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JAMAL KHASHOGGI 'KILLING'

Probe focus on Saudi prince's inner circle

CNN ONLINE

Turkish investigators wearing hazmat suits searched the Saudi consul general's residence in Istanbul yesterday, looking for clues to what happened to Jamal Khashoggi amid growing indications that the men allegedly responsible for the journalist's death have close ties to the highest levels of the Saudi government.

Sources told CNN that a group of Saudi men whom Turkish officials believe are connected to Khashoggi's apparent killing were led by a high-ranking intelligence officer, with one source saying he was close to the inner circle of the kingdom's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist, visited the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on October 2 to obtain papers that would have allowed him to marry his Turkish fiancée. The insider-turned-critic of the Saudi government has not been seen since.

Turkish officials have told CNN that Khashoggi's body was dismembered after he was killed in the consulate.

Turkish investigators carried out a lengthy search of the consulate on Monday but were only allowed access to the consul general's residence in Istanbul for the first time on

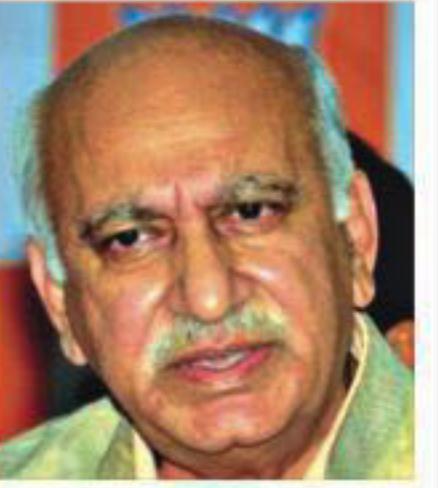


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#METOO FALLOUT
MJ Akbar quits, to challenge accusations

REUTERS, New Delhi



An Indian government minister resigned yesterday, saying he was doing so in order to fight accusations of sexual harassment levied by several women, the most high-profile casualty of a growing #MeToo movement.

More than a dozen women have accused MJ Akbar, a junior foreign minister, of a range of inappropriate behaviour during his career as a journalist before entering politics.

He has denied the accusations and filed a lawsuit against one of the women for defaming him. Twenty other women have since offered to testify against him.

"Since I have decided to seek justice in a court of law in my personal capacity, I deem it appropriate to step down from office and challenge false accusations levied against me in a personal capacity," the news agency ANI, a Reuters partner,

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Just for pets

Country's first pet hospital ready to open



ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

The first ever hospital just for pet care is scheduled to begin operation, with the objective of providing treatment and healthcare to pet animals, at Purbachal in the capital later this month.

An initiative of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU), "Teaching and Training Pet Hospital and Research Centre" will offer hands-on training to interns and post-graduate veterinary doctors.

Khalilur Rahman, deputy director (public relations) of CVASU, said the hospital would consist of a medicine, surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics, and radiology and imaging units.

The hospital is scheduled for inauguration on October 28, said CVASU officials.

"CVASU is the country's first ever specialised university of its kind and so

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Pond herons being sold illegally on Wasa Road in the capital's Bashabo yesterday morning. The man selling the birds said he used bait to trap them in Mymensingh's Muktagachha and brought them to Dhaka for better price.

17-year-old 'gang-raped' in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Cox's Bazar

A 17-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped at Dhaniakata of Cox's Bazar's Pekua upazila early yesterday.

Police detained three suspects -- Ali Hossain, Md Tareq and Abu Siddique -- in this connection.

Sub-Inspector of Pekua Police Station Ashikur Rahman said they were trying to nab three others -- Mizanur Rahman, Md Zunaid, and Nezam Uddin.

Family and police sources said the teenager boarded a CNG-run-three-wheeler to go to her relative's house at Dhaniakata of Toitang union on Tuesday noon. The vehicle's driver, Zunayed, then picked up more passengers, including Ali Hossain and some others.

After driving around for a while, he took the girl to

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Robot talks to MPs about future of AI



AFP, London

A walking and talking robot appeared in Britain's parliament for the first time on Tuesday, prompting Twitter users to seize the chance to heap more mockery on Theresa May.

The latest round of public amusement at the expense of the British premier came during a committee hearing on artificial intelligence (AI) and "the fourth industrial revolution".

MPs on the education committee invited a robot named Pepper -- a white female creation with an excruciatingly thin waist and a tablet computer stuck to her chest -- to answer some basic questions.

Asked whether humans would have a place in a brave new world where AI reigns supreme, Pepper responded in a reassuring voice.

"Robots will have an important role to play, but we will always need the soft skills that are unique to

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INDIAN SC RULING No time limit for reporting sexual abuse of children

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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India's law ministry has opined that there is no time limit for reporting offences of child sexual abuse.

Following the opinion, Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Sanjay Gandhi said, "...now any victim, at any age, can complain about sexual abuse faced by him/her as a child and report the cases under The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), Act 2012."

Often, children are unable to report such crimes as the perpetrator in most cases is either a family member, a relative or closely known person. Studies have also shown that the child continues to carry the trauma of sexual abuse till very late in life. In order to overcome this trauma many grown up

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Little Lamia's tale of horror



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Detectives are searching for the man suspected of torturing an 11-year-old domestic help in Barishal.

Officers conducted a raid in Airport area of the city yesterday afternoon, but couldn't find Ashraful Islam Chowdhury.

Police would seek remand today for his wife Sharmin Akhter, also accused in the case filed under child repression and trafficking act, said Moazzem Hossain, deputy commissioner of detective branch of Barishal Metropolitan Police.

Meanwhile, struggling to speak due to injuries to her face, Lamia Akhtar told The Daily Star yesterday that she was frequently tortured by the couple during the six months she had been employed at their house.

She is being treated at the child surgery unit at Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

She was beaten so much by Ashraful and Sharmin on Monday night that she lost consciousness, police said.

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