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Coffee of Kuddus

Nilphamari farmer defies odds to produce the beans

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Bangladesh has a long, established history as a producer of quality tea. As for that other hot beverage, coffee, despite rising popularity among Bangladeshi consumers over the past few decades, there is no such agricultural tradition. Nursery owner Abdul Kuddus, from Munsipara village in Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila, however, has taken the first steps to change that. He decided to grow coffee, driven by nothing more than unstoppable curiosity.

"I first heard about coffee in 2009 at a conference run by the Nursery Owners Association," says Abdul, an energetic septuagenarian who yet walks with a spring in his step. "For a long time I wanted to grow it but I couldn't procure any saplings."

"For about the whole of his life Abdul has been inquisitive on the subject of rare plants," explains his neighbour Fazal Kadir, a primary school headmaster.

"Finally in 2014, I managed to purchase 254 coffee saplings from Cox's Bazar," Abdul continues.

"I contacted the agriculture extension department for advice on how to grow it, but they were uninterested." Thus Abdul relied on common sense, planting the saplings on his fifteen decimals with a reasonable distance between each one.

The plants seemed to appreciate Abdul's efforts. With organic fertiliser they grew quickly. He decided to prune them, cutting their tops such that they didn't grow any higher than five feet. In 2016 Abdul held his breath. The

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Beans harvested from the coffee plants of Abdul Kuddus, inset, in Munsipara village of Nilphamari's Kishoreganj upazila.

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TATP: explosive of choice for 'Neo JMB'

Experts suggest strict monitoring to check sale of ingredients

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The deadly explosive triacetone triperoxide or TATP, used by terrorists in Paris, Brussels and London attacks, has of late become "Neo JMB" militants' explosive of choice in Bangladesh, say bomb experts.

The experts said they had found evidence of its use in militant dens in Rajshahi, Jhenidah and Moulvibazar.

The trace of the easy-to-make TATP, known as "the mother of Satan", was found in surgical belts militants use these days instead of suicide belts, and in other bombs.



Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

He also said some acid needed for making the explosive could easily be found in batteries.

Md Moniruzzaman, assistant inspector general (confidential) at Police Headquarters, told The Daily Star that militants were using

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Trump 'very different' in real life

Says Putin

AFP, Hamburg

President Vladimir Putin yesterday said he expects Russian-US cooperation will improve under Donald Trump and that the American is "very different" in real life.

The comments came a day after the pair held talks in Hamburg, their first face-to-face encounter.

"The Trump that you see on TV is very different than the real Trump," Putin told reporters at the G20 in Germany.

"He perfectly understands whom he is talking to and answers questions quickly. I think personal

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Concessions made to US for unity at G20

Stormy riot-hit summit ends

AFP, Hamburg

World leaders yesterday made concessions on trade and climate language to Donald Trump at the end of the most fractious and riot-hit G20 summit ever, in exchange for preserving a fragile unity of the club of major industrialised and emerging economies.

In a departure from final summit declarations that tend to outline consensus on issues that range from fighting terrorism to financial governance,

the extraordinary conclusions this year spelled out differences on core issues.

It acknowledged Trump's decision to go his own way on taking the United States out of the 2015 Paris climate accord and clearly stated Washington's wish to continue using and selling fossil fuels that are a main driver of global warming.

The declaration also stated for the first time the right of countries to protect their markets with "legitimate trade defence instruments" -- wording

that essentially gives Trump wiggle room to push on with his "America First" policy.

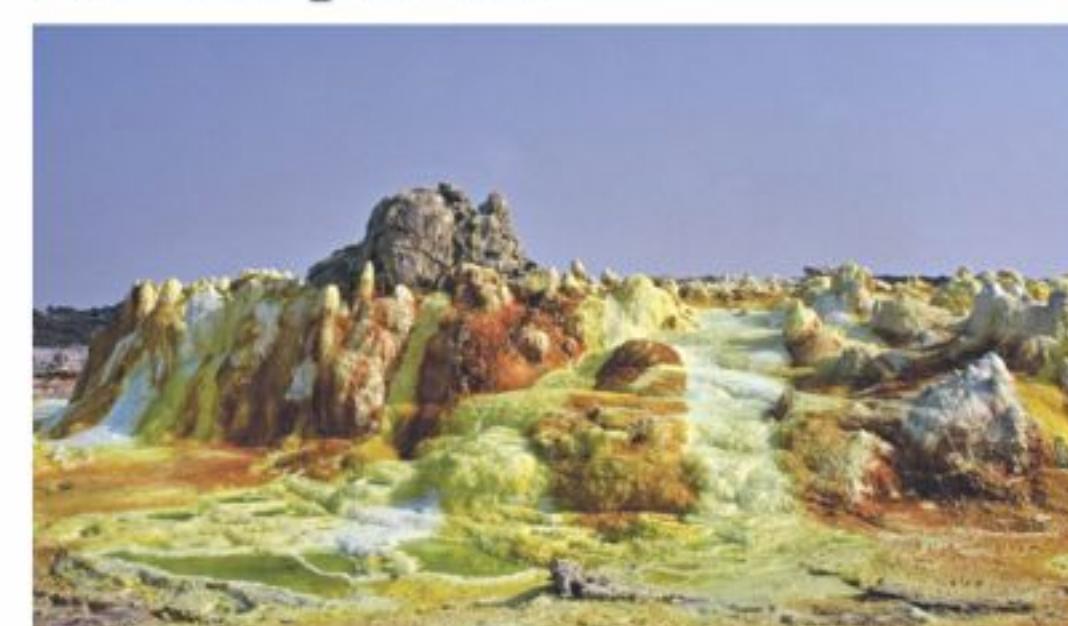
Trump, carried to the White House on a wave of public fury over deindustrialisation in vast areas of the United States, had launched "Buy American" and "Hire American" campaigns.

The nationalistic stance has set him on collision course with many of America's allies, who warned Trump

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Mars on Earth

The most alien place on the planet



CNN ONLINE

At the juncture of three tectonic plates in northeastern Ethiopia is an other-worldly and sunken plain. The heat quivers here. Rock formations are colored by minerals in oozing volcanic psychedelia. The Danakil Depression is one of the hottest and most hostile places on earth.

Not much can survive in Danakil. The average year-round temperature is 34.4 degrees Celsius and the area gets about 100 millimetres of rain per annum.

At 100 meters below sea level, it's one of the lowest places on earth. It was once the seabed of the Red Sea. Thousands of years later it is a dry and cracked ground.

Astonishingly, humans live here. For the Afar people it's home. Accompanied with long lines of

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