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Titli batters eastern India

300,000 evacuated, 8 killed as cyclone hits Andhra-Odisha coasts

STAR REPORT

Cyclonic storm Titli left eight people dead and caused widespread damage in two coastal districts in India's Andhra Pradesh yesterday. However, there was no casualty or major destruction in adjacent Odisha, officials said.

Officials in Bangladesh said they were on alert in Cox's Bazar, home to around one million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar living in tarpaulin and bamboo shelters.

The cyclone packing winds of up to 150 kilometres (95 miles) per hour and heavy rains hit eastern India early yesterday, reports AFP.

The Odisha state government evacuated more than 300,000 people from five coastal districts on Wednesday while local schools, colleges and childcare centres were ordered closed and fishermen advised not to go out to the sea.

"We have already evacuated three lakh people and more may be shifted to safer places in view of the very severe cyclone," PTI quoted Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik as saying.

They were accommodated in more than 1,100 cyclone shelters. Officials have also shifted 123 pregnant women to hospitals.

In Bangladesh, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said the government cancelled the weekly leave of all its officials and employees in 19 coastal districts as part of precautionary steps to tackle the cyclone.

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The wreckage of the helicopter after it crashed with six people on board in Rajshahi's Godagari upazila yesterday. All the passengers, including Impress Telefilm Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagar and noted Nazrul Sangeet artiste Ferdous Ara, and the pilot survived the crash with minor injuries.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

DIGITAL SECURITY ACT Editors' Council press confce tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sampadak Parishad will hold a press conference at noon tomorrow to reiterate its demand that the Digital Security Act be amended to protect freedom of speech, independent journalism and media institutions from the threat of police intervention and arbitrary arrest.

The decision was made at a meeting held yesterday at The Daily Star Centre, presided over by Tasmima Hossain, editor of Daily Ittefaq. At the meeting, the Sampadak Parishad (Editors' Council) reiterated that it accepts the need for strengthening cyber security through an appropriate legal framework but opposes some specific sections of the Digital Security Act, recently signed into law by the President, namely sections 8, 21, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 43 and 53.

After the meeting, the Parishad issued a statement where it said it:

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CRITICISM OF GOVT Myanmar cops arrest three journalists

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar police Wednesday arrested three journalists after their paper criticised the financial management of Yangon's government, which is overseen by a protege of leader Aung San Suu Kyi, in the latest case to spark concern over press freedom.

Rights groups criticised the detention of the three from Eleven Media, which comes as the latest in a long series of cases brought against the media under

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Non-stop, from Singapore to NY

World's longest commercial flight takes off

AFP, Singapore

The world's longest commercial flight took off from Singapore yesterday, with excited and apprehensive passengers on board settling in for a marathon 19 hours in the air to New York.

A spokeswoman for Singapore Airlines told AFP that Flight SQ22 departed at approximately 11:35pm (1535 GMT) with 150 passengers and 17 crew on board.

Two pilots, a special "wellness" menu and more than seven weeks' worth of film and television entertainment accompany



the travellers on the 16,700-kilometre (10,400-mile) journey to the Big Apple.

The long-range Airbus A350-900ULR is

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LGED official, 2 others killed in Dinajpur road crashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A government official was killed in a road accident yesterday morning when he was travelling to Dinajpur to attend the prime minister's video conference.

Afzal Hossain, 59, was the additional chief engineer of Local Government Engineering Department's Rangpur divisional office.

The accident happened when the driver of his official car lost control and

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Indian rangers lure tiger with perfume



AFP, Mumbai

Indian rangers hunting a man-eating tiger are considering deploying an unusual weapon to lure the big cat -- Calvin Klein cologne, an official said yesterday.

A major operation to kill or capture the tigress, which is suspected to have killed up to 13 people in India's western state of Maharashtra, was launched a month ago.

Patrol teams, infrared camera traps and even elephants have all failed to find her so officials are now pondering whether Calvin Klein's Obsession fragrance is the answer.

"Someone suggested using the Calvin Klein perfume as a way to lure her with the scent and one of our officials purchased it.

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Baul singer 'raped' in Ashulia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A Baul singer has alleged that she was raped by two men in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital Dhaka.

Police arrested Badshah Bhuiyan, 40, from Gazirchat in the suburban area on Wednesday night after the 30-year-old victim filed a case with Ashulia Police Station. Police said they were looking for the main

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NATURE QUEST

Paradise on Earth

MOSTAFA SHABUI, Bogura

In Bogura's Shajahanpur upazila, a village called Gandagram is surrounded by two large, centuries-old bamboo bushes. These bushes house many a rare, exotic, migratory birds, and one of them is the precious Asian paradise flycatcher.

PHOTO COURTESY: ALI ASHRAF BHUIYAN

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'THREATS' FROM SUPPORTERS OF YAMEEN EC members flee Maldives

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

Four of the five members of Maldives' elections commission have fled the country, alleging threats from supporters of outgoing President Abdulla Yameen.

Elections Commissioner Ahmed Shareef yesterday said groups of Yameen supporters gathered in front of the members' homes and threatened them, accusing them of accepting bribes from the opposition, the Associated Press reported.

The outgoing president on Wednesday filed a petition in the Supreme Court, challenging his shock defeat in last month's election in the island nation, which has

been in turmoil since a state of emergency was announced earlier this year.


The Supreme Court said yesterday it would examine Yameen's petition to annul his September election defeat despite international pressure on the strongman leader to go quietly.

A hearing will be held on Sunday at 1:00 pm, the court said on Twitter.

The opposition alliance said Yameen, who has rolled back many democratic reforms in the Maldives, is attempting to cling to power after initially conceding defeat.

The ruling Progressive Party of the

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