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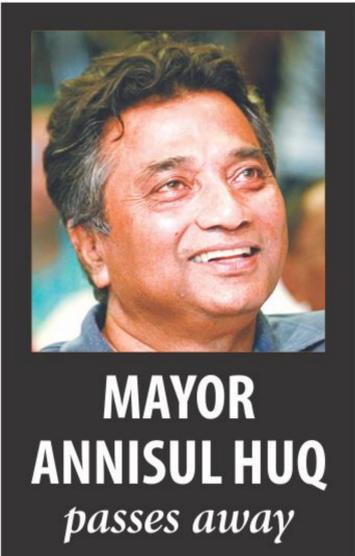
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**N KOREA MISSILE TEST**

World closer to war, says Nikki Haley; threatens to destroy regime

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**MAYOR ANNISUL HUQ passes away**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq lost the battle for life in a London hospital last night, after nearly three months' treatment there.

He breathed his last at 10:23pm Bangladesh time at Wellington Hospital. He was 65.

His wife Rubana Huq, two daughters and his only son were at his side.

Suffering from neurological problems (dizziness and a lack of balance) for the last several months, he was first admitted to the National Neuroscience Hospital in central London on August 13.

Subsequently, he was diagnosed with

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**Stand by Bangladesh**

*Pope calls for decisive actions from int'l community to end Rohingya crisis; lauds Bangladesh's role in helping refugees*

AGENCIES

Pope Francis yesterday called for "decisive" international action on the Rohingya refugee crisis as he began a visit to Bangladesh, where more than 620,000 of the Muslim minority have sought sanctuary after fleeing violence in Myanmar.

The pope made the comment in a speech shortly after arriving from Myanmar, where he walked a diplomatic tightrope, staying away from allegations that the army is waging an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Rohingya, despite pressure to publicly confront the incendiary issue, reports AFP.

"None of us can fail to be aware of the gravity of the situation, the immense toll of human suffering involved, and the precarious living conditions of so many of our brothers and sisters, a majority of whom are women and children, crowded in the refugee camps," he said.

"It is imperative that the international community take decisive measures to address this grave crisis, not only by working to resolve the political issues that have led to the mass displacement of people, but also by offering immediate material assistance to Bangladesh in its effort to respond effectively to urgent human needs," the pope told Bangladeshi dignitaries and diplomats.

He praised Bangladesh for taking in the mass exodus across the border into overcrowded makeshift camps since a fresh outbreak of violence in Rakhine state in late August.

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POPE FRANCIS



A child presents a flower bouquet to Pope Francis as President Abdul Hamid receives him. The Pope arrived yesterday on a VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines which landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 2:45pm from Yangon, Myanmar.

PHOTO: PID

**It's a pride for the nation**

*Hasina says, inaugurating the main construction work of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant*

UNB, Ishwardi, Pabna

Bangladesh yesterday stepped into the "world of nuclear energy" as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the main construction work of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, the first such plant in the country.

She formally launched the construction work by pouring concrete into the plant site in Ishwardi's Rooppur in the morning.

Speaking on the occasion, she said, "This is a joyful day for us. Bangladesh enters the world of nuclear energy with the beginning of the construction work of the main structure. It's a pride and joy for us as a nation."



Taking a swipe at the critics of the nuclear power plant project, she said those who raised questions "lacked self-confidence".

"There's a quarter that raises questions in TV channels about various issues as some 23 satellite TV stations are in operation out of 44. They shouldn't have thought that we are less patriotic than them."

Hasina said her government has put utmost importance on ensuring overall nuclear security during the construction of the plant.

The then Awami League government in 2009 had taken initiatives to meet the high demand for electricity, she said. "We drew up short, mid and

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GRAFT CASES

**Arrest order for Khaleda**

*Court scraps bail after she fails to appear*

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia after cancelling her ad-interim bail in the Zia Orphanage and Zia Charitable Trust graft cases.

Judge Md Akhtaruzzaman of the Special Judge Court-5 passed the order as Khaleda failed to appear before the court.

Her lawyer Zakir Hossain told the court that she could not come due to hartal enforced by some left parties protesting

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**Businessmen held, tortured for money**

*3 DB men suspended*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have suspended three members of DMP's Detective Branch for picking up several Moghbazar-based businessmen and torturing them until the families paid hefty sums for their release.

Inspector Bahauddin Faruqui, a sub-inspector and a constable were suspended after a primary investigation found that they picked up and tortured people in custody, Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of the DB, said last night.

Baten, however, said the allegations of

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SHARING OF FAR-RIGHT VIDEOS

**Trump angers UK with truculent tweet to May**

REUTERS, London

US President Donald Trump sparked outrage in Britain's political establishment yesterday with a sharp rebuke of Prime Minister Theresa May on Twitter after she criticised him for retweeting British far-right anti-Islam videos.

As British politicians lined up to condemn Trump for sharing videos originally posted by a leader of a British far-right fringe group, Trump, in an unprecedented attack on one of America's closest allies, replied with an unrepentant message.

"Theresa @theresamay, don't focus on me, focus on the destructive Radical Islamic Terrorism that is



Trump



May

taking place within the United Kingdom. We are doing just fine," he tweeted.

His truculent response caused anger in Britain, where there have been several major Islamist militant attacks this year, with one minister describing Trump's tweets as "alarming and despairing".

London's mayor, a Muslim, said May should withdraw an offer of a state visit to Britain which has already been extended.

Trump provoked a wave of anger and disgust from politicians in Britain and human rights groups in the United States when he shared anti-Muslim

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