

'FEELS LIKE 1930S'

Novelist Margaret Atwood likens Trump's America with pre-WWII Europe



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11 'charges' against CJ

Graft, money-laundering among those, says SC statement; AG terms his rejoining office a 'far cry'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha is facing 11 charges, including money laundering and corruption, the Supreme Court said in a statement yesterday, a day after he left the country for Australia.



President Abdul Hamid informed the judges of the SC's Appellate Division about the allegations last month and they discussed the allegations with Justice Sinha, it mentioned.

"But, as the five judges did not get an acceptable explanation or a satisfactory answer [from the CJ] during the long discussion [with him], they categorically told him that 'in this situation, it would not be possible for them to conduct trial proceedings sitting in the same bench with him until

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Rohingya refugees walk back after collecting health and sanitation aid at the Balukhali refugee camp in Ukhia of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Get Rohingyas back home

Kofi Annan asks UN Security Council to pressurise Myanmar

STAR REPORT

Former UN chief Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Friday to push for the return to Myanmar of hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas who have been driven out in an army campaign.



Annan, who leads the Rakhine's Advisory Commission, said world powers must work with the country's military and civilian leaders to end the refugee crisis, reports AFP.

The Security Council is weighing action, possibly a resolution laying out demands, but diplomats have said China, a supporter of Myanmar's former ruling junta, and Russia are opposed to such a measure.

"I hope the resolution that comes out urges the government to really press ahead and create conditions that would allow the refugees to return with dignity and with a sense of security," Annan told reporters after a closed-door meeting with the council at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Representatives from Myanmar and Bangladesh, as well as MORE ON PAGE 3, 16 SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

It's fake

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An image of a fake front page of The Daily Star's October 14 issue was circulated on social media yesterday.

In the image, it is seen that The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam wrote a commentary (headlined "A disgrace to Bangladesh" and under the second headline "As if we are heading to jungle law").

The fact is Mahfuz Anam has not written any commentary recently.

The lead story in the page under the headline

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Comes wonder wheat

Fungus-resistant, zinc-rich variety to bring smile to growers

REAZ AHMAD

It's a double delight for wheat growers in Bangladesh.

They can now rejoice for having a variety that is resistant to fungal disease "wheat blast" and also rich in zinc -- a crucial micronutrient that helps eradicate childhood stunting.

Scientists at the Wheat Research Centre (WRC) in Dinajpur have long been trying to develop a homegrown wheat variety that would be rich in zinc content.

HarvestPlus, a global biofortification mission launched in



2004 under the Washington-based Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, provided WRC with the much-needed support.

And a wheat line -- BAW 1260 -- was almost ready for release as a variety with promise of containing 55 parts

per million zinc as against 40 ppm in other existing varieties.

But then wheat blast struck Bangladesh for the first time early last year and again had a recurrence early this year, damaging substantial wheat acreage.

Scientists at WRC started rebreeding the promising wheat line so that they could develop a variety rich in zinc and also resistant to blast. And success came their way.

Convinced, the National Seed Board (NSB) gave approval to the new variety last week naming it as "Bari Gom-33".

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Food relief to continue

Says WFP; flow of relief from NGOs, individuals falls

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT from Cox's Bazar

World Food Programme will provide rice, pulse, oil and other daily necessities to Rohingyas well into next year.

Individual and private relief efforts are, however, on the wane as the crisis lingers.

On September 15, for example, government relief receiving and information centres in Teknaf registered 193 trucks laden with relief goods. The number gradually declined and only 68 trucks were registered on Wednesday.

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Can the Tigers knuckle down?

Mustafizur ruled out

SAKEB SUBHAN from Kimberley

Just as the returns of ODI skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Shakib Al Hasan and the likely comeback of Tamim Iqbal seemed to be bolstering Bangladesh, they suffered a major blow when

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LIFEBUOY AIMING FOR A GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ TITLE

On 14 October, Lifebuoy attempted the **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™** title for the **Largest human image of a hand** to mark Global Handwashing Day 2017.

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