



Heavy smoke billows following an airstrike on the western frontline of Raqqa yesterday during an offensive by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, a majority Kurdish and Arab alliance, to retake the city from Islamic State (IS) group fighters.

PHOTO: AFP

MIGRANT PRESSURE

# Italy delays citizenship rights bill

AFP, Rome

Italy's government has delayed a parliamentary vote on a citizenship rights bill as tensions rise over the number of migrants arriving on the country's shores.

The proposal to give children born on Italian soil to foreign parents citizenship rights at birth or after at least five years of Italian schooling enjoys the support of Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni's centre-left Democratic Party (PD).

But Gentiloni said late Sunday that the bill would be dropped until later in the year considering other "urgent deadlines" and "difficulties that have arisen on certain fringes of the majority".

He gave his "personal commitment" to ensure the bill was approved in the autumn.

Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano, who leads a small centrist party in the ruling coalition, had said that while the bill had his support in principle, he could not guarantee the necessary votes in favour considering the current climate.

A poll last week showed the bill is losing support among Italians, even though such a path to citizenship exists in many other EU countries, and despite supporters insisting the draft law has nothing to do with newly-arrived migrants.

Over 86,000 migrants have arrived so far this year, up over 10 percent compared with the same period in 2016.

The left-leaning La Repubblica daily called on the political class to "be straight with Italians and dismantle lies".

"This law has nothing to do with those who are disembarking on our coasts," it said.

# Ukraine wants Russia held to account over MH17 downing

AFP, Kiev

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko yesterday insisted Russia must be held to account over the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, three years on from the tragedy that killed 298 people.

International investigators have said the Boeing airliner flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was blown out of the sky over conflict-ravaged east Ukraine on July 17, 2014 by a Buk missile system brought in from Russia and fired from territory held by Moscow-backed rebels.

The probe being led by The Netherlands -- which suffered the majority of losses -- is focusing on some 100 people suspected of having played an "active role" in the incident, but the investigators have not publicly named any suspects.

The West and Kiev are adamant that all the evidence points to the insurgents and Moscow.

Russia and the separatist authorities it supports, however, continue to deny any involvement and have sought repeatedly to deflect the blame onto Ukraine.

"It was a barefaced crime that could have been avoided if not for the Russian aggression, Russian system and Russian missile that came from Russian territory," Poroshenko wrote on Facebook.

"Our responsibility before the dead and before future generations is to show to the aggressor terrorists that responsibility is unavoidable for all the crimes committed."

# Akhaura OC

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writ petition filed by the businessman, Azad Hossain Bhuiyan challenging the legality of the police report.

OC Mosharraf Hossain Tarafdar will have to explain in court as to why he mentioned Azad, of Bara Kuripika village in Akhaura, as dead in the report.

Petitioner's lawyer Kaiser Zahid Bhuiyan told The Daily Star that Azad wanted to go to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj later in this month.

A permanent resident and businessman of Akhaura upazila, he had already deposited required fees to the authority for hajj pilgrimage and a passport, Kaiser said, adding that a police clearance document is required for those wishing to go for the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah.

But the OC submitted a police verification report to the Special

Branch office, saying that Azad had died. The report was posted on the website of the ministry of religious affairs on June 20.

The court issued a rule yesterday asking the respondents to explain in a week why the police report should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries to the ministries of home and religious affairs, inspector general of police, superintendent of police of Brahmanbaria and OC Mosharraf have been made respondents.

Lawyer Kaiser said his client had filed a writ petition with the HC on July 11 seeking a correction of the report so that he could go to Saudi Arabia for hajj.

He added that he had advised his client not to go to his village in Akhaura for some days, apprehending that police might kill him to prove that the police report was correct.

# Voter roll

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said in parliament that 20 to 25 percent people in Cox's Bazar are now Rohingya and they are harming Bangladesh in many socio-economic, political and environmental aspects.

He said some 33,000 Rohingyas, registered as refugees, are living in two camps run by United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Cox's Bazar.

