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A riot of colours

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It is indeed a fiesta of foliage and plants. A riot of colours; colours of flowers - that come in all shades and hues.

A stroll through this year's National Tree Fair in the city's Agargaon is a welcome respite from the urban cacophony. This yearly carnival of nature greets all and sundry with its serene beauty - and visitors tend to appreciate the wide range of fruit plants, flowers and orchids this country now produces.

One can buy from an assortment of saplings of seasonal fruits to flowers, ornamental and medicinal plants, banana plants derived through tissue culture to bonsai with low-hanging mangoes, and from grubber to sprayer to many other farm implements.

People numbering in their hundreds are visiting the annual fair, being held since 1993 at the Forest Department's behest, to have a fresh breath of the fragrances of homegrown and exotic fruit plants and soothe their eyes with the sight of a feast of flowers.



Visitors exploring stalls showcasing a wide variety of floral, medicinal and ornamental plants at the National Tree Fair 2017 in the city's Agargaon area on Sunday. Top right, bonsai plants with low-hanging mangoes and banana saplings, bottom right, derived through tissue culture also drew their attention at the fair.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BOY LOSING HANDS TO ELECTRICITY Pay Tk 50 lakh to the family

HC orders rural power authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Rural Electrification Board (REB) to compensate the family of a college student with Tk 50 lakh for losing his hands after being electrocuted in April this year.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah came up with the order following a writ petition that sought compensation for victim Siam Khan, a college student of Shariatpur.

Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Bhowmik told The Daily Star that the REB has to give Tk 50 lakh to Siam's family in 30 days after receiving the verdict.

The HC passed the order on the ground that Siam has lost both hands due to neglect of the REB men and his family

Demands of Saudi, allies 'unrealistic'

Says Qatar as new deadline nears end; UNSC tells Doha to mend fences with neighbours

AFP, Doha

Qatar's foreign minister said yesterday that demands put to Doha by Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Gulf diplomatic crisis were impossible to meet.

"The list is unrealistic and is not actionable," Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani told reporters in Doha.

"It's not about terrorism, it's talking about shutting down the freedom of speech," he said at a joint press conference after talks with German counterpart Sigmar Gabriel.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt -- who accuse Qatar of supporting extremism -- gave Doha an extra 48 hours to meet their demands after an initial 10-day deadline expired on Sunday.

These demands included Doha closing broadcaster Al-Jazeera as well as downgrading diplomatic ties with Iran.

Qatar officially handed its response to Kuwait on Monday, which is mediating in the dispute, but its contents have not been disclosed.

Sheikh Mohammed refused to give any further details yesterday, but said Doha was looking for a solution to the month-long crisis based on dialogue.

"The state of Qatar has adopted a very constructive attitude since the beginning of

Zimbabwe's Mugabe sells cows to fund AU

AFP, Addis Ababa

As the African Union struggles to get members to pay dues, Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe took the bull by the horns and sold his own cattle for a sizeable donation to the body.

Mugabe handed over \$1 million (880,000 euros) at the start of the AU's bi-annual summit in Addis Ababa, after auctioning off 300 of his own



'We'll solve the problem bilaterally'

PM on Rohingya issue

UNHCR, Dhaka

Renewing her call to Myanmar to take back Rohingya from Bangladesh, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the problem would be solved through discussions.

"We'll solve the problem bilaterally," she said when Myanmar's National Security Adviser U Thaung Tun met her at her office.

The PM said Bangladesh had some problems in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) which were resolved through bilateral discussions.

Some 30,000 registered Myanmar Rohingyas are now living in Bangladesh. But the actual number is 400,000 and their woes may worsen during monsoon, Hasina said, adding Bangladesh was ready to extend cooperation.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

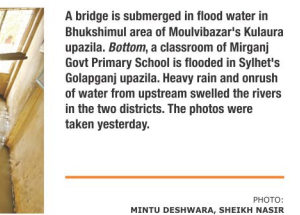


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North Korea claims ICBM success

Washington, Moscow dispute claim as experts say missile can reach Alaska

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday declared it had successfully tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile -- a watershed moment in its push to develop a nuclear weapon capable of hitting the mainland United States.

Experts said the device could reach Alaska, and the launch, which came as Americans prepared to mark Independence Day,

triggered a Twitter outburst from President Donald Trump who urged China to act "to end this nonsense once and for all".

The North's possession of a working ICBM -- something that Trump has vowed "won't happen" -- would force a fundamental recalculation of the strategic threat posed by the isolated, impoverished state.

The "landmark" test of a Hwasong-14


EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATES Mobile courts can be run for 2 more weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The executive magistrates can run mobile courts for two weeks more, as the Supreme Court yesterday extended for two weeks its earlier stay on a High Court verdict that declared unconstitutional the rules under which executive magistrates run mobile courts.

A seven-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order following three separate leave to appeal petitions challenging the HC verdict.

In the petitions filed on July 2, the government sought an extension of the SC's earlier stay order for four weeks.



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