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'First IS attack' in Iran kills 12

Dozens wounded as gunmen, suicide bombers storm parliament, mausoleum of Khomeini



A boy is being evacuated during an attack on the Iranian parliament in Tehran yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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Gunmen and suicide bombers stormed Iran's parliament and the shrine of its revolutionary leader yesterday, killing 12 people in the first attacks in the country claimed by the Islamic State group.

Dozens were injured in the attacks, which targeted two of Iran's most potent symbols: its parliament complex in central Tehran and the mausoleum of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini who led the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The stand-off lasted around five hours before all the gunmen held up in parliamentary office buildings were killed.

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Vehicles seized by Jatrabari police are left to rot in the open on the police station premises. Some of the vehicles have partly sunk into the muddy ground and almost all of them have weeds growing in them. Many police stations in the capital do not have space suitable for keeping vehicles entangled in lawsuits.

Export growth dips

Brexit fallout, oil price fall, appreciation of taka against dollar among the reasons

STAR CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's exports in the first 11 months of the current fiscal year stood at \$31.79 billion, 4.68 percent lower than the target of \$37 billion, Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data show.

However, compared to that of the same period in the last fiscal year, this year's export posted 3.67 percent growth, second lowest in a decade.

Prolonged political turmoil in 2013-15 and

the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in 2013 pushed the country's export growth down to 3.4 percent in 2014-15, experts say.

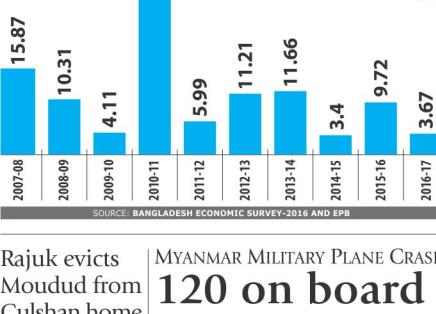
Apparatus that account for Bangladesh's over 80 percent exports maintained an average 13 percent growth over the last 10 years.

As a result, export earnings this fiscal year were able to finance slightly over two-thirds of import payments and pushing the trade deficit up to \$8.1 billion in the first 10 months of the fiscal year, Bangladesh Bank data show.

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EXPORT GROWTH TREND IN 10 YEARS

In %



Rajuk evicts Moudud from Gulshan home

STAR CORRESPONDENT

Senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed was evicted from his three-decade-long residence yesterday as he lost the legal battle over the ownership of the house worth Tk 300 crore in the capital's Gulshan.

Before Rajdhani Unnayan Karrikaptha (Rajuk) began the eviction drive around noon, a huge number of law enforcers descended on the house on a piece of one-bigha and 13 bigha land in Gulshan, Myanmar's commercial capital.

A spokesman from the military's information team said two-thirds of passengers on board were women and children.

MYANMAR MILITARY PLANE CRASH 120 on board feared dead

AFP, Yangon

Debris has been found in the sea near where a Myanmar military plane went missing with more than 100 soldiers and their families on board yesterday, a local official and air force source said.

Navy ships and aircraft had been searching since the afternoon when the plane lost contact with air traffic controllers.

Most of those on board were thought to be women and children who were travelling from the southern city of Myeik to Yangon.

"Now they have found pieces of the damaged plane in the sea 136 miles (218 km) away from Dawei city," said Naing Lin Zaw, a tourism official in Myeik, citing the military and adding that they were still searching the sea.

An air force source confirmed to AFP that a navy search and rescue ship had found debris in the sea an hour's flight south of Yangon, Myanmar's commercial capital.

The commander in chief's office said the plane lost contact at about 1:05 pm (07:05 GMT) off Myanmar's southern coast.

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