



Rohingya refugees cover a newly built temporary shelter with a plastic sheet provided by a non-government organisation at Palongkhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

### Militant's nephew among 4 killed in Kashmir

A soldier and three suspected militants, including the nephew of a top Pakistani Islamist leader, were killed in a gun battle in Indian-administered Kashmir, officials said yesterday. Indian forces surrounded a home in the southern town of Pulwama late Monday after being tipped off about the presence of senior commanders from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) group. Three terrorists belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit and an army soldier were killed in the encounter. Maulana Talha Rashid, nephew of the founder Maulana Masood Azhar, was among the four killed. Indian forces seized weapons and ammunition including an assault rifle used by Nato forces in Afghanistan, the first of its kind detected in Kashmir, police said.

The skirmish was the latest in a string of deadly shootouts between Indian forces and suspected insurgents amid an upsurge in violence in the restive Himalayan region. Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the end of British colonial rule in 1947 but both claim the territory in full. India accuses Pakistan of sending militants into Kashmir to attack its forces. Islamabad insists it provides diplomatic, not armed, support to Kashmiris and backs their claim to self-determination.

### Wife files case

ICT registrar's office usually send those to the investigation agency of the tribunal. The agency then carries out a preliminary investigation and if convinced, it conducts a formal investigation. If it finds credible evidence of such crime, it recommends pressing charges against the accused for trial. According to the case documents, Jabbar was an organiser of the Liberation War in 1971 in his area. As the war began, he went to India, leaving her wife and daughters in Bangladesh. He was enlisted as a freedom fighter at Karimpur camp in West Bengal.

One day in mid-June, Jabbar came home to see his newborn baby. He started living at home secretly. A group of 15 to 20 local raskals, led by Azgar, raided Jabbar's house, caught him, and set the home afire before taking him away.

The collaborating confided Jabbar to Nazrul School, one of their torturing centres in Meherpur. After torturing Jabbar for a week, they killed him and buried him at Meherpur Government College ground, reads the case statement. Fulzan quoted a book named 'Meherpur Zillat Muktiyudhobitas', authored by Rafiq Rashid, which described the abduction and killing of her husband. The accused could not be reached for comment as he left the area following the filing of the case.

## US ends 'protected' status for Nicaraguans

The US government has announced the end of a program which gives 5,300 Nicaraguan immigrants temporary protection in the United States, while tens of thousands of Hondurans will have their stay extended. Most of them arrived illegally but were allowed to remain under Temporary Protected Status (TPS), which applies to migrants from several countries around the world.

The decision to end TPS for Nicaragua on January 5, 2019, announced on Monday comes as President Donald Trump's administration tries on many fronts to restrict the flow of immigrants and refugees.

Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke said the end date would provide for "an orderly transition."

In a statement, she said she needed more information before making a final decision on Honduras. As a result, TPS for that country will be extended for six months from its current expiry date of January 5 next year, to July 5, 2018.

## Ansar man killed in road accident

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An Ansar member was killed in a road accident near bridge-15 of the port city of Ansar area yesterday afternoon. Deceased Abu Taher, 22, was deployed at Shah Amanat International Airport, said police officials at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) police outpost.

A truck had hit him from the behind around 4:30pm. He was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him dead, said Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Ismael Hossain of Patenga Police Station.

## Murder

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The trial of Faruk Ahmed murder case before the High Court Judge, Deputy Attorney General AKM Jahid Sarwar Kaji told The Daily Star. A Tangai court on September 6 indicted ruling Awami League leader Kamrul Bahman Khan Rana and 13 others accused in the murder case.

Faruk, the then AL publicity secretary of Tangai district unit, was shot dead on the night of January 18, 2013. Police submitted the charge sheet on February 3 in 2016.

## Egypt's Sisi rules out extending presidential term

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi ruled out a constitutional amendment to extend his term, saying an election would be held next year and he will not run again in 2022, in an interview with CNBC Monday.

