NEWS IN brief

Pak summons Indian envoy over LoC firing

PTI, *Islamabad*

Pakistan yesterday summoned India's deputy high commissioner to protest the "unprovoked ceasefire violations" across the Line of Control by the Indian forces that resulted in the death of a Pakistani villager. DG (South Asia and SAARC) Mohammad Faisal urged the Indian side to respect 2003 Ceasefire arrangement.

Indian girl, 9, gang-raped, murdered

AFP, *Srinagar*

Indian police have arrested a woman and four others after her nine-year-old stepdaughter was allegedly gang-raped and murdered, in the latest horrific crime to shock the country. The child's decomposed body was found on Tuesday hidden behind bushes about a kilometre from her home in Baramulla district of Kashmir. Her father had reported her missing 12 days earlier.

Mayor on Duterte's 'narco list' killed

AFP, *Manila*

A Philippine mayor on President Rodrigo Duterte's list of allegedly narcotics-linked officials was shot dead in his own office yesterday. Mariano Blanco, mayor of the southern town of Ronda, is the latest in a spate of local officials to be slain in recent months, some with and some without alleged links to the illegal drug trade.

US to lead UNSC talks on Iran in late Sept

AFP, *United Nations*

US President Donald Trump plans to lead a meeting of the heads of state of the United Nations Security Council on Iran in late September, his envoy Nikki Haley announced Tuesday. With the United States now holding the presidency of the Security Council, Haley said the aim is to put further pressure on Tehran over its alleged violations of council resolutions. "President Trump is very adamant that we have to start making sure that Iran is falling in line with international order," Haley told reporters.

Time to 'turn the page'

Says Pompeo as he visits Pakistan to 'reset' ties strained over Islamist militants, Afghan war

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US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in Islamabad yesterday, in the first high-level US visit to the new government, looking to reset relations strained over Islamist militants and Afghanistan war.

Tensions between the uneasy allies rose ahead of yesterday's visit when the Pentagon confirmed it had made a final decision to cancel $300 million in military aid to Pakistan.

After greeting Khan in the capital Islamabad, Pompeo said he was "very pleased" with his earlier meeting with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi. "We had an excellent meeting. I'm very happy with the meeting we had," Qureshi agreed, according to a pool report.

Pompeo 'pleased' after meeting with Pak FM

The visit comes as US tilts away from Pakistan, while deepening ties with India to counter China's influence

Neighbouring India is next on whistle-stop tour

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi (R) shaking hands with visiting US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on his arrival at the Foreign Ministry in Islamabad yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Khan, a cricket legend who swept to power in the July elections, said he was hopeful about resetting relations.

"I'm a born optimist. A sportsman always is an optimist. He steps on the field and he thinks he's going to win," Khan told reporters.

Pompeo was also expected to meet Pakistan's army chief, Qamar Javed Bajwa, before flying out yesterday afternoon.

On the plane ahead of his South Asia trip, Pompeo said it was time to "turn the page" and suggested that the election of Khan, who has vowed to seek better relations with the US, could provide a fresh impetus, reported AFP.

The visit comes as the US tilts away from Pakistan, while deepening strategic and economic ties with India in a bid to counter China's increasing influence in the "Indo-Pacific" region -- Pompeo's preferred term for the area that stretches from the west coast of the United States to the west coast of India.

Pompeo will have to perform a tricky balancing act, analysts say, as Pakistan is fast falling within China's sphere of influence and its arch-rival India is smarting over a series of trade threats and insults from President Donald Trump, reported CNN Online.

"US-Pakistan ties have deteriorated significantly," said Alyssa Ayres, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "US patience across parties has grown thin. Pakistanis generally believe that the United States is a fair-weather friend, in contrast to the 'all-weather' friendship of China."

On US-India relations, Ayres added that "the unprecedented degree to which President Trump focuses on at times arbitrary and even trivial economic issues to measure the health of foreign relations has created new uncertainty."

Pompeo is due next to visit India, Pakistan's neighbour and bitter foe, where he is expected to pile pressure on New Delhi over its purchases of Iranian oil and Russian missile systems.

Pompeo and US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis will meet their Indian counterparts in New Delhi today, and are expected to finalise defence pacts that could bring their militaries closer amid China's rising influence, reported Reuters.

ASSAM CITIZENSHIP ROW

SC defers claims, objections receipt

TNN, *New Delhi*

India's Supreme Court (SC) yesterday again deferred the process of receiving claims and objections with regard to the final draft of Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) until further orders.

The final draft of Assam's NRC was released July 30. It said 2.89 crore of 3.29 crore people who applied are considered citizens of the country. Of the more than 40 lakh people not in the final draft, as many as 37.59 lakh names have been rejected and 2.48 lakh names have been put on hold.

