

বিশ্ব বলেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলো- 'কেন না!'

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Rohingyas face forced starvation

Says new report of Amnesty Int'l

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar security forces continue the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingyas in Rakhine, Amnesty International says in a new report.

The report was prepared on the ongoing forced starvation, looting and sexual violence, which coerced hundreds of people to flee in the recent weeks.

Nineteen Rohingya men and women, who have arrived in Cox's Bazar recently, described how they faced forced starvation, abductions and looting of property in their home in recent weeks when humanitarian agencies too have documented thousands of new arrivals over the course of December and January.

Nearly 700,000 Rohingyas fled the atrocities since August 25 last year after the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army reportedly attacked around 30 security force outposts in Rakhine, where the Rohingyas have been denied citizenship and other basic rights though they have been living there for generations.

The crimes committed by the military include widespread killing of women, men, and children; rape and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls; mass deportation; and the systematic burning of villages.

Facing sharp global criticism, Myanmar signed a repatriation deal with Bangladesh and were preparing for return of

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Bangladesh's veteran left-arm-er Abdur Razzak (R) marked his return to the national side after a four-year absence with four wickets on the opening day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

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Bowlers rule day of twists and turns

BISHWAJIT ROY

If a Test match is expected to be a lively and engaging affair, the first day of the second Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur delivered in style yesterday. Turn and bounce from the word go tested the batsmen of both Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and in the end bowlers dictated terms with 14 wickets falling on the day, giving a strong indication that it will not be a tedious affair like the run-fest that was the first Test in Chittagong.

The day that started with the shining comeback of veteran left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, who claimed four wickets on his Test return after a four-year absence, was full of action from start to stumps, which

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HRW urges govt to stop arbitrary arrests, detention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh government should stop the arbitrary arrests and detention of opposition BNP supporters and others, Human Rights Watch has said.

Hundreds have been arrested or placed under preventive detention ahead of the verdict in the graft case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, and five others, including her son, the global rights group said in a statement yesterday.

The government should publicly order the security forces to abide by international standards on policing

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MALDIVES POLITICAL CRISIS

Yameen sends envoys to China, Saudi for support

Shuns European diplomats as UNSC to host meeting on crisis

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The embattled president of the Maldives has sent envoys to friendly nations such as China, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to brief them on a political crisis in the Indian Ocean nation that spurred the imposition of a state of emergency, his office said.

Abdulla Yameen left out key regional power India, which had joined Britain, the United States and the United Nations in calling for the lifting of the emergency and the freeing of two supreme court

judges whose ruling against Yameen sparked new instability.

The Maldives, best known for luxury tourist resorts, has become another arena of contest for India and China after it signed up to Beijing's Belt and Road initiative to build trade and transport links across Asia and beyond.

India, which has had longstanding political and security ties to the islands about 400 km away, has sought to push back against China's expanding

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Ants as possible drug factories for humans?

AFP, Paris

Ants naturally produce powerful germicides against bacteria and fungi, said a study Wednesday that targeted the industrious insects as possible drug factories for humans.

The discovery of ants' pharmaceutical prowess

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21 named for Ekushey Padak

UNB, Dhaka

The government has named 21 winners of this year's Ekushey Padak for contributions in their respective fields.

An official release from the cultural affairs ministry disclosed the names yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hand over the Ekushey Padak, the country's second highest civilian award, to the awardees at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on February 20.

The winners are AZM

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NATURE QUEST

Number of deer falls in Rajshahi Zoo

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The number of deer at Rajshahi Zoo has reduced by six times over the last 15 years due to what experts say the authority's move to cut maintenance costs.

In 2003, the zoo had a total of 350 deer of both the spotted species, locally called Chitra, and Indian

PHOTO: ANWAR ALI

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'বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক রেমিট্যান্স অ্যাওয়ার্ড ২০১৭'
এর মনোনয়নের জন্য বিদেশে অবস্থিত অনিবাসী
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আবেদন আহ্বান

বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতিতে অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশি ও সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবদানের স্বীকৃতি প্রদান এবং ব্যাংকিং চ্যানেলে রেমিট্যান্স প্রেরণকে উদ্বুদ্ধ করতে ব্যক্তি এবং বিভিন্ন এক্সচেঞ্জ/রেমিট্যান্স হাউজকে 'বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক রেমিট্যান্স অ্যাওয়ার্ড ২০১৭' প্রদান করা হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে বিদেশে অবস্থিত অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশি মালিকানাধীন এক্সচেঞ্জ হাউজ/রেমিটার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। অনিবাসী বাংলাদেশি নাগরিকগণের ৫০% এর অধিক মালিকানা রয়েছে এমন এক্সচেঞ্জ/রেমিট্যান্স হাউজ আবেদন করতে পারবে।

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We Mourn

With profound grief and sorrow we would like to inform that, our beloved mother Ex-Head of the Department & Professor of Bangla Dhaka College, Eminent Educationist and Philanthropist **Prof. Roushan Ara Rahman** breathed her last on, 07th February 2018 at the age of 90 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un).

She left behind numerous students and admirers at home and abroad. Her Namaj-e-Janaza will be held today at Gulshan Azad Masjid after Jumma Prayers.

Prof. Roushan Ara Rahman was the founder of Inner Wheel Club in Bangladesh and Bangladesh Federation of University Women also associated with many other social welfare organizations.

We request all her near and dear ones to pray for peace and salvation of her departed soul.

Dr. Niaz Abdur Rahman & Lisa Fawzia Sima Ahmed & Imtiaz

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 9

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