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QUEEN ELIZABETH II
Queen, United Kingdom



WILBUR LOUIS ROSS, JR
Secretary of Commerce, US



REX TILLERSON
Secretary of State, US



NOOR AL-HUSSEIN
Queen, Jordan



JUAN MANUEL SANTOS
President, Colombia



ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF
President, Liberia



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Ex-deputy minister of defence, KSA



JAYANT SINHA
State minister, India



SHAUKAT AZIZ
Ex-PM, Pakistan



BLAIRO BORGES MAGGI
Agriculture minister, Brazil

THE PARADISE PAPERS
382 Journalists investigating in 67 countries
120 Politicians and country leaders named
1.4 Terabytes of data leaked
19 Tax havens
2 Offshore management firms

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An enormous new leak of tax-haven financial records is laying bare some of the financial secrets of the world's elite, from the Queen of the UK to US president's commerce secretary, along with more than 120 politicians across the globe.

The 13.4 million files in what is being dubbed the Paradise Papers come largely from Appleby, one of the biggest offshore law firms on the planet, which was founded in Bermuda and has branches in tax havens around the world.

The records expose the assets and sometimes murky dealings of a host of characters, as well as the ways corporate giants like Apple, Nike and Uber avoid taxes legally through increasingly creative bookkeeping.

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BBA student stabbed to death in city

Family alleges he was killed for trying to stop BPL betting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private university student was stabbed to death near his house in the capital's Badda yesterday for trying to stop betting on the Bangladesh Premier League, his family members claimed.



Nasim

Nasim Ahmad Amaduddin was a third semester BBA student at Manarat International University.

He got into an altercation and scuffled with some residents of the neighbourhood on Sunday night over BPL betting near his house, said his family members, adding that the killing was a sequel to Sunday's incident.

After he was stabbed yesterday morning, Nasim walked to their building and called his mother twice before collapsing. His two brothers, who were at home on the first floor, came down and took him to

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UN council weakens response to Myanmar

Drops resolution after China's objection

AFP, United Nations

The UN Security Council yesterday dropped plans to adopt a resolution demanding an end to the violence in Myanmar in the face of strong opposition from China and instead opted for a statement, diplomats said.

The statement calls for an end to the violence, full access for humanitarian aid workers to Myanmar's Rakhine state and for the return of hundreds of thousands of Muslim Rohingya who have fled to Bangladesh.

It does not threaten sanctions against Myanmar's military. Britain and France circulated a draft resolution last month, but diplomats said veto power China, a supporter of Myanmar's former ruling junta, had argued that a resolution was not the appropriate response to the crisis.

Following negotiations, China agreed to the formal statement to be adopted later yesterday, which includes almost all of the demands of the proposed resolution but does not carry the same weight.

"The important thing is the content," British Deputy UN Ambassador Jonathan Allen told reporters. "Gaining a very strong, unanimous statement I think was the real prize here."

Since late August, more than 600,000 Rohingya have been driven from their homes by an army campaign in Rakhine state that the United Nations has denounced as ethnic cleansing.

Myanmar authorities say the military operation is aimed at rooting out Rohingya militants who staged attacks on police posts.

The council statement was agreed as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is to travel to Manila this week to join leaders of the Southeast Asian (ASEAN) bloc for a summit.

The Rohingya refugee crisis is expected to be a top issue of discussion at

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First Bangla animated film on 1971 in the making

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi filmmaker working with Sony Pictures Imageworks in Vancouver is making the first Bangla 2D animated feature film on the Liberation War.



Reza

"We will initially create a short film. The plan is to get a good buzz and use it to obtain funding for a full-length feature film," said Wahid Ibn Reza, a member of a team responsible for the stunning visual effects in Marvel's Doctor Strange released last year.

Reza is the writer, director, and executive producer of the project that has the working title "Surviving 71". He hopes to release the short film by the end of

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8 took part in Avijit murder

Arrested operative of Ansar Al Islam tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight operatives of Ansar Al Islam took part in the murder of writer-blogger Avijit Roy following the instruction of sacked and absconding army Major Syed Ziaul Haque, alleged military wing chief of the banned militant outfit.

Abu Siddique Sobel alias Sakib alias Sajid, 34, who was arrested on Sunday night in connection with the killing of Avijit in the city's Mohammadpur, admitted this before a Dhaka court yesterday.

Major Zia also coordinated the attack on Avijit, said Sakib, from Lalmonirhat, also a member of the outfit's IT and intelligence wing, according to counterterrorism officials.

In his statement recorded by Metropolitan Magistrate Ahsan Habib, Sakib said eight people participated in the operation. Four, including him, were following Avijit at the venue of Amar Ekushey Book Fair on February 26, 2015. Four others, who were outside the venue, took part in the killing mission. He claimed that he did not know much about the seven others.

Avijit, a Bangladesh-born US citizen, was hacked to death on Dhaka University campus when he along with his wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya was returning from the book fair that



Avijit Roy

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CTG GANG RAPE Victim's ready wit helps cops arrest 2 rapists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A rape victim's quick thinking and courage had helped police arrest two men accused of raping her on a moving bus on October 27.

The 23-year-old woman was allegedly raped by the driver and his assistant when other passengers, including her four friends travelling with her, got down.

She told police that the men gagged her and threatened to kill with a knife before raping her.

Before she was dropped off at Bahaddarhat in the port city, she calmly asked for the rapists' mobile numbers telling them that she would like to meet them again and the men complied, Mobassher Hossain, assistant commissioner of Chittagong

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Vehicles remain stuck in tailbacks on and under the newly-opened Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover near New Estakon around 6:30pm and Shahidbag (inset) around 10:30am on Sunday. An increased volume of vehicles is causing the traffic snarl-up.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



This graphical presentation shows how vehicles from multiple lanes of the flyover merge into one lane at the off-ramp and join crawling traffic below.

MOGHBAZAR FLYOVER Relief, but not much in peak hours

BISHAKHA DEVNATH

Sagor Hossain started for Farmgate from Shantinagar around 2:00pm yesterday. He chose that particular time for the journey mainly to avoid the rush-hour traffic.

As expected, the man enjoyed a smooth ride on the Mouchak-Moghbazar flyover. He drove to Banglamotor in just three to four minutes, skipping Malibagh, Mouchak and Moghbazar intersections.

His euphoria over making so much ground in so little time did not last long as he got stuck at the off-ramp of the flyover. He had to wait more than 25 minutes before he could pass the Banglamotor intersection. It used to take one-third time before, said Sagor, a driver.

Since the flyover was opened to traffic over a week ago, more and more vehicles are coming to that end to get on the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, leading to an increased pressure of traffic at that point, said traffic sergeant Mahub, who was on duty there.

To ease the situation, he said, "We are now giving more priority to the vehicles

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