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Indian navy rescues 33 Bangladeshis

They were adrift in the Bay a day after Cyclone Mora hit Ctg coast

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Indian navy rescued 33 Bangladeshi survivors and recovered a body from the Bay of Bengal yesterday, a day after Cyclone Mora battered the country's southeastern coast, leaving a trail of destruction and rendering thousands homeless.

The crew of Indian offshore patrol vessel INS Sumitra, which was carrying relief materials for the cyclone-affected people in Bangladesh, spotted the survivors floating in the sea, according to a high official of Bangladesh foreign ministry.

They launched a rescue operation around 90 nautical miles south of Chittagong coast, Captain DK Sharma, spokesperson of the Indian navy, said in a tweet.

Indian news agency PTI reported that a newly acquired PS-1 aircraft of the Indian Eastern Naval Command also joined the rescue operation.

In a message to the media outlets at 12:52pm yesterday, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka said the survivors could be from a sunken boat or huts washed away into the sea during the cyclone.

So far 33 survivors from Maheshkhali were rescued and a body was recovered from the Bay of Bengal, it mentioned.

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People use a boat on a road in Agrabad of Chittagong city yesterday after heavy rains overnight, induced by cyclone Mora, inundated several city streets.

PHOTO: PRABER DAS

MORA IMPACT

Port city sees heavy rain, waterlogging

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY and SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

Though the city dwellers escaped a possible onslaught of cyclone Mora, the port city experienced severe waterlogging hours after the tropical storm made the landfall.

Most of the areas in the city went under knee-deep to waist-deep water due to overnight incessant rain from midnight to yesterday morning.

Meteorologists recorded 225.2mm rainfall in 24 hours as of 9:00am yesterday, said Farzana Nasrin, duty assistant of Patenga Met office.

City areas like Sholoshahar Gate No 2, Chawkbazar, Bakalia, Muradpur, Bahaddarhat, Sholoshahar Gate No 2, Wireless, Kapsagola, Badrolta, Agrabad Access Road, Agrabad, GDA Residential Area, Prabarhat Intersection, Halishahar and Reazuddin Bazar were

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Trump 'to ditch Paris climate deal'

Reports US media

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump's administration is poised to announce the United States' withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, US media reported yesterday.



According to the Axios website, the first to break the news citing two sources with direct knowledge of the matter, Trump has reached a decision to pull out of the landmark deal on cutting global carbon emissions to curb global warming.

Several US media including CNN, CBS, ABC and Politico also reported that the White House was expected to announce a withdrawal from the 2015 accord once details of the process have been worked out.

The White House was not confirmed the reports, while Trump stated that his decision would be announced this week.

"I will be announcing my decision on the Paris Accord over the next few days. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!" he tweeted.

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No bar to serving as Gazipur mayor

SC upholds HC order staying the govt decision to suspend Mannan, also an adviser to BNP chief Khaleda Zia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MA Mannan was elected mayor of Gazipur City Corporation in July, 2013. But he could be in office for only some 18 months.

It's because the mayor, accused in 30 cases, was in jail for the rest of the time. He had also been suspended twice.

However, the Supreme Court yesterday paved the way for Mannan to discharge his duty as an elected public representative.

It upheld a High Court order that had stayed a government decision to suspend him. The government took the decision after a court accepted a charge sheet in a case filed against Mannan.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order, dismissing an appeal filed by the government seeking a stay on the HC order.

Mahbub Uddin Khokon, Mannan's lawyer, told The Daily Star that after the Supreme Court verdict, there was no legal

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MA MANNAN

- Elected for 5 yrs
- Served the office for 18 months
- Was in jail for 22 months
- 15 months left of his tenure
- Total cases filed 30
- Suspended twice

N'ganj teacher Shyamal Kanti granted bail

Fears for safety as he walks out of jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natunganj

Schoolteacher Shyamal Kanti Bhakta walked out of jail yesterday afternoon after staying behind bars for eight days.

Earlier in the day, judge of Narayanganj District and Sessions Judge's Court granted Shyamal bail till July 20 in a bribery case.

The teacher left Narayanganj Central Jail around 5:45pm.

Shyamal, headmaster of Piyar Sattar Latif High School in Bandar area, was forced to do squats holding his ears in presence of local latiya Party lawmaker AKM Salim Osman in May last year.

Talking to journalists, Shyamal said, "I can't say what will happen to me. If anything happens, you keep in your mind that the

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Blessings from the robot priest



NDTV ONLINE

A robot priest that beams lights from its hands and grants automated "blessings" to people is being met with mixed reactions at a church in Germany.

The robot, called Blessit-2, was developed by the Evangelical Church in Hesse and Nassau.

With its metallic body and touch screen, the robot asks a person what blessing they want, after which it raises its arms and appears to smile. Lights then start to flash as the robot says "God bless and protect you" and recites a biblical verse. After the blessing, the user can printout the dictum.

"It is an experiment that is supposed to inspire discussion," Sebastian von Gehren, a spokesperson from the church, tells the Mirror, adding that the robot was deliberately not given a human-like appearance.

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
5	2	3:39	6:46
7	3	3:39	6:46

PRAYER TIMING JUNE 1

Fazr Zuhr Ashr Maghrib Isha

AZAN 3:45 12:45 5:00 6:46 8:05

JAMAAT 3:55 1:15 5:15 6:56 8:35

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Traffic police stop a truck overloaded with bamboo on Mirpur Road near the Gono Bhavan around noon yesterday. Trucks are prohibited on city streets between 8:00am and 9:30pm but they often flout the rule.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

One click away from extremist ideology

Dawn report reveals 41 out of 64 banned extremist outfits are operating openly in Pakistan via Facebook

DAWN ONLINE

They exist in plain sight, just one search and one click away from any of Pakistan's 25 million Facebook users.

An investigation carried out by Dawn across the month of April 2017 has revealed that 41 of Pakistan's 64 banned outfits are present on Facebook in the form of hundreds of pages, groups and individual user profiles.

Their network, both interconnected and public, is a mix of Sunni and Shia sectarian or terror outfits, global terror organisations operating in Pakistan, and separatists in Balochistan and Sindh.

For the purpose of this investigation, the names of all banned outfits - including acronyms and small variations in spelling - were searched on Facebook to find pages, groups, and user profiles that publicly 'liked' a banned outfit.

The biggest outfits on the social network, in order of size, are Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ) with 200 pages and groups, Jeay Sindh Muttahida Mahaz (JSM/M) with 160, Sipah-i-Sahaba (SSP) with 148, Balochistan Students Organisation Azad (BSO-A) with 54 and Sipah-e-Muhammad with 45.

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