But it is estimated that some three to four lakh unregistered Myanmar citizens have been staying in as many as five districts, including Cox's Bazar, the foreign minister said.

Mahmood Ali said some 75,000 Myanmar citizens have entered Bangladesh since October 2016 till last month, following the military drives in Rakhine state.

There is an allegation that the Rohingyas, with the help of local people, managed to procure national ID cards and passports using which some even went abroad and got involved in

activities that tarnished the international image of Bangladesh.

In 2010, the commission dropped the names of 45,866 Rohingyas after scrutinising the draft voter list in six upazilas of Cox's Bazar.

The next parliamentary election, scheduled to be held late next year, would be using the updated voter list.

Replying to another query, the secretary said special initiatives were taken this time to increase female voters.

People born on or before January 1, 2000 will be qualified to become voters this time, he said.

The draft updated voter list will be published on January 2 next to receive and dispose of any complaints over it, if any, he said, adding that the commission will publish the final updated voter list on January 31.

Currently, there are over 10.14 crore voters in Bangladesh and the commission expects that some 35 lakh new voters will be included this year.

# Trudeau

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winter accompanied by their daughter Naya, who is 4, and their son Nael who is 3.

Mini Trudeau was born in Calgary - a city near the Canadian Rockies which is home to around 1,000 Syrian refugees - in May of this year.

The family's opportunity to flee Syria came five years into the atrocities of the war. After learning Canada was starting to take in Syrian refugees after Trudeau became Prime Minister, they jumped at the chance to leave.

Just over 40,000 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Canada since Trudeau took office in November 2015. In December 2015, the world leader personally welcomed the first plane-load of Syrian refugees at Toronto airport and was seen handing out winter coats.

But adjusting to life in Canada has

been devoid of obstacles. Syrian families have discussed the difficulty of finding jobs and learning English or French. What's more, some settlement agencies have condemned the federal government for not going far enough to help refugees settle into their new lives.

Last year, John McCallum, Canada's minister for immigration, refugees and citizenship, said the government had boosted money for language training to tackle nationwide shortages.

After President Donald Trump sought to introduce his hard-line immigration ban, Trudeau vocally restated the country's open-door refugee policy. He wrote on Twitter: "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength".

In total, roughly 12.5 million Syrians - six out of 10 - are displaced from their homes.

# UAE behind Qatar

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US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Thursday returned to the United States from his shuttle diplomacy in the Gulf region to try to resolve the dispute. His visit had yielded little except for a bilateral agreement between the US and Qatar to fight "terrorism".

"Tillerson's spokesperson has said that [Qatar-Gulf crisis negotiations] may be a long process to find any sort of common ground in resolving this conflict," said Zhou-Castro of Al Jazeera.

"But with this new information - that certainly throws a wrench in these negotiations - it remains to be seen exactly where things will go."

Qatar said in June it had proof that the recent hacking of its state-run news agency and government social media accounts was linked to countries that have recently cut ties with it.

"Qatar has evidence that certain iPhones originating from countries

laying siege to Qatar were used in the hack," Ali Bin Fetais al-Marri, Qatar's attorney general, told reporters in the capital, Doha, on June 21.

Khalil Jahshan, executive director at the Arab Center Washington, DC, told Al Jazeera the revelations are the most important development so far since the beginning of the crisis and undermined the Emirati position.

"It illustrates that Qatar, from the very beginning of this crisis, by inviting both US and British intelligence services to help investigate this was a step in the right direction," he said

"And now the results are out in public and they confirm that hacking has taken place and the quotes that precipitated this crisis by the emir of Qatar were fabricated and resulting from this hacking."

Jahshan said the revelations should have an effect on the mediation efforts, although the signs during the crisis so far have not been encouraging.

## DRIVING AGAINST TRAFFIC

# JnU students scuffle with policeman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Jagannath University (JnU) students yesterday engaged in a scuffle with a traffic sergeant after he stopped two buses carrying them from driving on the wrong side at Banglamotor intersection in the capital.

