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US exits Iran nuke deal

Trump defies allies; Israel on high alert; experts say pullout could fuel Mideast conflicts

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President Donald Trump defied the pleas of his European allies and pulled the United States out of the Iran nuclear deal yesterday, vowing to reimpose crippling sanctions on Tehran and warning that Iranians deserve a better government.

His decision itself came as little surprise -- the US leader has long scorned what he called the "disastrous" 2015 accord -- but his suggestion that the regime must change underlined the risks of a dangerous new escalation in the Middle East.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo promised that Washington will work with its friends to build a new agreement to curtail Iran's alleged quest for nuclear weapons -- but there was no disguising that Trump's decision marked a stark diplomatic defeat for Europe, whose leaders had begged him to think again.

"I am announcing today that the United States will withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal," Trump declared in a



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Workers preparing land for relocation of Rohingya refugees to new shelters in Ukhaia of Cox's Bazar. This is part of a major joint initiative by International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and World Food Programme (WFP) to relocate Rohingyas who face risks of landslides or flooding during the monsoon. The refugees will have access to key services, including water, hygiene and education facilities, at the new site.

PHOTO: UNHCR

Quota Reform Demo Human chains at universities, colleges today

DUI CORRESPONDENT

A day after the deadline demanding gazette notification on abolishing the quota system in public service ended, the quota reformists yesterday called for a fresh programme as the government was yet to publish the gazette as per the prime minister's assurance of scrapping the quota system.

Under the banner of Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Adhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad, the platform spearheading the quota reform protest, demonstrators will form human chains at all universities and colleges at 11:00am today, demanding swift publication of the gazette.

Leaders of the quota reform movement announced the programme at a press briefing in front of

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Poor Luggage Handling Minister raps Biman bosses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing disappointment over the passengers' sufferings due to poor luggage handling at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Civil Aviation Minister AKM Shajahan Kamal yesterday suggested replacing Biman's aged staffers with young and energetic ones to speed up its operations.

He wanted to know how much time and what equipment the Biman high-ups would need to improve luggage handling at the country's main airport.

"For a passenger, it takes much time to get the luggage after landing at the airport. But why this happens? I am the minister, but I am not satisfied with the luggage handling service."

Kamal was speaking at a programme titled "Pre-budget Discussion on Civil

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Mahathir faces elite protege

Malaysians face stark choice in today's polls

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Voters have a stark choice in Malaysia's election today: resurrect the country's 92-year-old former authoritarian leader or give a third term to Prime Minister Najib Razak, whose alleged role in the multibillion-dollar ransacking of a state investment fund has battered Malaysia's standing abroad.

Najib's ruling party, in control for six decades, is likely to hold on to power due to an electoral system that gives more weight to rural voters, analysts say, but at the price of reduced legitimacy.

The contest pits Najib, a political blue blood, against his former political mentor, Mahathir Mohamad, prime minister for 22 years until 2003 and credited with modernizing Malaysia.



Angered by the corruption scandal that engulfed the state investment fund set up and overseen by Najib, Mahathir defected from the ruling coalition's dominant United Malays National Organization party and joined forces with opposition parties that had regarded him as their chief nemesis. US investigators say \$4.5 billion was stolen from 1MDB, the investment fund, by associates of Najib between 2009 and 2014, including \$700 million that landed in Najib's bank account. He denies any wrongdoing.

The graft and money laundering scandal, under investigation by several countries, including Malaysia's ally the US, as well as the 2015 imposition of a goods and services tax that hit poor Malays

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Birds migrate to save energy

AFP, Paris

Why have some birds opted for a taxing life of constant migration -- seeking out temperate climes to feed as winter arrives, only to return months later to breed?

Seemingly paradoxically, the behaviour is driven by a quest for energy efficiency, a study said Monday.

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Prof Rezaul Murder 2 militants get death sentence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two militants of outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) have been sentenced to death and three others to life term imprisonment for killing Prof AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee of Rajshahi University in 2016.

Judge Shirin Kabita Akhter of the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Rajshahi also slapped a fine of Tk 20,000

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Flouting traffic rules, a bus drives against traffic near the capital's Shahbagh intersection yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



RAJIB'S DEATH

Bus owners asked to pay Tk 1 crore to his family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the owners of two buses -- BRTC and Sajan Paribahan -- to pay Tk 1 crore to the family of Rajib Hossain, who lost his right hand in a road accident and later died last month.

The bus owners have been asked to pay Tk 50 lakh within a month to an account which would jointly be opened under the names of Rajib's aunt Jahanara Begum, and their relative, customs officer Omar Faruk, in Sonali Bank's Motijheel branch.

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JAMAAT	4-50	1-15	5-15	6-38	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Investigated enough

Myanmar army tells UNSC as the world body wants to probe abuses in Rakhine State; China 'resists UK push' for a statement

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UN Security Council asked the Myanmar military to let it investigate rights abuses in Rakhine, but was told the "internal matter had already been investigated enough" and those responsible had been punished.

During a recent discussion between a UNSC delegation and Myanmar's top generals in Naypyitaw, the army said reports of abuses in Northern Rakhine had been exaggerated and the Muslim minority fled to Bangladesh because of threats by terrorists.

The details of the talks are available in the official Facebook page and the official website of Sen Gen Min Aung Hlaing, commander-in-chief of Myanmar armed forces.

Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UNSC Olof Skooh, also a member of the visiting UNSC delegation, said several top army generals were told at the April 30 meeting that the Security Council was deeply concerned about reports of rights abuses in Myanmar.

The UNSC wanted to investigate those cases and Skooh asked the army for its views on the issue.

Aung Hlaing claimed it was an "internal matter" and the reports of abuses were exaggerated by certain groups to drag the international community into Myanmar.

He added an investigation commission, led by a vice-president, and a Tatmadaw investigation, led by Lt Gen Aye Win, carried out probes into accusation of rights violation in 2012 and 2016 and punished the offenders.

"All the findings are true and correct. Then, action was taken against the

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