigerian students were attacked by crowds and another was beaten unconscious by a mob inside a shopping mall in the district of Noida, near Delhi.

Film of the attack prompted a social media outcry and the victim told local media no one had helped or called the police as he was beaten unconscious with knives and bricks.

Two more African students were assaulted in a separate incident by masked men.

The attacks began after the parents of a local teenager blamed Nigerian students for supplying him with the drugs that caused him to die of an overdose.

Police detained five local Nigerian men on suspicion of drug dealing, abduction murder, but they were later released after a post mortem failed to confirm an overdose was the cause of death.

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**Procurement & Logistics Support Directorate**

REF: DACPL/OTM-033/2016-17 DATE: 30/03/2017

**OTM-033/2016-17**

Tender in sealed envelope individually for each group are hereby invited from interested **Manufacturer/Distributor for Group-A & Manufacturer/Distributor/Supplier for Group-B** for supplying the following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.

|     |                                   |               |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 01. | GROUP-A (COM): Heavy Duty Scanner | Qty: 01 Ea    |
| 02. | GROUP-B (COM): Rubber Chock       | Qty: 200 Each |
|     | Size: 12"x9"x9" ( As per sample)  |               |

Tender schedule with details specification of the above item, terms and conditions will be available from the Asstt. Manager Accounts (Cash & Banking), Head Office, Balaka, Kurmitola, Dhaka during office hour of every working day up to 23/04/2017 on cash payment of each group **Tk.750.00** (seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable) by applying in bidder's own letterhead pad mentioning tender reference No. and date. Tender related information will also be available at Biman website [www.biman-airlines.com](http://www.biman-airlines.com) for ready reference.

Sealed tenders shall be dropped in the tender box kept in (i) Local Purchase Section, Procurement & Logistics Support Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Dhaka and (ii) Biman Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter (Ground Floor), Dhaka latest by 1100 hrs (BST) on 24/04/2017 and shall be opened on the same day at 1400 hrs at the Tender Room of Procurement & Logistics Support Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, Hazrat Shahjalal Int'l Airport, Dhaka in presence of tenderer (if any).

Biman authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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**Institute of Modern Language**  
University of Dhaka

**Admission Notice**

**Junior Certificate Course in Different Languages Session: 2017-2018**

The admission to the Junior Certificate Courses in different languages is going on at the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.

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| Languages                               | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Hindi, Italian, Persian, Russian, Korean, Turkish, Spanish and Bangla for foreigners.   |
| Duration of the courses                 | 1 year (120 hours).   |
| Time and duration of the classes        | Classes are held twice/thrice a week. Each class is of 2 hours duration.  |
| Qualification for admission             | The minimum qualification for admission is HSC/equivalent, e.g. A-Level, with at least 2nd division/GPA 2.5. For foreign applicants study certificate for a minimum period of 12 years will be required.                                  |
| Submission of application for admission | Perscribed application form can be collected for Tk 500/- (Taka five hundred) only from Janata Bank, Dhaka University, TSC Branch during office hours and submitted to the IML office counter (Room No. 106) on or before 30 April, 2017. |

For further information contact the Admission Guidelines available with the Admission form.

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