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Four Rohingya refugees trampled to death by elephant in Ukhia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Four Rohingya refugees, including three children, were trampled to death by an elephant in Ukhia's reserve forest area.

The deceased were identified as Taslima, 32, Rumana, 11 and, siblings Salma, 7 and Safuna, 2.

The wild elephant was trying to cross Balukhali Refugee Camp-1 around 5:00am when the incident happened said Md Ali Kabir, divisional forest officer of Cox's Bazar South Forest Division.

Rumana and Salma died on the spot while Taslima and Safuna succumbed to their injuries on the way to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, the forest official said.

Three others injured in the incident were also admitted to the hospital.

Two other people in the same upazila were killed in similar incidents recently.

Over 536,000 Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh after violence broke out in their homeland in Myanmar's Rakhine.

Experts say many parts of the 30,000 acres of forest land in Ukhia have already been razed and the new Rohingya settlements could be the final nail in the coffin for large mammals in the forest.

Talking to The Daily Star on September 23, biodiversity expert Anisuzzaman, chief adviser of Isabella Foundation, pointed out that around 50 elephants in the forest, already in trouble due to the construction of Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway, could face extinction if their migratory routes were blocked.

A survey published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) on March 21, 2017, after

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NO EASY CROSSING

This padlocked Tk 1.5 crore escalator of the footbridge over Airport Road near Banani-11 intersection in the capital has been out of order for at least a month. DNCC said the escalator broke down due to dust but they hoped to have it running this month.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Dhaka among 10 least safe cities in world

The Economist's latest index shows

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka, the capital and megacity of Bangladesh, has been ranked one of the least safe cities in the world, whereas Tokyo once again topped the list of The Economist's Safe Cities Index 2017.

Dhaka and Karachi in South Asia, Manila, Ho Chi Minh City and Jakarta in South-east Asia and Tehran and Cairo in the Middle East and Africa, are among the 10 cities placed at the bottom of the index.

The Safe Cities Index 2017 is a report published last Thursday from The Economist Intelligence Unit.

The report is based on the second iteration of the index, which ranks 60 cities across 49 indicators covering digital security, health security, infrastructure security and personal security.

SAFE CITIES INDEX 2017 The top three cities in the index are unchanged from 2015, with Tokyo, Singapore and Osaka ranked first, second

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'DECERTIFICATION' OF IRAN NUKE DEAL Trump making 'America alone'

The US leader's push to put 'America first' risks alienating allies

AGENCIES

Donald Trump has gambled with US diplomatic credibility by attacking an Iran nuclear deal that his European allies cherish as a benchmark for international cooperation.

And in doing so the US president has underlined the risk that his "America First" foreign policy will translate to one of "America Alone" as he confronts future crises.

In a White House address on Friday, Trump struck a blow against the accord in defiance of other world powers, and despite the UN nuclear watchdog's repeated confirmations that Iran was complying with its obligations under 2015's Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Trump's move does not amount to a withdrawal from the deal, but instead pushes action to US Congress, which could reimpose sanctions that were lifted under the pact.

Trump's speech put him at odds with US allies in Europe, as well as Iran and Russia, with leaders saying they would stick by the landmark pact.

Between nationalist speeches, protectionist gestures and high-octane Twitter outbursts, observers have struggled to identify a coherent strategy behind Trump's decisions.

But one thread does stand out as he pulls out of trade deals, provokes allies and tears up international accords -- he seems determined that no international ties will bind him.

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Khaleda to return on Oct 18

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is going to return home on Wednesday after a three-month visit to the United Kingdom.



She will reach Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 5:40pm that day, her media wing member Sayrul Kabir Khan told UNB on Saturday night.

He said BNP leaders and activists would receive Khaleda on her arrival.

Earlier yesterday, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhur Islam Alamgir said Khaleda will return home this week completing her medical treatment in London.

"She [Khaleda] will return home very soon. I hope she is coming home

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Magic mushrooms may 'reset' brains

NDTV ONLINE

You have more reasons to add mushrooms in your daily diet now. According to the study published in the Journal Scientific Reports, the active ingredients in magic mushroom, psilocybin may have a 'reset' effect on the brain, which helps patients overcome depression.

Many of the study participants voluntarily described a sense of their brains rebooting after just two psilocybin experiences. According to the study, the psychoactive substance temporarily disintegrates the default mode network that is a highly connected set of brain regions which are particularly active during introspection and we are under stress.

The researchers at Imperial College London

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BNP DEMO 25 injured in cop action in 2 districts

STAR REPORT

Police charged truncheons on processions of BNP and its associate bodies in Narayanganj and Barisal yesterday injuring at least 25 activists and leaders.

The processions were brought out to protest against the issuance of arrest warrants for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in two cases filed in connection

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 15

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-45 7-15

JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A cloud of dust hangs in the air near Babubazar Bridge in Keraniganj. Worn out road, constant traffic jam and dust makes living here miserable. The photo was taken around 11:00am yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Prison guard held over selling drugs inside jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A jail guard was arrested yesterday for taking and selling drugs in Kashimpur High Security Central Prison.

Palash Hossain, 30, was arrested with one yaba pill and Tk 21,000 which he allegedly got from selling the pills in the prison, a jail source said.

Two other prison guards have fled following his arrest.

Md Mizanur Rahman, senior superintendent of Kashimpur jail in Gazipur, said three jail guards, including Palash, were suspended for drug related crimes in Shariatpur District Jail three months ago.

Palash was attached to Gazipur District Jail. As his movements were suspicious, he was under surveillance of the Detective Branch (DB) of police, Mizanur said.

On Friday night, Palash secretly went to Kashimpur central jail along with jail

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Tigers Profile

Mustafizur Rahman

No other cricketer in recent times, Bangladeshi or otherwise, has made a splash comparable to the one that Mustafizur Rahman made in mid-2015 when he first announced his brilliance with two wickets on his T20I debut against Pakistan, five wickets on his ODI debut against India and three wickets in an over in a four-wicket innings haul on his Test debut against South Africa.

Batsmen had no answer to his cutters and his changes of pace. His next stop was the 2016 World Twenty20, where he recorded the edition's best bowling figures with five for 22 against New Zealand. That helped him get an Indian Premier League contract with the Sunrisers Hyderabad, who he helped to their maiden trophy with 17 wickets in the season, which was capped off by the Fizz being named the first foreign Emerging Player of the IPL. By then he had truly become an international name.

Darker days followed as his stint in the Natwest T20 Blast was cut short by a shoulder injury, for which he underwent surgery in August 2016. The road back for the Fizz has been a thorny one as it took a long time for him to regain full confidence in his action. Batsmen around the world have also become better at playing him, but he remains the bowler in the Bangladesh attack that the opposition is most wary of.

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