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AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH with ANDREW EAGLE

Second-year degree student Munni Akter, 21, from Barguna, needs a job in order to build a secure future. Her chances of getting a good job at first seemed slim since she has no fingers on her left hand. Yet, like thousands of people with disabilities before her, Munni has found hope in a joint project organised by the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) based in Savar, and British retailing giant Marks and Spencers. Since 2006 the 'Marks and Starts' project has been offering vocational training to prepare participants for meaningful employment.

"After I finish my two months of training in sewing

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Devotees gather on Laboni beach in Cox's Bazar before the immersion of Goddess Durga's idol in the Bay yesterday evening.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

HILSA NETTING 22-day ban begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Fishing Directorate ban on fishing for Hilsa in open water sources comes into effect from early today.

The ban will last till October 22 for safe spawning of Hilsa to boost Hilsa resources in the country.

Fish traders and fishermen have meanwhile again demanded proper compensation for the duration of the ban. They claimed that all their members have not been taken into account while deciding compensation during the period.

Israil Pandit, president of Bangladesh Khudra Matasyajibi Samity, said they are not protesting the government ban but calling on the authorities for sufficient compensation for the fishermen affected by the ban.

Bazlur Rashid, deputy director of fishing directorate and divisional fishery officer Barisal, said the district and upazila administrations and law enforcers including navy, coast guards, have been asked to

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At least 97 killed in 'crossfire' in 9 months: ASK

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 97 people were killed in what law enforcement agencies claimed were incidents of crossfire between them and armed gangs in the last nine months.

Of the incidents that took place between January and September, 64 involved police, 20 Rapid Action Battalion, 12 detectives and one both Rab and police, said a report published by Ain o Salish Kendra yesterday.

In the same period, 14 convicts and 24 suspects died in jail.

During the same period last year, 107 people were killed in "crossfire".

The rights group says plainclothes men identifying themselves as law enforcers picked up 50 people in the last nine months. Only seven of them returned home, bullet-ridden bodies of two were found and law enforcers claimed to have arrested three later.

None of the law enforcement agencies admitted picking up any of them.

The data was based on ASK's own findings and reports published in eight national dailies.

It also added that 15 people were shot dead by law enforcers before they were arrested.

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Scandal-hit US health secy quits

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump's embattled health secretary was forced out of the US administration Friday amid a scandal over his use of costly private jets for government travel.

Tom Price was the latest top official to join in a stream of steady and embarrassing exits from a White House administration that has stumbled from one scandal or self-inflicted wound to another since Trump took power in January.

Price, a wealthy orthopedic surgeon and former lawmaker from Georgia, is the most senior official to be forced out so far.

The scandal that ultimately doomed the 62-year-old has been brewing for days, placing Trump, whose campaign pledges included one to clean up Washington wastefulness and sleaze, in an increasingly difficult position.

The announcement of his resignation came less than an hour after Trump told reporters that Price had not offered to resign, but that his fate would be decided later Friday.

For days Price battled to keep a position he had held for less than eight months, after it emerged he had repeatedly used taxpayer funds to hire chartered jets.

In all, Price has flown on 26 separate trips this year on private aircraft, totaling some \$400,000, according to Politico.

He tried to put a lid on the scandal by paying back what turned out to be a fraction of the costs.



Tom Price

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REPATRIATION TALKS Myanmar team due today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Myanmar delegation is coming to Dhaka tonight to discuss repatriation of the refugees who have fled to Bangladesh to escape violence in Rakhine State.

The delegation led by a minister of Myanmar's State Counsellor Office, U Kyaw Tint Swe, would hold a meeting with Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at 10:00am tomorrow, foreign ministry officials told The Daily Star.

The delegation would discuss the means of carrying out "repatriation of thousands of Muslim refugees as fast as possible based on the 1993 Myanmar-Bangladesh agreement", Myanmar's Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Minister Win Myat Aye told The Myanmar Times.

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School stays open for one student



MAIL ONLINE

She plays alone at break, has her packed lunch with staff and team sports are out of the question.

For one 10-year-old girl, this is a normal school day - as she is the only pupil there.

The Year 6 student receives a 'full curriculum' in brightly decorated classrooms that were previously packed with children.

Despite having only a solitary pupil, there is a full-time teacher, a part-time headteacher, support teachers and a receptionist.

The bizarre situation at Ings Community Primary and Nursery School in Skipton, North Yorkshire, has come about because of plans to close it in December.

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Trump slams Puerto Ricans

AFP, San Juan

President Donald Trump yesterday accused Puerto Ricans of wanting "everything to be done for them," even as criticism grew that federal relief efforts amid devastating hurricane damage have fallen desperately short.

While much of the US territory remained without power, fresh water or communications links long after the catastrophic passage of Hurricane Maria, reports

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AZAN	4-35	12-45	4-15	6-00	7-30
JAMAAT	5-10	1-15	4-30	6-05	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The installation of the first of 41 spans on piers of the Padma Bridge was completed yesterday. The photo was taken at Shariatpur's Zajira.

Girl 'gang-raped' in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A 14-year-old girl was gang-raped in Thakurgaon Sadar on Friday night, police said.

Her father filed a case against five people under the women and children repression prevention act yesterday morning.

One of the accused, Manjurul of Madhabpur Dangapara in Thakurgaon Sadar, was arrested later in the day but the other four were absconding.

Quoting the case statement, local police station OC Pradip Kumar Roy said the girl along with her cousin-brother went to visit a puja mandap in Akhangarh Keranipara area around 9:30pm.

While they were returning home, Manjurul and four of his friends stopped them near Madhabpur Dangapara area. They brutally beat up the girl's cousin-brother and gagged her and took her to a nearby litchi orchard where they "gang-raped" her, he said.

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Imrul Kayes

He is one half of Bangladesh's most successful opening pair, one of their longest-serving players with a career just short of nine years and counting, while also being the nearly man of Bangladesh cricket.

A bundle of contradictions, Imrul Kayes has played 31 and missed 48 of Bangladesh's Tests since his debut in South Africa in November 2008. There is good reason for him being the nearly man, because he has had long, unproductive stretches. His first half-century came in his 12th match, against England at Lord's in May 2010, the match in which his opening partner Tamim Iqbal scored that famous century. It was also a match where the duo put on stands of 88 and 185, and that is where Imrul's value truly lies.

Although his first Test century, against Sri Lanka in Chittagong 2014, was scored at number three he has otherwise formed the country's best opening partnership with Tamim, the peak of which was a record 312-run fourth-innings partnership in Khulna against Pakistan in 2015 with Imrul's contribution being 150.

He has enjoyed limited success in ODI cricket, with an electric century against England in October 2016 a special highlight. However, a Test average of 26.55 and ODI average of 28.75 mean that Imrul may well continue to be the nearly man.

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