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KHASHOGGI MURDER

Saudi crown prince deplores killing

Trump calls it worst cover-up ever

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's crown prince yesterday denounced the "painful" murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and vowed justice would prevail, in his first public comments on the case, without addressing US accusations of a monumental cover-up.

After phoning Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to discuss the October 2 killing in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, which triggered a diplomatic crisis, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman also pledged there would be "no rupture" in ties with Ankara.

"The incident was very painful for all Saudis, it's a repulsive incident and no one can justify it," Prince Mohammed said during an address to the Future Investment Initiative forum in Riyadh.

"Those responsible will be held accountable... in the end justice will prevail," the heir apparent to the Saudi throne said in Arabic.

The prince, faced with mounting international censure, appeared relaxed and occasionally joked as he shared the stage with Lebanon's prime minister-designate Saad Hariri and Bahrain's Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad.

Three weeks since Khashoggi, a Saudi citizen living in self-imposed exile, disappeared after walking into the consulate to obtain marriage documents, the crisis shows no sign of abating.

Washington, a long-time ally of Riyadh, moved late Tuesday to revoke the visas of several Saudis. Britain followed suit yesterday.

Saudi leaders have denied involvement in Khashoggi's murder, pushing responsibility

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Sky lanterns being flown by Buddhists as they celebrate Prabarana Purnima in front of Nanda Kanan temple in Chattogram city last night.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Khaleda's condition stable

Medical board says after tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Medical board formed to provide necessary treatment to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University yesterday described her condition stable.

The board conducted a CT scan of her lung yesterday afternoon as part of her medical tests. It also found no major problems in her earlier tests like blood, urine and X-ray conducted several days ago, said Prof Abdul Jalil Chowdhury, head of the five-member medical board.

The BNP chief's main

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FALL IN GLOBAL LENTIL PRICES

No reflection in local retail markets

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

Customers are yet to reap the benefit of the record fall in the price of lentil in the wholesale hub of Khatunganj in Chattogram as retailers are yet to set their prices to reflect the decreased costs.

Abul Bashar Chowdhury, chairman of a leading lentil importing firm, BSM Group based in Khatunganj, said the price had been falling in the global market for the last couple of years as India, the world's largest buyer of the staple, gradually decreased its imports following good yields there.

Lentils are mostly imported from Canada and Australia in their unrefined form.

The price of the dietary staple in the global market was at around \$1000 per tonne two years ago, said Bashar, adding that currently the price for Bangladeshi importers ranged between \$400 to \$450 a tonne.

The wholesale prices of average quality lentil have hovered between Tk 42 to Tk 44 a kg for the last eight months, a fall from the previous rate between Tk 60 to Tk 62 a kg.

Medium sized lentils, found in small quantity, are being sold at the wholesale market for Tk 54 to Tk 55 for the same period against the previous price range of Tk 74 to Tk 75.

Some quantity of refined lentil with smaller in size is imported from India and those are sold at Tk 73 to Tk 74 a kg, opposed to the previous price of Tk 101 per kg.

The price, however, has not fallen as expected in the retail markets.

Retailers at different kitchen markets and local shops were selling average quality lentil at Tk 60 to Tk 70 per kg, which was previously sold at Tk 80-85.

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Assistance yet to reach fishermen

Left with no choice, many in Munshiganj are defying ban on netting hilsa

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

With only three days left for the ban on fishing hilsa to end, fishermen in the district are yet to get rice as assistance from the government.

Local fisheries officials yesterday said they were preparing a list of beneficiaries and would distribute rice among fishermen on Sunday, the last day of the 22-day ban.

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Defying a ban, hilsa being sold in broad daylight on the bank of the Padma at Char Jhautia village of Munshiganj's Louhajang upazila on Monday.

PHOTO: FARHANA MIRZA

Prothom Alo most read daily

Says a recent survey; 66 lakh read its print version every day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla daily Prothom Alo has the highest number of readers among all the national dailies in the country, according to a recent survey. The National Media Survey (NMS)-2018, conducted by Kantar MRB Bangladesh, a research organisation, showed that around 66 lakh people read the print version of the paper daily.

MRB Bangladesh has been conducting the biannual survey on readership, impact and reach of the mass media for the last 18 years.

It is a member of the Kantar Group, one of the world's largest research, information, insight and consultancy networks, which is a part of the WPP Group.

Of the 11.44 crore people aged 15 and above in

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION




S'pore plans driverless hover taxis

AFP, Singapore

Test flights of a driverless hover-taxi will take place in Singapore next year, a German aviation firm said, the latest innovation to offer an escape from Asia's monster traffic jams.

Millions of commuters in the region's cities have to

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