Sisi is a former army chief who overthrew his Islamist predecessor in 2013 and won an election a year later. Most of his supporters include Sisi to stay longer in office by extending the time between elections and removing the two four-year-term limit.

But Sisi said elections will take place as scheduled in March or April 2018 and he did not ask for a constitutional amendment. Sisi would not say he would run again but the former field marshal is expected to stand and win in another landslide in the absence of any serious opposition. "I'm with preserving two four year terms and not to change it," he told the American

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assistance would be loan or interest-free grants, he added.

"If ADB tries to put a burden of assistance taking in the name of against humanity by the Myanmar government and alone but on the international community as well. It is very sad, inhuman and unacceptable." R Iftekharuzzaman said the responsibility of one million Rohingyas refugees who have entered Bangladesh falling victim to a planned crime against humanity by the Myanmar government and alone but on the international community as well.

If any international agency or donor country including ADB or the WB is interested to provide financial assistance to Bangladesh in this regard, it must be interest-free grants, he observed.

He added the direct and indirect support of the powerful countries that Myanmar has encouraged the Myanmar army to take the barbaric path. Failure of the international community in taking effective steps against Myanmar's killing and bagging party in one hand and continued economic support, investment, development, trade and military assistance on the other have created this serious situation, he observed.

He said the possibility of the return of the Rohingyas is becoming slimmer day by day. The TIB executive director said as a major donor country of that country the ADB can assert its position so that Myanmar takes back the Rohingyas in the quickest possible time.

## Bangladesh saved

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also said. In an UNHCR press release issued last night, Turk said, "Tiger return to happen, it's clear there has to be safety and guarantees of protection. There has to be a very serious commitment to immediately implementing the recommendations of the commission's report."

## UNHCR FAMILY COUNTDOWN

One-third of the Rohingyas families, who took shelter at Kutupalong refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, are in a vulnerable situation because of serious health problems and harsh condition of the camp, UNHCR found after conducting a recent family countdown.

Of them, about 14 percent are single mothers holding their families together with little support in harsh camp conditions, while others are struggling with serious health problems or disabilities, it found.

The UN refugee agency revealed the findings after finishing the first phase of the Rohingya refugee family counting, where 120,284 families comprising 517,643 refugees from Myanmar have so far been counted, said a statement of UNHCR.

According to UNHCR, around 6,07,000 Rohingyas estimated to have fled to Bangladesh following the torture by the Myanmar authorities on the Muslim minority in Myanmar's Rakhine since August 25.

## Russia goes for low-key events

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The party said its slogans will include "Lenin-Stalin-Victory!" and "Let Lenin's ideas live!" But authorities have allowed just 50 participants for the afternoon rally beside a Karl Marx statue close to the Kremlin, the TASS state news agency reported.

Leftwing radical group The Other Russia, led by writer Eduard Limonov, is also set to hold an event in the capital.

Throughout the Soviet era, anniversaries of the revolution were marked with a public holiday which included pomp and military parades on Moscow's Red Square.

Under Putin, November 7 became a regular working day in 2005. This year there was again a parade on the square, but the event was to mark the 76th anniversary of a parade during World War II, rather than the centenary of the revolution.

The centenary is the last landmark event before a presidential election in March that Putin is widely expected to contest and win.

## NOT CELEBRATIONS

Putin has skipped key commemorations including a 3d flight of this weekend on the facade of the Winter Palace in his hometown of Saint Petersburg.

The armed uprising began on October 25, 1917, which was on November 7 according to the modern-day Gregorian calendar - after a shot was fired at the Winter Palace by the Aurora cruiser ship.

One of the few events linked to the centenary Putin has attended was the opening of a new church in Moscow, which he called "deeply symbolic" after the revolution led to the destruction of religious buildings and persecution of believers.

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The centenary has charged a cleric of politicians, historians and clerics with organising this year's festivities.

Organiser Konstantin Mogilevsky stressed at a presentation last month that the events were "not celebrations" of 1917 but were intended to be a "calm conversation about its evolution, aimed at understanding it".