The process for making claims and objections by those left out was set to begin on August 30 and continue till September 28. Last Tuesday too, the apex court deferred the receipt of claims and objections to Assam's final draft of the NRC from the earlier scheduled August 30.

NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela yesterday submitted a report to an SC bench of Justices Ranjan Gogoi and R F Nariman suggesting that only 10 of the 15 documents originally permitted to prove citizenship be allowed to be filed with claims and objections by the people whose names have been left out of the final NRC draft.

The SC asked the Centre and other stakeholders to respond to this suggestion of the NRC coordinator within two weeks. It then scheduled the next hearing for September 19.

When the attorney general forcefully said that the Centre has a larger interest to look after and should be given a copy of NRC coordinator's report to articulate its response, the bench told him that it is not necessary to give a copy to Centre at this stage.

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Announcement / Date: September 6, 2018

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Freedom of the press essential to democracy

Says US VP, calls for release of Reuters journos

REUTERS, *Washington*

US Vice President Mike Pence on Tuesday called on Myanmar's government to reverse a court ruling that imprisoned two Reuters journalists for seven years and to release them immediately.

The journalists were found guilty on Monday on official secrets charges in a landmark case seen as a test of progress toward democracy in Myanmar, which was ruled by a military junta until 2011.

Wa Lone, 32, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 28, were investigating the killing by security forces of Rohingya villagers at the time of their arrest last December, and had pleaded not guilty.

Two journos should be commended for their work exposing human rights violations: Pence

"Wa Lone & Kyaw Soe Oo shd be commended—not imprisoned—for their work exposing human rights violations & mass killings. Freedom of religion & freedom of the press are essential to a strong democracy," Pence wrote on Twitter.

Pence is the most senior US official to add his voice to an international outcry against the verdict by a Myanmar judge, who said the two had breached the colonial-era Official Secrets Act when they collected and obtained confidential documents.

In Yangon earlier on Tuesday, the wives of two journalists insisted that the men were innocent and called for them to be reunited with their families.

"Deeply troubled by the Burmese court ruling sentencing 2 @Reuters journalists to 7 years in jail for doing their job reporting on the atrocities being committed on the Rohingya people," Pence wrote in another tweet.

US ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on Tuesday that the United States would become more vocal about the two journalists' situation.

Speaking at a news conference in New York marking the US assumption of the rotating chairmanship of the Security Council for September, Haley said the reporters were "in prison for telling the truth."

Mark Green, administrator for the US Agency for International Development, said "these convictions are an enormous setback for democracy and the rule of law in Burma."

The verdict came amid mounting pressure on the government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi over a security crackdown sparked by attacks by Rohingya Muslim insurgents on security forces in Rakhine State in west Myanmar in August 2017.

Boat with nearly 40 sinks in Indian river

TNN, *Guwahati*

A mechanized country boat carrying about 40 passengers and eight two-wheelers sank in the Brahmaputra river near Guwahati at around 1:30pm yesterday. Nearly 12 passengers swam out to safety on their own, but the rest, mostly women and school children, are still missing.

A 25-member team of State Disaster Management Authority has been pressed into rescue operations immediately.

After nearly two hours, SDRF divers have so far fished out a body of a teen-aged girl. The search operation is still on in the mighty river that is in full spate.

The boat was carrying passengers from Guwahati to north Guwahati when its engine suddenly stopped and it sank just about 200 metres away from the bank.

One of the survivors, Utpal Chamua said that he saved his life by jumping on to the rescue boat but the others did not have time and went into the river along with the boat. "We threw life jackets from the rescue boat to those who were trying to swim and one woman who was swimming with her child wrapped around her could be saved," he said.

According to sources, the boat was carrying nearly 40 passengers of which only 24 persons had boarded with tickets.