The incident took place at around 5:15pm while two double-decker busses of JnU tried to move towards Sonargaon Hotel intersection form Banglamotor, police said.

"The on-duty traffic sergeant, Kaiser Hamid stopped the busses. The students then engaged in an altercation with the sergeant. Later, it turned into a scuffle," said Mehedi Hasan, additional deputy commissioner (traffic south) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

No complaint was made to any nearby police station in connection with the incident, he said, adding that buses with JnU students had driven on the wrong side before.

Contacted, JnU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mijanur Rahman said he learnt about the incident from a newspaper's website and got a photo.

"It is a reprehensible and unexpected incident. I will hand over the photo to the university proctor tomorrow [today] to identify the students and take action so that such incident does not take place in future."

# Teacher missing for 15 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female teacher of the city's Maple Leaf International School has been missing for the last 15 days.

Ferdousi Ekram Fousia, aged around 30, is a teacher of mathematics in the senior section of the school's Dhanmodi campus, said Shomir Chandra Sutradhar, inspector (investigation) of Kalabagan Police Station.

Fousia left home on the evening of July 2, saying she was going to meet a student, the inspector said quoting family members.

AKM Ehsan Ullah, elder brother of Fousia, filed a general diary with Kalabagan Police Station the next day in connection with her going missing. The unmarried teacher was living with her family at an apartment in the capital's Kalabagan, police said.

Inspector Shomir said police were yet to find any clue about the missing case.

# Two killed

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Sikhder, elder brother of Al Mahmud, however, said his brother had been missing for the last three days.

Mahmud worked in a workshop in Daulatpur area of Khulna city. The two deceased men have been friends since their school days, he said.

"On Sunday we came to know that police arrested him. We tried to trace him but were not able to get any information. We also went to Khulna Press Club to ask for help from journalists but all our efforts were in vain," said a distressed Al Amin.

The other "gunfight" took place at Government Girls High School (Monnujan School) of Boyra area in Khulna city with Sonadanga Thana police in the early hours of Monday.

The injured Yeasin Ahmed, 30, was sent to Khulna Medical College Hospital and later moved to Dhaka Medical College Hospital when his condition deteriorated.

# Sri Lanka univ faces animal cruelty charge

AFP, Colombo

A Sri Lankan university was fending off allegations of animal cruelty yesterday after being accused of inhumanely killing dozens of cats and dogs in a mass cull on campus.

Tranquilliser darts were used to sedate the stray animals at the prestigious University of Moratuwa but many died from the dose, activists said.

"This is cruel and brutal treatment of animals and we want action taken against those responsible," animal rights activist Wibodha Ambeygoda told AFP.

She said university authorities removed paralysed animals from the campus and dumped them 20 kilometres (12 miles) away to die.

A spokesman for the university said a private company was contracted to cull the stray animals from the campus.

Sri Lanka has strict flora and fauna laws, and cruelty to animals is punishable with up to five years in jail.

# India defends shelling after 4 Pak troops killed

AFP, New Delhi

India has defended shelling across a disputed border that allegedly killed four Pakistani soldiers, saying yesterday it had the right to retaliate over "ceasefire violations" in the Kashmir region.

The military heads of India and Pakistan spoke by phone after Islamabad accused New Delhi of bombing one of its military vehicles Sunday, killing four of its troops in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

In a statement following the call, the Indian army said that "all ceasefire violations were initiated by Pakistan Army and the Indian Army only responded appropriately to them".

India was also targeting "armed intruders" attempting to cross the Line of Control -- the de facto Kashmir border -- in close proximity to Pakistani army posts, the statement added.

Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the end of British colonial rule in 1947. Both claim the Himalayan territory in full

and the countries have fought two wars over the region.

The neighbours regularly exchange mortar fire across the border despite signing a ceasefire in 2003.

