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# 'All US' within missile range

Claims North Korea leader after new ICBM test; Tillerson says China, Russia must take 'responsibility' for rising threat

AFP, Seoul

Kim Jong-Un yesterday boasted of North Korea's ability to strike any target in the US after a second ICBM test that weapons experts said could even bring New York into range -- in a potent challenge to President Donald Trump.

China condemned the test but US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Beijing and Moscow bore "unique responsibility" for the growing threat posed by the reclusive North.

Under Kim's leadership North Korea has accelerated its drive towards a credible nuclear strike capability, in defiance of international condemnation and multiple sets of UN sanctions.

Kim said the test "is meant to send a grave warning to the US" and demonstrated the North's ability to launch "at any place and time," the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

The "leader said proudly the test also confirmed all the US mainland is within our striking range," it said.

Trump denounced the launch as "reckless and dangerous" and rejected Pyongyang's claims that such tests helped ensure its security.

"The United States will take all necessary steps to ensure the security of the American homeland and protect our allies in the region."

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Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group, received the prestigious "SAARC Outstanding Leader" award from Ravi Dhariwal, left, former chief executive officer of India's largest newspaper group The Times of India, in Mumbai Friday night while D Shivakumar, chairman of PepsiCo's India region, claps.

PHOTO: ALBUMMED

## Latifur Rahman receives 'SAARC Outstanding Leader' award

STAR REPORT

Transcom Group Chairman Latifur Rahman has been honoured with the prestigious "SAARC Outstanding Leader" award for setting a "rare example" of doing business by upholding moral values while also fulfilling the organisation's social responsibilities.

Ravi Dhariwal, former chief executive officer of The Times of India, India's largest newspaper group, handed over the award on behalf of CEO Awards, the organiser, at the Taj Lands End Hotel in Mumbai on Friday night.

In an instant reaction, Ravi said the organisers were proud to honour an "appropriate personality" with the award.

PepsiCo's India Region Chairman D Shivakumar introduced Latifur to the Banquet Hall where more than 50 top CEOs and industrialists were present.

Shivakumar said the

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## SOCIAL BUSINESS Experiences, ideas shared at conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day social business conference ended yesterday where entrepreneurs, investors, practitioners and experts from various countries shared their experiences and ideas tied to the new business theory pioneered by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

The informal meeting was at the capital's Yunus Centre that promotes work and philosophies of the Bangladeshi economist.

At the country forum, participants from countries including Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand discussed the current state of social business in their nations, according to an official of Yunus Centre which also organised the event.

How social business will be in future was discussed as the two-day Social Business Day celebrations concluded, according to a statement issued by the centre.

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## Efforts to be made to end migration of coastal people

Water Conference adopts 'Delta Coalition Dhaka Declaration'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Delta Coalition members have decided to introduce some programmes to stop ongoing migration and displacement of coastal people.

They have also agreed to actively address the situation emanating from the permanent loss of cultivable land and human habitats owing to coastal soil erosion, sea level rise and coastal flooding, land subsidence due to over extraction of underground water.

The policymakers of the platform came up with 20 decisions as mentioned in the "Delta Coalition Dhaka Declaration" adopted yesterday at Dhaka Water Conference 2017.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the coalition's ministerial conference at Sonargaon Hotel. Ministers from three Delta Coalition member countries and high-level representatives from eight other member states attended the meeting.

Speaking at the programme, the PM said projects were being implemented to ensure supply of safe water to all divisional cities from surface water sources by 2021.

She said new canals were being excavated in the capital and initiatives

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## NU EXAM CENTRE AL postpones rally, but it's little too late

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Amid criticism from different quarters, the public meeting of local Awami League, which was scheduled to be held yesterday at a National University examination centre in Gazipur, was postponed.

As many as 1,600 students of Tongi Government College were to take their master's exams starting at 1:30pm at Bhawal Badre Alam Government College exam centre. Instead, exams were conducted at nearby schools and colleges.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader was supposed to attend the meeting as the chief guest.

Considering the examinees' sufferings, the

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## Dream electric car for masses!

Tesla begins delivering 'Model 3' cars



AFP, Fremont

Tesla began delivering on a dream to make an electric car for the masses, rolling out its "Model 3," aiming to disrupt a world accustomed to automobiles powered by pollution-spewing fossil fuel.

An initial batch of the 'Model 3' cars that rolled out of the Tesla plant in Fremont, California late Friday were given to customers, most of whom were employees of the company.

Tesla founder and chief Elon Musk proclaimed it a great day for the company, saying the goal was to make a terrific electric car "that everyone can buy."

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## Trump aide's Dhaka visit postponed

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka visit of US President's Deputy Assistant Lisa Curtis has been postponed at the last moment.

The US cited "bad weather" in Washington as the reason for the postponement, a senior foreign ministry official told UNB yesterday.

Lisa, also a senior director for South and Central Asia at the National Security Council, was scheduled to reach Dhaka this morning.

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A scuffle breaks out between teachers and demonstrating students outside DU Senate Building yesterday. Inset, students trying to break through the gate of the building, protesting the absence of students' representatives in the senate and demanding Ducsu polls.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## 6 Bangladeshis killed in Saudi road crash

UNB, Dhaka

Six Bangladesh nationals, including two siblings, were killed in a road accident in Saudi Arabia on Thursday night.

Five of the deceased were identified as Ershad Bepari, 25, his younger brother Humayun Bepari, 20, Miraz Mondol, 26, Kobbat Khan, 25, and Idris Dewan, 30.

The six Bangladeshis along with five Saudi citizens were returning to their homes from their workplace at Dammam in a microbus which collided with another bus around 9:00pm (BST). All 11 passengers died on the spot.

## Boko Haram ambush death toll hits 69

AFP, Kano

At least 69 people are known to have died in a Boko Haram ambush of an oil exploration team in northeast Nigeria, as three men kidnapped by the jihadists made a video appeal.

Experts said the attack -- Boko Haram's bloodiest this year -- underscored the persistent threat it poses, despite government claims the group is a spent force.

"So far the death toll stands at 69," said an aid agency worker involved in the recovery of bodies after the attack in the Magumeri area of Borno state on Tuesday.

The worker, who asked not to be identified because he was not authorised to speak to the media, said 19 soldiers, 33 civilian militia and 17 civilians were killed.

"The last body was recovered Friday in the bush in the Geidam district of neighbouring Yobe state, which is several kilometres from the scene of the ambush," he told AFP.

"It shows the victim, who had gunshot wounds, died

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