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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তা	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রক, সিলেট।
৩.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী দপ্তর	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট।
৪.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং-১৩.০১.৯১০০.০০৩.৩৪.০০৯.১৭.২৩৪০ তারিখঃ ০৩/০৯/২০১৮খ্রিঃ।
৫.	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র/কাজের নাম	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রক, সিলেট এর অধীন বিশ্বনাথ, বালাগঞ্জ, তাজপুর, ফেঞ্চুগঞ্জ, গোলাপগঞ্জ, শেওলা, কানাইঘাট, জকিগঞ্জ, কালিগঞ্জ, জৈন্তাপুর, গোয়াইনঘাট ও কোম্পানীগঞ্জ এলএসডির শ্রম ও হস্তার্পন কাজ।
৬.	প্যাকেজ ও লট পরিচিতি	প্যাকেজ নংঃ ১ লট সংখ্যাঃ ১২।
৭.	কাজের সময়কাল	২০১৮-১৯ অর্থ বছরের অবশিষ্ট সময় ও ২০১৯-২০ অর্থ বছর।
৮.	কাজের পরিমাণ	দরপত্র শিডিউল মোতাবেক।
৯.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
১০.	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য	৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা প্রতি সেট। ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক এ ১/৪৮৩১/০০০১/২৩৬৬ কোড এ মূল্য জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূলকপি জমা দিয়ে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে হবে।
১১.	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা (প্রতি লট)।
১২.	পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটি	চুক্তি মূল্যের ৫%।
১৩.	বাজেট বরাদ্দ ও তহবিলের উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার।
১৪.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়/প্রাপ্তির স্থান	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট এর হিসাব শাখা।
১৫.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২০/০৯/২০১৮খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১৬.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/০৯/২০১৮খ্রিঃ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৭.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট এ রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্স।
১৮.	দরপত্রদাতার অভিজ্ঞতা	খাদ্যশস্য/খাদ্য সামগ্রীর শ্রম ও হস্তার্পন কাজে ন্যূনতম ০২ (দুই) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা। অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ সংশ্লিষ্ট ডিডিও কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত হতে হবে।
১৯.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	(ক) ২৩/০৯/২০১৮খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৩ ঘটিকার সময় জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট এর অফিস কক্ষে দরপত্রদাতা/দরপত্রদাতার প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) যোগ্যতা বিষয়ক প্রস্তাব উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটি (TOC) কর্তৃক খোলা হবে এবং যোগ্যতা বিষয়ক প্রস্তাব মূল্যায়ণের জন্য বিকাল ৩.৩০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র মূল্যায়ণ কমিটির (TEC) সভায় উপস্থাপন করা হবে। (খ) যে সকল দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা বিষয়ক প্রস্তাব সন্তোষজনক (Responsive) বিবেচিত হবে কেবলমাত্র সেই সকল দরপত্রদাতার আর্থিক প্রস্তাব খোলা হবে। Responsive দরপত্রদাতাদের তালিকা, আর্থিক প্রস্তাব খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান সম্পর্কিত তথ্য জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট এর নোটিশ বোর্ডে জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে।
২০.	দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্য জানার জন্য	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রকের কার্যালয়, সিলেট এর হিসাব শাখা।
২১.	দরপত্রের ধরণ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (দুইখাম পদ্ধতি)।
২২.	দরপত্রের মেয়াদ	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে ১২০ (একশত বিশ) দিন।
২৩.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী এবং টেলিফোন নং	জেলা খাদ্য নিয়ন্ত্রক, সিলেট। টেলিফোন নংঃ ০৮২১-৭১৭১৪৩।

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KOLKATA TRAGEDY

What's wrong with India's bridges?

A 66-foot deck of a bridge in south Kolkata collapsed on Tuesday evening, snuffing out one life, trapping several people and crushing many vehicles. The bridge is over 40 years old. Biker Soumen Bag, who happened to be crossing the bridge, died after he fell headlong into the wedge as the deck split into two.

BRIDGE AFTER BRIDGE: This is the second major bridge collapse this year after Varanasi in which 18 people lost their lives and the fifth big one in the last two years In 2016, an under-construction flyover had collapsed on Vivekananda Road in Kolkata killing 27 people. In the same year, 22 people died when a British-era bridge on the Mumbai-Goa highway collapsed.

HEALTH OF BRIDGES: Warning bells for the Majerhat bridge were first raised in 2015 but went unheeded. And it's not the only one. A government survey of 1.62 lakh bridges released in 2017 found 23 on national highways were over 100 years old, 147 required immediate attention and 6,000 were structurally distressed.

THE PROBLEM: The issue is that bridges have a shelf life and require regular monitoring, audit and maintenance. But this critical aspect has been ignored by authorities - it's not been as high on priority as the tenders for new bridges. SOURCE: TOI ONLINE

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This is for kind information of all concerned that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has given consent vide letter no. BSEC/CI/IPO-249/2015/514 dated July 16, 2018 to commence electronic bidding by the Eligible Investors (EIs) to determine the cut-off price of ordinary shares of Runner Automobiles Limited under Book Building Method. Subsequently, the Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) has given consent for commencement of bidding vide letter no. DSE/Listing/ULC/2018/4944 dated August 05, 2018. All Eligible Investors (EIs) are hereby requested to visit the website **www.essbangladesh.com** and participate in the bidding process through the electronic subscription system.

