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Assam tense after Ulfa kills 5 Bangalees

Security forces launch major counter-insurgency operation

STAR REPORT

Tensions escalated in Assam as Indian security forces launched a major counter-insurgency operation in the state yesterday, a day after suspected militants of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA-Independent) shot dead five Bangla-speaking men.

The security forces are keeping a vigil on Assam's border with Arunachal Pradesh to ensure the perpetrators of the killings can't escape, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

Five Bangla-speaking people, including three of a family, were shot dead and two others wounded by suspected militants of ULFA-Independent faction led by their fugitive leader Paresh Barua at Sadiya Saikhowaghat in Tinsukia district on Thursday night, police said.

The killing took place on a day when the Supreme Court extended the deadline for filing applications of new entries in the NRC and allowing filing additional documents for claiming citizenship.

On Thursday, five to six gunmen armed with sophisticated

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Printing, binding and distribution of textbooks for the next academic year continue in full swing as the government is set to celebrate the "Textbook Festival" on January 1. More than half of the 35 crore books to be distributed among primary and secondary students have already reached the destinations. The photo was taken in the capital's Sutrapur yesterday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Khashoggi's body was 'dissolved'

Says Turkish official; Pompeo hints at sanctions against the culprits

AFP, Ankara

The body of journalist and Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi was "dissolved" after he was murdered and dismembered in Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul a month ago, according to a Turkish official.

The claim echoed details a Turkish official had earlier given to the Washington Post -- for which Khashoggi was a contributor -- that authorities were investigating a theory the body was destroyed in acid.

The murder of the royal insider-turned-dissident has provoked widespread outrage against Riyadh and fuelled an international debate about arms deliveries to Saudi Arabia, a key Washington ally against Iran.

"We now see that it wasn't just cut up, they got rid of the body by dissolving it," Yasin Aktay, an official in Turkey's ruling party, told the Hurriyet newspaper in a story

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EU threatens to slap sanctions

Asks Myanmar to address widespread human rights violations against Rohingyas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The European Union has threatened to impose trade sanctions on Myanmar if it does not address the widespread human rights violations against the Rohingyas in Rakhine and other minorities in Kachin and Shan states.

"The EU stands ready to provide necessary support to Myanmar to address the concerns of the international community. Nevertheless, withdrawal of trade preferences is a clear possibility if other channels of cooperation have failed to reach results," it said.

The warning comes following a visit by a monitoring mission of experts from the EU

and the European External Action Service to Myanmar from October 28-31.

In a statement on Thursday, European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström said, "Trade, done right, is a powerful force for good. Since several years, we have worked to ensure that trade preferences and access to the EU market are an incentive to promote fundamental human and labour rights.

"We now expect Myanmar to address the severe shortcomings that have been highlighted during this monitoring mission. If they do not act, Myanmar authorities are putting their country's tariff-free access to the EU market in danger."

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Unlocking secrets of the mind

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After 12 years of construction and £15m in funding, a giant computer designed to mimic the human brain is finally ready to be switched on.

Built by the University of Manchester, the SpiNNaker machine is made up of one million processors capable of 200 trillion actions per second -- meaning it can model more biological neurons in

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#METOO IN INDIA Akbar refutes journo's rape allegation

Says relationship was consensual

REUTERS, New Delhi

An Indian politician who resigned from the government last month after more than a dozen women accused him of sexual harassment, said yesterday he had a consensual relationship with a New York-based journalist who has accused him of raping her.

Pallavi Gogoi, chief business editor at National Public Radio, wrote in a Washington Post column on Thursday that the former junior foreign minister, MJ Akbar, "ripped off my clothes and raped me" in a hotel room in India 23 years ago.

At the time, she and Akbar worked for the same newspaper. She said after the attack, Akbar had continued to "defile me sexually, verbally, emotionally" for months.

Akbar has been one of the highest-profile targets of a growing #MeToo movement in India.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



DEATH AND HUNGER ... A child, part of a caravan travelling to the US, eats a piece of chicken under a banner that says "death and hunger" as the group rests in a park in Huixtla, Mexico, on Thursday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

UPDF man killed in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

An activist of The United Peoples Democratic Front (democratic faction) was shot dead allegedly by his rivals in his house of Khagrachhari's Dighinala upazila yesterday.

The victim is Sukhendu Chakma alias Sumanta, 35, of Baradam village in the upazila.

Locals said Sukhendu was murdered over conflict within regional parties in the hills.

Miton Chakma, a member of information and publicity unit of UPDF democratic faction, blamed the UPDF for the killing.

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Today is the 5th Death Anniversary of Begum Rabeya Ahmed



We request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers and to pray for eternal peace of her soul

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