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ANTI-TERROR DRIVE
Bangladeshis among 400 held in KL

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of Southeast Asia's biggest sporting event in mid-August, Malaysian authorities in a counter-terrorism operation have detained over 400 people, mostly foreign workers.

Those held in a series of raids in the capital Kuala Lumpur were mainly from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, media reports quoting officials said.

The police crackdown in Kuala Lumpur netted 409 people on Sunday. Malaysia's top anti-terror official, Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay, told BernaNews.

Of those, 275 were released, 135 were detained on suspicion of immigration violations and one

Remove Nawaz from party helm

Pakistan EC asks ruling PML-N as party drops plans for ex-PM's brother to replace him

AGENCIES

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) yesterday issued a notice to Pakistan ruling party for the appointment of a new party leader, DawnNews reported.

The report came as party sources said that the brother of ousted Pakistani leader Nawaz Sharif will not contest a parliamentary by-election for the vacant seat, effectively scuttling previous plans for him to take over as prime minister in September.

The ECP in the notice said that under the Political Parties Order 2002, a disqualified lawmaker cannot hold any office in a political party. The notification also referred to the Supreme Court order on the Panama Papers case, in which Nawaz Sharif was formally asked to step down as prime minister.

The ECP also observed that Article 15 of the PML-N's own party constitution says that if the seat of party president is vacant, it is to be filled within one week's time.



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Commuters stuck in long tailbacks on Airport Road in the capital around 9:00am yesterday. Drivers said area roads are gridlocked during the rush hour every day. The situation was worse yesterday as the vehicles going downtown waited in tailbacks for several hours.

PHOTO: PRABER DAS

UK hopes for inclusive polls in Bangladesh

REZAUL KARIM

The UK yesterday called for making Bangladesh's next national election participatory for a sustainable democracy in the country.

It is important to the UK that the elections are free and fair, said visiting British Foreign Office Minister for the Commonwealth and the United Nations Lord Tariq Ahmad.

He said participation in the polls should be the first priority of all political parties in Bangladesh to advance the democratic values and the UK would keep an eye on Bangladesh's political developments.

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Indian police couple faked Everest climb!

AFP, New Delhi

Two Indian police officers who falsely claimed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest last year

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ACC hotline awash with complaints

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has received more than one lakh complaints in its hotline in last nine days and sent around 300 of those to its respective divisions for enquiry.

If the commission finds the complaints to have had merit, they would file cases against the respective persons involved in corruption.

The ACC launched the hotline 106 on July 27 and has so far received 1.12 lakh calls from across the country.

About 50 percent of the complaints came from Rajshahi, Rangpur and Khulna divisions and 23 percent of the total complaints were against bribe.

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MEETING WITH NOAB
Muhith for more discussion on wage board

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said there would be further discussions on wage board for journalists.

He argued that the salaries and allowances given in five categories in the newspaper industry were

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Becoming estranged from cultural roots

Indigenous children living in the capital are left with little choice

MATHEWS CHIRAN

Indigenous children and students living in the capital have little access to their own culture and many of them tend to communicate in Bangla even at home to learn the language better for fully fitting into the mainstream society.

They also don't get enough scope to practice their mother tongue properly as their schools run all their academic activities either in Bangla or English.

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