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MOULVIBAZAR FLOOD

Relief for victims scanty

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar and SANJAY BAKEL, Bandarban

With the overall flood situation in Moulvibazar remaining unchanged, thousands of people in the district's three upazilas have been suffering due to shortage of relief supplies.

In Sylhet and Bandarban, the flood situation improved slightly yesterday as water started receding from the low-lying areas.

Meanwhile, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre has warned that the rising Padma, Brahmaputra and Surma rivers might trigger flooding in the central part of the country.

Also yesterday, torrential rain caused water logging in different cities and towns, including Dhaka and Chittagong. People in Chittagong's hilly areas were living in fear of landslides due to incessant rain.

In Khagrachhari, two schools were vacated yesterday over fear of landslides.

Flood victims in Moulvibazar have been living in hardship as they lost their crops, vegetables, fish and domestic animals.

Deputy Commissioner of Moulvibazar Tofail Islam said a total of 2,65,369 people have been affected so far.

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People wade through over knee-deep water on Ramu-Naikhangchhari Road yesterday afternoon as incessant rain disrupts communication in Cox's Bazar. Partially submerged homes, inset, in Kurbanpur area of Kaulura upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday.

Saudi funding fuels UK extremism

Says study; Riyadh terms the allegations false

AFP, London

Foreign funding for Islamist extremism in Britain mostly originates from Saudi Arabia, a think-tank report said yesterday in claims that were branded as "categorically false" by the Saudi embassy.

"While entities from across the Gulf and Iran have been guilty of advancing extremism, those in Saudi Arabia are undoubtedly at the top of the list," Tom Wilson, a fellow at the Henry Jackson Society, said in a statement.

According to the hawkish London-based foreign policy think-tank, Saudi Arabia has "sponsored" a "multimillion dollar effort to export Wahhabi Islam across the Islamic world, including Muslim communities in the West."

The ultra-extremist kingdom is the "most dangerous" of the world's Islamic doctrine of Wahhabism and is home to Islam's holiest site in Makkah.

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Qatar boycott to remain in place

Say Saudi Arabia, its three Arab allies

AFP, Cairo

Arab states that have cut ties with Qatar vowed yesterday to maintain their boycott of the emirate, criticising its "negative" response to their list of demands to end the diplomatic crisis.

Qatar appealed for "dialogue" to resolve the row while US President Donald Trump spoke to Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi from aboard Air Force One to urge all parties "to negotiate constructively".

Following a meeting in Cairo, the foreign ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates said in a statement that they "regret the negative response from Qatar".

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said Qatar's response to the bloc's conditions had "no substance" and "reflects a lack of understanding of the gravity of the situation".

The talks in Cairo came a month after the four countries severed ties with Qatar, accusing Doha of supporting terrorism.

"The boycott will remain," Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said at the same news conference in the Egyptian capital.

The four Arab states stopped short of announcing new sanctions but Jubeir said they would "take steps at the appropriate time".

The demands include Doha ending support for the Muslim Brotherhood and closing broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Saudi Arabia and its allies have not said what steps they could take next, but there are fears of a wider embargo that would hurt the Qatar economy, with credit ratings agency Moody's announcing it was changing Qatar's

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DOMESTIC FLIGHT Passengers have to show ID cards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Passengers travelling by air on domestic and international routes will have to produce a photo identity card at the check-in counter along with their tickets, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has said.

"The measure was taken in a bid to enhance security on air travel," Member (Operations and Planning) Air Cdre M Mostafizur Rahman CAAB told The Daily Star last night.

He added that under the existing system there is a possibility that the designated person who bought a ticket in his name doesn't travel and someone else can travel in his place using the same ticket.

"CAAB has taken this security measure to stop

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Man eats 72 hot dogs in 10 minutes



AFP, New York

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut, a competitive eater, talks like any other athlete. Conditioning is key for pushing the body to its limit, the 33-year-old Californian says.

He certainly stretched that limit on Tuesday, downing 72 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes at the annual wienner-eating contest on New York's Coney Island, a tradition that marks every Independence Day holiday in the United States.

Chestnut won the competition for the 10th time and improved on the speed-eating tally he posted last summer.

In the 2016 edition of the eat-fest at the Nathan's Famous beachside hot dog stand — it began way back

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Crackdown on in Malaysia

37 more Bangladeshis arrested in KL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Immigration Department of Malaysia yesterday rounded up at least 37 Bangladeshis in a countrywide crackdown against undocumented migrants, raising the arrest tally of Bangladeshis to 789 since Saturday.

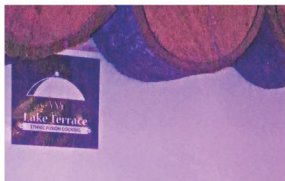
Twenty-nine immigration personnel, led by Kuala Lumpur operations head Mohd Sharulnizam Ismail, raided the "Makan Place" food court in Mid Valley Megamall at 11:00am (local time). They proceeded to inspect 120 foreign workers and rounded up 75 among them within an hour, according to the local Malay Mail newspaper.

Fifteen of the detainees are Bangladeshis.

The newspaper in its website said those detained were required to fill up a form to inform their employers of their arrest.

"We are committed to conducting more

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Lake Terrace

Disgraceful

Uttara eatery bans foreigners

ABDULLAH AL NAYEM

An upscale rooftop restaurant in the capital's Uttara has put up a sign banning foreign citizens, giving in to the landlord's pressure.

Lake Terrace, on the Lake Drive Road, has the sign pasted at the entrance of the five-storey building and near the elevator; the move is viewed by many to be in contravention of the country's custom of being hospitable to guests.

"Due to Holey Artisan Incident and after receiving a notice from our landlord, we are not allowing any foreigners in our restaurant. We are ashamed and pitiful from our soul for this message. Please accept our apologies and wait till further notice."

Lake Terrace Management

A notice of Lake Terrace restaurant banning foreigners in the establishment and apologising for doing so. It said the landlord of the restaurant asked them to make the place off-limits to foreigners.

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