

NEWS IN brief

Case dropped against Myanmar journalists

AFP, Yangon
The incitement case against three Myanmar journalists who reported critically on the financial management of Yangon's government has been withdrawn, their lawyer told AFP yesterday, in rare good news for the country's beleaguered press. Eleven Media's executive editors Kyaw Zaw Lin and Nayi Min and chief reporter Phyo Wai Win were arrested in October but allowed out on bail after a few weeks in detention.

RSF honours female Asian journalists

AFP, London
An Indian journalist and a Filipina campaigner won Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Press Freedom Awards on Thursday for their bravery in holding governments to account in the face of persistent threats. Freelance reporter Swati Chaturvedi and social media campaigner Inday Espina-Varona were honoured at the RSF annual awards, being staged in London for the first time.

Syria regime attack kills 23 rebels

AFP, Beirut
Syrian government forces killed 23 rebels near Idlib province yesterday, the deadliest clash to rock a buffer zone where a Russian-Turkish truce is to be enforced. The attack on a position held by the Jaish al-Islam rebel group took place on the edge of the northwestern province of Idlib, in an area due to be de-militarised.

Afghan leaders, Taliban attend peace talks

AFP, Moscow
Moscow yesterday hosted international talks on Afghanistan aimed at kickstarting direct negotiations between Kabul and the Taliban militant group, both of whom sent delegations. Russia hopes "through joint efforts to open a new page in the history of Afghanistan," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said yesterday morning.

Suicide car bombers kill 17 in Somalia

REUTERS, Mogadishu
Suicide attackers set off two car bombs at a hotel near the headquarters of Somalia's Criminal Investigations Department in Mogadishu yesterday, killing at least 17 people, police said. Guards at Hotel Sahafi and CID officers opened fire after the blasts. Then, about 20 minutes later, a third explosion hit the busy street. "So far we have confirmed 17 civilians dead," a police officer said.



A Palestinian protester runs for cover as Israeli forces take position during a demonstration near the border between Israel and Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. Inset, a wounded protester is evacuated. PHOTO: AFP



US MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Florida heads for possible recounts

Republican challenger claims fraud

AFP, Washington
Key results in this week's US elections hung in the balance Thursday, two days after polling, with accusations flying of voter fraud and corruption, as several races appeared headed for recounts.
The Republican challenger in Florida's closely-fought Senate seat, said he was suing two election officials, as his apparent lead in the contest narrowed.
"The people of Florida deserve fairness and transparency," Rick Scott told reporters.
"Every Floridian should be concerned there may be rampant fraud happening in Palm Beach and Broward Counties."
Scott, who is the state's sitting governor, said he was ordering an official investigation into his own race.
The dramatic announcement prompted a tweet from President Donald Trump alleging a "big corruption scandal" while fellow Republican Marco Rubio accused Democrats of a coordinated effort to "steal the election."
Florida was also the site of bitterly-fought legal battles in the 2000 presidential election.
Those were halted by the US Supreme Court, and George W. Bush defeated Al Gore by 537 votes in Florida, giving him the edge in the electoral college and handing him the White House.
Both Scott's race for the Senate -- against Democrat incumbent Bill Nelson -- and the state's governor election appeared headed for mandatory recounts.

Lanka crisis takes new turn

Main Tamil parties reject president's call to support new PM

AGENCIES
Sri Lanka's main Tamil parties have turned down a call from President Maithripala Sirisena to support his newly appointed prime minister in a likely floor test in parliament this month, the parties said yesterday.
Sirisena triggered off a political crisis on the island by sacking Ranil Wickremesinghe as prime minister and appointing controversial opposition leader Mahinda Rajapaksa to the job last month.
Wickremesinghe has challenged his ouster as unconstitutional and sought a session of parliament to determine who holds a majority.
Sirisena met the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) to persuade the main minority group to drop its opposition to Rajapaksa who led the country to a crushing defeat of Tamil separatist guerrillas when he was president, but who is accused of human rights violations.
"President asked the TNA to abstain from voting, but we said the abstention would lead to legitimising an unconstitutional move," M A Sumanthiran, a TNA spokesman, told Reuters.
Buddhists make up about 70 percent of Sri Lanka's 21 million people and ethnic Tamils, most of whom are Hindus, about 13 percent. Muslims and had scarred the Indian Ocean island's international reputation.
Mano Ganesan, the leader of another minority Tamil party, said the president had suggested three options at the meeting.
"The first, he said we can join the government accepting ministerial positions. If not, he asked us to remain neutral in the parliament. The third option was not to support Wickremesinghe saying that he and Ranil Wickremesinghe can't work," Ganesan said.
President's party admitted for the first time yesterday that it does not have a majority to get its candidate through a parliamentary vote of confidence, reported AFP.
The house will sit on November 14. Political parties have accused each other of trying to engineer defections.
The uncertainty has already dented investor sentiment on currency, bond, and stock markets.
The EU said yesterday that the crisis other communities make up the rest.
Western nations led by the European Union are concerned that Sri Lanka's halting steps towards a national reconciliation and justice for the victims of the war crimes will be endangered by the return of Rajapaksa.