Russia's leadership is desperate to avoid repeats of the 'colour revolutions' in other ex-Soviet countries, it was said.

New period dramas on television have been some of the main forums for re-examining history.

One depicts revolutionary leader Leon Trotsky as a "rock 'n' roll hero", according to its makers, while another examines Germany's role in fomenting the Bolshevik Revolution.

But any such programmes are barely aware of the centenary, commentators said.

"The country that once started its existence from October (1917) is now seeing in its centenary in deafening silence," wrote historian Ivan Kurilla in the 'Vedomosti' business daily.

For ordinary Russians, the centenary is passing by unnoticed," he added.

A report commissioned by the Communist Party found that 58 percent of Russians were not aware of the anniversary.

## Sauce older than US

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In one food show in 2012, a group of artisans displayed soy sauce they claimed had been made 450 years ago, with a price tag of 100 million won (\$90,000).

Soy sauce menu also includes a grilled sole, known to be Trump's favourite fish. An unnamed official told the South's Yonhap news agency. "The menu contains food that has local, traditional flavour that could also appeal to the taste of the head of state."

It is a marked contrast to the largely familiar US-style fare the president was offered by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Japan, with whom he has a significantly warmer relationship than with South Korea's President Moon Jae-in.

Within hours of Trump's arrival in Tokyo, Trump and Abe sat down to cheeburgers, accompanied by tomato ketchup, and a stick of the state banquet there was a steak.

The Seoul meal also features a prawn that Moon's office said was caught near a disputed island claimed both by the South and Japan.

The Seoul-controlled island off the east coast - called Dokdo in Korea and Takeshima in Japan - is at the heart of a decades-long territorial dispute between the two countries, both of them UN allies, who are confronted by the threat of nuclear-armed North Korea.

And in another diplomatic jab at Tokyo, a former office invited Lee Yong-Soo, a Moon's wartime sex slave for Japanese soldiers, to the state dinner.

The plight of so-called "comfort women" is a hugely emotional issue that has also marred ties between Seoul and Tokyo for decades. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said in Tokyo he would not comment on how another country welcomes a VIP.

## Saudi bigwigs

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aiming at "widespread corruption", its president Khalid bin Abdulaziz bin Al-Saud said in a separate statement.

"Saudi anti-corruption authorities... have worked painstakingly for three years to investigate the crimes in question", he added.

Meanwhile US President Donald Trump said he had "great confidence" in an anti-corruption sweep by Saudi Arabia that has seen dozens of high-profile political and business figures arrested.

"I have great confidence in King Salman and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, they know exactly what they are doing," Trump wrote on Twitter.

"Some of those they are harshly treating have been 'milking their country for years'," added the US tour moves Tuesday to South Korea.

Saudi authorities have hinted they could witness the crackdown after princes, ministers as well as billionaire tycoon Al-Waleed bin Talal were swept up in a weekend purge - hours after an anti-graft commission headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was established.

## One killed

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people were injured while trying to douse a fire that broke out at the warehouse no-04 of the compound of Amin Jute Mills under Balizid police station in City around 10:25am.

The injured, fire-fighters Md. Mainuddin and Abdur Rab, and security guards of the jute mill Bakarur Rashid, Md Taiyab and Abu Harun Siddique, are undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

"The fire is under control now, but it might take the night to extinguish the blaze completely", said Kamal Uddin Bhuiyan, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

Fire fighters were drenching down structures near the scene as of filing of this report around 9:45pm. Fire officials could not ascertain the reason of the fire neither could estimate the damage immediately.

## 'IS militants'

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based mainly in the eastern province of Nangarhar, has claimed a number of attacks on civilian targets in the Afghan capital.

Shortly after the beginning of the attack, the Taliban's main spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, issued an immediate denial of involvement.

Yesterday's attack, which underscored the impression of chronic insecurity in Kabul, was the latest in a series of weeks after a series of attacks including one on a Shia mosque in the city in which more than 50 people were killed.

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