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Myanmar army investigation a 'whitewash'

Says Amnesty International

STAR REPORT

Myanmar military investigation into alleged atrocities against Rohingyas is a "whitewash", says rights group Amnesty International, calling for UN and independent investigators to be allowed into the country.

"Once again, Myanmar's military is trying to sweep serious violations against the Rohingyas under the carpet," said James Gomez, Amnesty International's Regional Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific in a statement yesterday.

More than 600,000 Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh since late August, driven out by a counter-insurgency clearance operation in Rakhine State that a top UN official has called a classic case of "ethnic cleansing".

Accusations of organised mass rape and other crimes against humanity were leveled at the Myanmar military on Sunday by another senior UN official, who had toured camps in Bangladesh where Rohingya refugees have taken shelter.

A STARK TESTIMONY OF NEGLECT

It is hard to believe that this is a public toilet near the Police Control Room in Shahbagh, one of the busiest areas in the capital. This dilapidated structure is hardly visible as traders of wedding decorations have put up shops around it. Those who still use the toilet find it difficult to access. The photo was taken yesterday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Abahani ground new venue

Organisers now waiting for govt permission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bengal Foundation's classical music festival has finally got a venue at Abahani field of Dhanmondi.

Pending government approval, the five day long festival will start from December 26 for the sixth consecutive year.

Replying to an application from Bengal Foundation, the Abahani authority gave the permission on Monday for use of the grounds from 6:30 PM to 5:00 am from December 26 to December 30.

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Rosogolla pride West Bengal's

STAR REPORT

When we talk about sweets, nothing can beat the spongy, syrupy Rosogolla. Served on almost every Bangladeshi occasion, the signature sweet has been an integral part of the Bangalee culture for ages.

Steeped in a rich, delectable history, the sweetmeat is believed to have originated in southern part of the country. However, its origins have been shrouded in mystery and the topic has been hotly debated for years.

But now India's Geographical Indications (GI) Registry put the disagreements to bed as they recently

New cantonment in Patuakhali

To be named after Sheikh Hasina; Ecneec okays Tk 1,699cr project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to set up a fully-fledged cantonment named after Sheikh Hasina at Payra in Patuakhali to enhance national security and face the aftermath of natural disasters.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved the Tk 1,699-crore project to be fully financed by the government. The cantonment would be founded by 2021, decided the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the NEC Auditorium of the planning ministry.

After the meeting Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told reporters there was no cantonment in the greater coastal belt of Barisal and Patuakhali. As a result, soldiers from far-off Jessore Cantonment have to respond from 200km away to natural calamities in the south, he added.

The minister said defence, disaster management and assistance to local administration in 21 districts in the area have been provided from Jessore Cantonment since independence.

The Bangladesh Army was formed in 1972 comprising three brigades and has now been expanded into nine divisions and 30 cantonments.

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Businessman shot dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals shot dead the owner of a recruiting agency and injured his three staff members in the capital's Banani area last night.

The dead, Siddique Munshi, 50, used to export manpower abroad.

According to police, several criminals entered Siddique's office at Block-B of Banani around 7:30pm and opened fire. The attackers escaped soon, leaving the four injured.

Locals rushed the bullet-hit victims to United Hospital, where doctors pronounced Siddique dead.

The injured staff members were undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Rafiqul Islam, assistant commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they were investigating the incident.



Congratulations!

Mr. Abdus Sobhan, Respected Managing Director of **AUKO-TEX GROUP** has been awarded as a **CIP (Commercially Important Person)** by Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the year 2014 as the event was held on **12 November 2017** in recognition of his outstanding performances, ethical business practices and massive contributions towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on Social and Environmental issues.

We, the Officers, Staff and Workers of **Peoples Insurance Company Limited** express our cordial wishes and greetings on this achievement and pray for his sound health and long life.

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JAMAAT	5-40	1-15	4-00	5-24	7-30

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Nasir Group's bold step to meet the goals of 'Bangladesh Vision 2021'



CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest Congratulations to our business magnate **Mr. Md. Mosharaf Hossain**, Honorable Chairman of Mosharaf Group and Managing Director of Mosharaf Composite Textile Mills Limited for being recognized as **"Commercially Important Person (CIP) Export-2014"** by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in recognition of his grand achievement and extraordinary performances in the country's export sector.

We appreciate his intellectual rigor, strong leadership, integrity, determination and dedication which helped us paving our ways to achieve this significant milestone.

We hope, our Honorable Chairman will continue his dynamic leadership in our journey to achieve highest professional excellence while continuing outstanding business performances.

We wish him a good health and long prosperous life.

All members of **Mosharaf Group**.

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A contract has been signed on 28th Oct. 2017 in Shanghai between **China Triumph International Engineering Co. Ltd. (CTIEC)** and **Nasir Group** for setting up of yet another 600 TPD capacity float glass industry in Bangladesh. **This will be the third unit of float glass industry for Nasir Group.** **Mr. Nasir Uddin Biswas**, the Chairman and M.D. of Nasir Group and **Mr. Peng Shou**, Chairman of CTIEC Group and a Member of National People's Congress of China signed the above agreement. High officials of Nasir Group and CTIEC attended the signing ceremony.