The offer summary and details of bidding are as follows:

Issue Name	Runner Automobiles Limited
Issuer Code	RUNNERAUTO
Total Public Offer Size in amount	BDT 1,000,000,000
Face Value	BDT 10 per share
Issue size in amount for Eligible Investors (EIs)	BDT 625,000,000
Maximum amount allowed to bid by a bidder	BDT 12,500,000
20% of maximum allowable amount for a bidder to deposit	BDT 2,500,000
Market Lot	100 shares
Tick Size	1 (One)
Lock-in period for Eis	25% of the shares allotted to eligible investors, for 06 (six) months and other 25% of the shares allotted to them, for 09 (nine) months from the date of issuance of prospectus.
Manager to the Issue	IDLC Investments Limited
Registrar to the Issue	LangkaBangla Investments Limited

Details of Bidding:

Deposit of bidding fees (BDT 5,000) and 20% of bidding amount	Start at 10 am on September 10, 2018 and continue till 2 pm on September 13, 2018 (round the clock)
Electronic bidding start	**5 pm on September 10, 2018**
Electronic bidding closed	**5 pm on September 13, 2018**
Duration of bidding	72 hours (round the clock)
Maximum number of bid can be placed by a bidder	1 (one)
Bid revision limit	10% variation on first bid price for once within the bidding period
Mode of payment	Pay Order/Demand Draft/ B.B. Cheque/Cash
Website for book-building system	www.essbangladesh.com
Offer period for Eligible Investors (EIs)	Start at 10:30 am on September 16, 2018 and continue till 10:30 am on September 17, 2018 (round the clock)
Valuation report submission period for EIs	Start at 10:30 a.m. on September 17, 2018 and continue till 10:30 a.m. on September 19, 2018 (round the clock)

Bank Details for Depositing Bidding Money:

a. Bank Branch	: IFIC Bank Limited
b. Account Name	: Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited
c. Account No.	: 1090-344039-042
d. Branch	: Any

All Eligible Investors (EI's) are requested to participate in the electronic bidding of Runner Automobiles Limited according to the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (Public Issue) Rules, 2015 (as amended on July 06, 2017) and BSEC directive No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/204 dated February 20, 2018.

Red-Herring Prospectus of Runner Automobiles Limited is available in the websites of the Issuer (www.runnerbd.com) and Manager to the Issue (www.idlc.com) and Book Building System for Stock Exchanges in Bangladesh (www.essbangladesh.com).

Code of Conduct for EIs in respect of participating in the bidding process of book-building method:

1. The EIs shall form a Bidding Recommendation Committee comprising of at least 2 (two) members having relevant knowledge, skill, qualification and experience. The Committee upon detailed analysis of value and prospects of the securities, shall recommend to participate in the electronic bidding and shall also mention the bidding quantity and price, if recommended.
2. The EIs shall, on the basis of recommendation of the Bidding Recommendation Committee, take decision about participation in the bidding. Decision of the EI and proceedings of the Committee along with workings shall be preserved for inspection by the Commission or the Exchanges.
3. The EIs and Committee shall exercise due diligence and independent professional judgment and ensure proper care in order to maintain objectivity, transparency and independence in the decision making for bidding.
4. While, analyzing, they shall take into consideration all aspects including financial, technical. Managerial, commercial, economic, ownership etc. of the securities offered and its issuer and review all documents and prospectus in details.
5. While analyzing, they shall use internationally recognized securities valuation techniques and take decision on objective and professional judgment. They shall keep all calculations, analysis workings and proceedings regarding the valuation in writing and shall record the basis for using valuation techniques with justification.
6. They shall act fairly, neutrally, honestly and shall be independent in analysis and making decision without any influence, interference or pressure. They must not disclose or share any information related to the valuation with the issuer, issue manager, other eligible investors or any other person. The analysis, recommendation and decision shall be kept confidential till completion of the bidding period.
7. The EIs shall submit their valuation report along with workings and calculations to the exchange conducting the bidding from **10:30 a.m.** on **September 17, 2018** and continue till **10:30 a.m.** on September 19, 2018 (round the clock).

Special Instruction to participate in the Electronic Bidding Process:

1. EIs who will not participate in the bidding during the bidding period, will not be able to participate in the offer period.
2. The EIs shall submit only softcopy of their valuation report through www.essbangladesh.com. There is no need to send any hardcopy.
3. It is mandatory for EIs bidding at or above the cut-off price to subscribe up to their intended quantity.
4. The balance amount of subscription shall be paid by the Eligible Investors prior to the date of opening of subscription to the general public.
5. In case of failure to deposit the remaining amount by the Eligible Investors, the Commission shall forfeit advance bid money deposited by them.

For and on behalf of Runner Automobiles Limited
Mukesh Sharma
Managing Director and CEO