EU demands end to political crisis

The House will sit on November 14

ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSERS

US unveils new crackdown plan

AFP, Washington
The United States will no longer allow people who enter the country illegally to claim asylum, officials said Thursday, unveiling a controversial new crackdown on immigration.
The restriction on asylum claims will seek to address what a senior administration official called the "historically unparalleled abuse of our immigration system" along the border with Mexico.
The new rule was published by the Department of Homeland Security and is expected to get President Donald Trump's signature shortly -- as well as face court challenges.
The new regulation declares that people can apply for asylum along the US-Mexican border only at official ports of entry.
The American Civil Liberties Union said that the right to request asylum must be granted to anyone entering the country, regardless of where they were.
"US law specifically allows individuals to apply for asylum whether or not they are at a port of entry. It is illegal to circumvent that by agency or presidential decree," the ACLU said.
But according to the new rule, Trump has authority to restrict illegal immigration "if he determines it to be in the national interest."
Trump's administration argues that he has the executive power to curb immigration in the name of national security, a power he invoked right after taking office with a controversial ban on travelers from several mostly-Muslim countries -- the final version of which was upheld by the US Supreme Court on June 26 after a protracted legal battle.
"Today's rule applies this important principle to aliens who violate such a suspension or restriction regarding the southern border," Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and acting attorney general Matthew Whitaker said.
Those seeking political or other kinds of asylum -- nearly all of them coming from impoverished and violent crime-plagued countries of Central America -- will be heard exclusively at the border crossings, administration officials told journalists.
This is expected to put a dent in those streaming into an already overburdened system, officials said, noting that there is a backlog of more than 700,000 cases in the immigration courts.

New rule states people can apply for asylum along US-Mexican border only at ports of entry



CORRUPTION CASE

Imelda Marcos gets lengthy prison term

AFP, Manila
Imelda Marcos was found guilty of corruption yesterday and handed a lengthy prison term in a rare conviction for the former Philippines first lady accused with her late dictator husband of embezzling billions of dollars from state coffers.
However, it was unlikely 89-year-old Marcos would spend much time behind bars as she is allowed to appeal the ruling and can remain free on bail as long as the conviction is not final.
The verdict from the anti-graft Sandiganbayan court orders her to serve a minimum of six years behind bars for each of the seven charges that the Marcoses funneled roughly \$200 million through Swiss foundations decades ago.
This leaves her potentially facing decades in prison, however the exact length of the term was not immediately clear.
Ferdinand Marcos, who along with his cronies was accused of pilfering \$10 billion from the Philippines, fled with his family to the US after a people's uprising ended his 20-year rule in 1986.



Police detain a supporter of India's main opposition Congress Party during a protest to mark two years since demonetisation was implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, outside the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) building in New Delhi, India yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Admission Notice for MBBS Course 2018-19

Admission notice for MBBS Course : Applications are invited for admission to the 1st year MBBS of Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College for the session 2018-2019.

Requirements for Admission : Candidate who obtained at least 40 marks in medical admission test out of 100 marks conducted by Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) are eligible to collect admission form. Candidate has to submit SSC, HSC or equivalent certificate/testimonial, academic transcript, citizenship or birth certificate, MBBS test exam admit card & result download copy & 4 copy of passport size photograph.

Admission form distribution : Admission form will be available in the college office from 12th November 2018 to 22nd November 2018 (Time: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm except govt. holy day) on payment of TK 1500.00 (One Thousand & five hundred Only) which will be non refundable.

Last Date of Submission : Last date of Submission application is 22nd November 2018 within 2.30 pm (No form will be accepted after this time).

Merit list publication : According to merit position, merit list will be published on 25th November 2018 in the college notice board & college website www.hfrcmc.edu.bd.

Admission : Admission from 2nd December 2018 to 31st December 2018 (Time : 8.00 am to 2.00 pm)

Foreign Students : Foreign students will be admitted in accordance with the circulation of Directorate General of Health services (DGHS), Mohakhali, Dhaka.

Maj Gen Prof. Harunur Rashid (Retd.)
Principal

US WAR ON TERROR

500,000 killed in 3 nations: study

AFP, Washington
About half a million people have died violently in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan due to the US "war on terror" that was launched following the September 11 attacks in 2001, according to a study released Thursday.
The report by Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs put the death toll at between 480,000 and 507,000 people -- but said the actual number is likely higher.
The new toll "is a more than 110,000 increase over the last count, issued just two years ago in August 2016," Brown said in a statement.
"Though the war on terror is often overlooked by the American public, press and lawmakers, the increased body count signals that, far from diminishing, this war remains intense."
The death toll includes insurgents, local police and security forces, civilians and US and allied troops.
The report's author, Neta Crawford, said many of those reported by US and local forces as militants may actually have been civilians.
"We may never know the total direct death toll in these wars," Crawford wrote.
"For example, tens of thousands of civilians may have died in retaking Mosul and other cities from ISIS but their bodies have likely not been recovered."
The report states that between 182,272 and 204,575 civilians have been killed in Iraq, 38,480 in Afghanistan, and 23,372 in Pakistan.
Nearly 7,000 US troops have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The tally does not include all people who have died indirectly as a result of war, including through a loss of infrastructure or disease.

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