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# BASHUNDHARA CITY RAID

## Traders gang up on customs officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traders at the capital's Bashundhara City mall besieged a group of customs intelligence officials on its premises and the adjacent road for more than two hours after the officials seized some cell phones from their shops.

The customs officials said the handsets were brought to the country dodging duties while the traders alleged the raid was aimed at harassing them.

As the officials were besieged, people passing through the area and its surrounding places suffered a traffic nightmare. They remained stuck in tailbacks for hours.

It all started around noon when the customs officials, led by Additional

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Shopkeepers in the capital's Bashundhara City mall kept a team of customs officials besieged and blocked Panthapath for several hours after the officials seized mobile phones being sold "dodging duties".

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



# Leave no-man's land

Myanmar border guards ask Rohingyas living along Bandarban border; govt to relocate 1 lakh Rohingyas to Bhasan Char in 2 months

STAR REPORT

Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) yesterday asked Rohingyas living on no man's land along the Tombru border in Bandarban to leave the area.

Rohingyas living there said the BGP used loudspeakers attached to trees to make repeated announcements that they should shift to somewhere else.

Meanwhile, Disaster Management and Relief Secretary Mohammad Shah Kamal yesterday said one lakh Rohingyas would be relocated to

Bhasan Char in Noakhali's Hatiya upazila from Cox's Bazar within two months, reports UNB.

Some 700,000 Rohingyas, mostly women and children, have fled military persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State and took shelter in Cox's Bazar since August 25 last year.

According to an unofficial estimate, around 5,800 Rohingyas have been living on a thin strip of land between the two countries since fleeing the persecution.

Dil Mohammad, a Rohingya com-

munity leader living the on no man's land, said the BGP was making the announcement, but it did not tell where the Rohingyas should go.

"We want to return home [in Myanmar] now, but not to elsewhere," he said.

Md Arif Hossain, another Rohingya community leader, said the BGP was announcing since 8:00am that residing on no man's land was a violation of law.

Maj Iqbal Ahmed, deputy commander of Border Guard Bangladesh

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## Robbers in guise of cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A gang of 10 to 12 armed robbers disguised as police intercepted a boat and proceeded to loot the passengers of their cash, three cell phones and other goods.

The incident occurred on the river Meghna at Rajrajeswar area under Chandpur Sadar upazila at around 8:30 pm yesterday.

Vegetable trader Dil Mohammad of Palbazar, a victim of the robbery said

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## Pakistan protests as Modi opens hydro power plant

Kashmir shuts down to protest Indian PM's visit

AGENCIES

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated a hydroelectric power plant in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, amid protests from neighbour Pakistan which says the project on a river flowing into Pakistan will disrupt water supplies.

The 330 megawatt Kishanganga hydropower station, work on which started in 2009, is one of the projects that India has fast-tracked in the volatile state amid frosty ties between the nuclear-armed countries.

"This region can not only become self-

sufficient in power but also produce for other regions of the country," Modi said in the state's capital, Srinagar. "Keeping that in mind we have been working on various projects here in the past four years."

Pakistan has opposed some of these projects, saying they violate a World Bank-mediated treaty on the sharing of the Indus river and its tributaries upon which 80 percent of its irrigated agriculture depends.

"Pakistan is seriously concerned about the inauguration (of the Kishanganga plant)," its foreign ministry said in a statement on

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PHOTO: MASUK HRIDDOY

Workers collect carcasses of chicken that drowned inside their coop when a poultry farm at Kachhait of Brahmanbaria was inundated due to rain early Friday. The owner said about 1,500 chickens died.

SUNDARBANS

## Cancel all industrial units

Nat'l Committee urges govt

UNB, Dhaka

National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports has reiterated its demand for cancelling all kinds of industrial units, including Rampal power plant, within the Sundarbans area alleging that the government has been destroying the mangrove forest only to serve the interest of certain quarters.

"We need electricity. But we cannot destroy our natural protection like Sundarbans against natural calamities at the cost of power generation," Prof Anu Mohammad, member secretary of National

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## Are octopuses aliens?

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Octopuses are aliens. That's the claim being made by a team of 33 researchers published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

They are not referring to aliens in a metaphorical sense, but literal aliens from outer space.

Since the paper was released on Sunday, a trickle of news coverage has turned into a torrent, with increasingly alarming headlines about octopuses and their extra-terrestrial origins.

It will not come as a surprise to many to learn

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