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# Saudi bigwigs to face trial

Says Saudi attorney general as Trump voices confidence in king, crown prince over purge

Dozens of high-profile Saudi political and business figures arrested in an anti-corruption sweep will face trial, the attorney general said, after a sweeping purge of the kingdom's upper ranks.

Princes, ministers as well as billionaire tycoon Al-Waleed bin Talal were swept up in the crackdown at the weekend led by a newly formed anti-graft commission headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

"All those suspected... will have full access to legal resources, and the trials will be held in a timely and open manner," Attorney General Sheikh Saud al-Mojeb said in a statement Monday.

"A great deal of evidence has already been gathered, and detailed questioning has taken place."

Mojeb said the authorities were forced to pursue their investigations "discreetly" in order to ensure that "there was no flight from justice."

Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya television reported that 11 princes, four current ministers and dozens of ex-ministers were arrested as the commission launched a probe into old cases such as floods that devastated the Red Sea city of Jeddah in 2009.

A government official gave AFP a list of 14 of the most high-profile names including Prince Al-Waleed, ranked among the world's richest men.

The anti-graft commission has uncovered evidence

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Garbage piles up on the city's New Eskaton Road near Moghazbar intersection as the Dhaka North City Corporation has put trash containers on the busy road. The stinky garbage is sorted and processed in the open and people must cover their noses while passing, inset.

# 2 ruling party men stabbed at Ishwardi rail station

Criminals cut tendons of one of the victims

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dhaka

Criminals stabbed an Awami League upazila unit leader and a July League leader in Ishwardi Railway Station area yesterday afternoon.

Shahnuzzaman Shahin, 40, former joint secretary of Ishwardi upazila unit of July League, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in critical condition while Masud Rana, 45, organising secretary of Ishwardi upazila Awami League unit, was admitted to a private hospital.

Police and locals said Shahin and Masud went to Ishwardi Railway Station area around 12:00pm when criminals swooped on them and stabbed them in the crowded area.

They also cut the tendons of Shahin's hand and leg, said Abdul Halim Khan, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi GRP police.

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WAR HERO KILLING IN 1971

# Wife files case against 'razakar' in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The widow of a Meherpur freedom fighter has filed a case against an alleged 'razakar' over abduction and killing of her husband.

During the Liberation War, after taking the case into cognisance, Judge Md Mohiduzzaman of Meherpur Chief Judicial Magistrate Court on Monday granted the case.

Authorities concerned to send the case documents to the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) in Dhaka for necessary action.

Tajul Nеча, wife of late freedom fighter Abdul Jabbar of Ajmijhuri village in Meherpur, filed the case against Asgar Ali, 66, of the same village.

After receiving the documents of such cases, the

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TACKLING ROHINGYA CRISIS

# WB offers both loan and grant

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

At a time when Bangladesh is hosting over a million Rohingya refugees as a show of compassion, the World Bank is offering the country financial aid in a mixed form of loan and grant.

However, Bangladesh is insisting that the bank's aid come fully as grant. Amid atrocities on Rohingyas in Myanmar, termed ethnic cleansing by the UN, Bangladesh shared its scarce resources with over 6 lakh Rohingyas who crossed the border in just over two months since late August, and gave them shelter. Over three lakh Rohingya nationals were already in Bangladesh following previous influxes.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) earlier raised its objection at the offer of assistance in the form of loans.

Yet, a World Bank team has indicated that it may provide financial support of \$250 per head for one million Rohingyas staying in Bangladesh, but 50 percent of it will come as grant while the rest will be given as loan. But some top ministry officials expressed their reservation about taking such loans.

A six-member WB mission completed its 14 day visit to Dhaka on Saturday. Finance and other ministry sources said the team made the indication during the visit. Though they did not exactly say how much fund will be provided, it is assumed that the amount may be \$250 million to \$300 million.

The team which came to Bangladesh on October 22 went to Cox's Bazar and on its return to Dhaka, sat with officials from the relief and disaster management, education, home and health ministries as well as from the local government engineering department.

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# TIB against taking ADB fund as loan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has urged the government not to take financial assistance from ADB for the Rohingyas refugees if it comes as loan.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzaman in a statement yesterday said this regarding the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) proposal to provide financial assistance to the host country to meet various needs of the Rohingyas who have taken shelter in Bangladesh.

Dr Iftekharuzaman urged the government to continue all-out diplomatic efforts to collect interest-free grants from all international sources including the ADB for the Rohingyas who have fled to Bangladesh to escape ethnic cleansing by the Myanmar military.

It has been known from media reports that the ADB like the World Bank has also proposed to provide financial assistance to Bangladesh to meet the needs of the Rohingyas refugees, he said.

But it is not still clear if the financial

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# Sauce older than US on Trump's menu



AFP, Seoul

A special sauce more than a century older than the United States will be on the menu for Donald Trump at his state banquet in Seoul - along with a diplomatically tricky prawn.

The dinner, at the presidential Blue House compound next to a former royal palace, includes a beef rib dish accompanied by a gravy made with an "exquisite, 360-year-old soy sauce", said a spokesman for Seoul's presidential office yesterday.

The age implies it was made in 1657, the year the father of the US Declaration of Independence signatory Benjamin Franklin was born.

Fermented food including soy sauce is a staple in South Korean cuisine, with soy sauces made by famous artisans and fermented for decades - or centuries - sold for tens of thousands of dollars per litre.

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# One killed, five injured in Ctg fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A person was killed while five others, including two fire fighters, were injured in fire incidents in Chittagong yesterday.

Hamida Begum, 30, wife of Tayab Ullah, died due to suffocation by gas leakage from a cylinder in the kitchen of her Badalaya residence in Banskhalhi upazila around 2:30am.

In another incident, five

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BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION

# Russia goes for low-key events to mark 100yrs

AFP, Moscow

Russian authorities were reluctant to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution yesterday, with just low-key events being held to mark an uprising that launched more than 70 years of Communist rule.

President Vladimir Putin, who has made "stability" the keyword of his 17 years in power, would be treating the day as any other, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov said previously.

Russian media had an ambiguous reaction to the centenary, with pro-Kremlin tabloid Komsomolskaya Pravda asking on its front page: "Great celebration or big tragedy?"

Moscow will see a march and rally organised by the Communist Party - still the largest opposition party in parliament - to glorify the anniversary.

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Thousands of communist supporters from around the world rallied in downtown Moscow carrying portraits of Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution yesterday. Demonstrators from dozens of countries carried red flags and chanted communist slogans as they marched down a main street braving brisk weather.

PHOTO: AFP

# 'IS militants' attack Kabul TV station

Two killed, 20 wounded in two-hour assault

REUTERS, Kabul

Militant group Islamic State yesterday claimed responsibility for an attack on a television station in Kabul, in which gunmen disguised as police killed a security guard and opened fire on staff, the latest assault on media workers in Afghanistan.

Afghan special forces suppressed the attack on Shamshad TV, a private Pashto-language broadcaster based close to the national stadium, after about two hours, but police said at least two people had been killed and 20 wounded.

"People dressed in police clothes came in and initially threw hand grenades, which killed one of our guards and wounded another," Abed Ehas, Shamshad's news director told broadcaster Jolo News TV.

"After that, others got into our building and started firing. Some of our colleagues were hit, though, thank God, many others managed to get out. Some were wounded by gunshots, falling glass and when they jumped from high floors."

During the attack, a special forces unit blasted a hole in the concrete wall around the compound and entered the site amid a crack of gunfire. At least one attacker was killed during the operation, while another was killed at the compound entrance.

In a statement on its news agency Amaq, Islamic State claimed responsibility, without giving evidence. The group

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