The Indian army said it wanted peace at the border but "reserved the right to retaliate appropriately" for ceasefire violations.

Tensions between the two sides reached dangerous levels last September, with both sides blaming one another for cross-border raids.

In November, at least nine people were killed when Indian cross border fire hit a passenger bus in the Neelum Valley, the same region where the four Pakistani troops were allegedly killed.

There have since been repeated outbreaks of firing across the frontier, with both sides reporting deaths and injuries including of civilians.

Yesterday, a nine-year-old girl and a soldier were killed in Indian-administered Kashmir after Pakistani troops fired along the border in Poonch district, the Press Trust of India reported.

# Three of them

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Qawmi Madrasa, came to Dhaka from Shankivanga village in Mymensingh around a year ago and started working at a mosque as Imam.

"He stopped being in touch with us seven or eight months ago," his elder brother Tofail Ahmed said.

The family, however, said they didn't know whether he was picked up by someone.

The four suspects were produced in a Dhaka court yesterday in a case filed by Rab with Savar Police Station on April 28. The Court placed each on a four-day remand.

Rab filed two more cases with Ashulia Police Station against the four young men.

The suspects surrendered to Rab officers on Sunday, about 12 hours after Rab personnel cordoned off a tinshed house in Ashulia.

The third arrestee Rashedun Nabi Rashed, 22, of Gaibandha's Fulchori upazila, left his mess in Bogra's Sutrapur with two unknown persons on May 1, said his brother-in-law

Nazmul Rahman.

Rashed was a student of SAIC Institute of Medical Technology in Bogra. His brother Raihan Islam filed a general diary with Bogra Sadar Police Station on May 28.

On the other hand Alamgir Hossen, 18, of Sunamganj's Jamalganj upazila, was the eldest of three siblings. He dropped out of Madrasa after class-VII and started working in a spinning mill in Dhaka.

"My son came home in March. About one and a half month ago, I got his last phone call. I asked him to give me Tk 500. He sent the money but didn't call me after that," his father Abdul Hannan said.

Rab-4 Commanding Officer Khandaker Lutful Kabir said they will interrogate the men to find out how they gathered in the Ashulia den from different districts.

Our correspondents in Mymensingh, Savar, Gaibandha, Moulvibazar contributed to this report.

# HC verdict

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a Dhaka court sentenced eight activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League to death and 13 others to life imprisonment for killing Biswajit.

The court observed that footage of the murder broadcast on national and international media shocked all. The brutality of the offence had tarnished the country's image before the entire world, said Judge ABM Nizamul Haque of Speedy Trial Tribunal-4.

The condemned BCL men are Rafiqul Islam Shakil, Mahfuzur Rahman Nahid, Emdadul Haque Emdad, GM Rasheduzzaman Shaon, Md Saiful Islam, Qayum Mia Tipu, Rajon Talukdar and Noor-e-Alam Limon. Of them, Rajon and Limon are on the run.

The ones given life imprisonment are AHM Kibria, Saiful Islam Saiful, Golam Mustafa, Alauddin, Obaidul Quader Tahsin, Imran Hossain, Khandaker Md Yunus Ali, Tarique Bin Zohur, Azizur Rahman, Al Amin

Sheikh, Monirul Haque Pavel, Mosharraf Hossain and Kamrul Hasan.

Of them, only Kibria and Mustafa are behind bars while the rest are absconding.

Fourteen appeals were filed with the HC by the convicts challenging the lower court verdict.

During the hearing, Deputy Attorney General Nazibur Rahman prayed to the HC to uphold the trial court verdict, saying that the allegations were proved beyond reasonable doubt.

Meanwhile, the defence counsels prayed to the HC to acquit the accused persons, who filed the appeals, saying that there was no eye witness in the case.

The accused were convicted and sentenced by the lower court on the basis of video footage and still images of the incident, they argued.

Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury Yusuf Hossain Humayun, SN Shahjahan, among other lawyers argued in defence of the accused.

# বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র

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