

Drive them out: Trump

US president urges Muslim leaders to confront extremism, says his country can only help but can't decide their fate

US President Donald Trump yesterday urged Islamic leaders to take a stand against violence done in the name of religion, describing the struggle against extremism as a "battle between good and evil".

In a highly anticipated speech in Saudi Arabia, Trump lashed out at Iran, accusing Tehran of fuelling "the fires of sectarian conflict and terror" and calling for its international isolation.

Saying he came with "a message of friendship and hope and love", Trump told dozens of Muslim leaders that the time had come for "honestly confronting the crisis of Islamist extremism".

"This is a battle between barbaric criminals who seek to obliterate human life, and decent people of all religions who seek to protect it. This is a battle between good and evil."

The speech came on the second day of a visit to Saudi Arabia, part of Trump's first foreign tour that will take him next to Israel and the Palestinian territories and then to Europe.

"America is prepared to stand with you in pursuit of shared interests and common security. But nations of the Middle East cannot wait for American power to crush this enemy for them," Trump told leaders of 55 Muslim majority countries representing more than a billion people.

"The nations of the Middle East will have to decide what

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina poses for a group photo with US President Donald Trump, Saudi Arabian King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif, Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan and other leaders during the Arab-Islamic-American Summit at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, yesterday.

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Teacher-student ratio worsening over last 6 years

Says govt report on secondary education

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is far from achieving the international standard of teacher-student ratio in secondary schools with the ratio worsening since 2011, according to a draft government report.

There was one teacher for 42 students last year compared to one for 30 students in 2011, the report said.

The global standard of teacher-student ratio at secondary level is 1:30.

The National Education Policy-2010 targets achieving the ratio by 2018.

Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (Banbeis) prepared the draft report titled "Bangladesh Education Statistics-2016" and organised a workshop yesterday at its office to share the findings with different stakeholders.

The report showed that teacher-student ratio was 1:41 in 2015, 1:39 in 2014, 1:37 in 2013 and 1:36 in 2012.

The situation is worst in state-run schools with one teacher for 103 students, it added.

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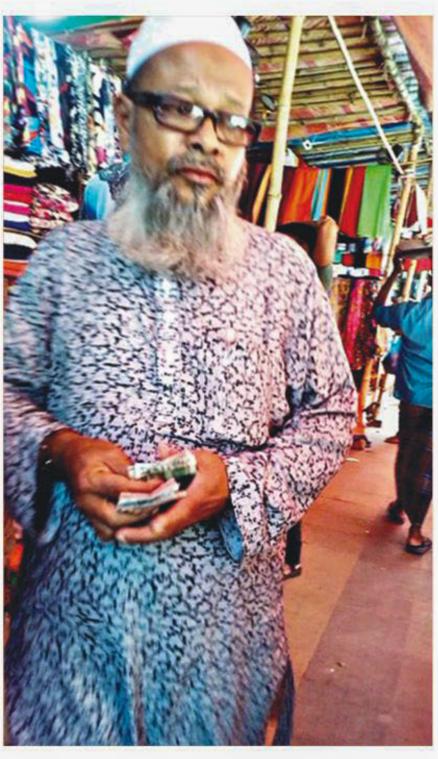


PHOTO: STAR

Saiful Islam, known as "the lineman", walks on the footpath near Motijheel Ideal School and College in the capital. He holds some of the cash he collected from vendors there. The photo was taken recently.

HAWKS of STREETS

Glimpses into extortion of hawkers that amounts to nearly Tk 3cr a day

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Every afternoon, Saiful Islam walks at a leisurely pace and stops in front of each street vendor near Motijheel Ideal School and College. Without a word, the vendor hands him Tk 100 or more, depending on the space the goods laid on the footpath are occupying.

The vendors know he means business. Anybody who refuses to pay him gets beaten up or evicted from the area.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent saw and filmed Saiful, accused of extortion and felony in two cases, collecting money from the streets. Suspecting that he was being followed, Saiful got rid of the air of relaxedness and left the place in a hurry.

On March 3, Baser Molla, a seller of ready-made garments at Holiday Hawkers' Market, was beaten up allegedly by Saiful and his men for refusing to pay.

Baser later filed a case with a Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in this connection. Sub-inspector Emdadul Haque of the Police Bureau of Investigation who is investigating the case said they were trying to find out Saiful's address.

To combat such blatant extortion, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) filed three cases against

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Kiwis win tri-series

AFP, Dublin

New Zealand captain Tom Latham led from the front with a century as his side beat Ireland by an emphatic margin of 190 runs at Malahide on Sunday to win the one-day international tri-series with a game to spare.

The Black Caps face Bangladesh in Wednesday's final match at Clontarf, when Latham will receive the trophy.

Defending an imposing 344 for six, New Zealand needed only 39.3 overs to bowl out their hosts for 154, with Matt Henry, just returned from the Indian Premier League, taking three for 36.

Ireland captain William Porterfield top scored for his side with 48 from 50 balls (five fours and a six) but when he was fourth out

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Judiciary getting non-cooperation

CJ critical of law ministry; extends stay on mobile court verdict till July 2

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Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said the judiciary was becoming dysfunctional due to non-cooperation from the law ministry.

He asked Attorney General Mahbubey Alam to convey this to the government for a solution.

"We say many things in the open court during the proceedings, but some of them are misinterpreted. The judiciary is not against the government. It [judiciary] always delivers order and verdict in the interest of protecting law and order," the chief justice said.

He made the comment while presiding over a seven-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court during the hearing of three government petitions seeking stay on the High Court verdict that declared unconstitutional the rules under which executive magistrates run mobile courts.

The apex court bench, however, extended until July 2 its chamber judge's order that stayed the HC verdict, clearing the way for the executive magistrates to run mobile courts until July 2.

It adjourned the hearing on the petitions until July 2 and asked the government to file three separate leave-to-appeal petitions with this court against the HC verdict within this period.

Delivering a verdict on three writ petitions on May 11, the

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SHIP-BREAKING YARD One killed in Ctg; safety gears absent

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A worker was killed as an iron pipe fell on him yesterday at a ship-breaking yard in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong.

The deceased was identified as Sachindra Das, 26, son of Jagdeb Das of South Jahanabad Jelepara of Sonapara in Sitakunda.

According to the inquest report, Sachindra was brought to Chittagong Medical College Hospital with injuries to his neck and head around 1:30am. He was declared dead at the time.

Fellow workers, who brought him to the hospital, said that an iron pipe fell on him when he was cutting a portion of iron equipment in night shift without any safety gear at Kabir Steel Ltd in Chairman Ghata Madambibir Hat.

Police, however, said the victim was an employee of Khawja Ship-Breaking Yard of the same area.

Md Saifullah, sub-inspector of Sitakunda

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