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Trump, top aides sued

AFP, Washington

CNN sued Donald Trump's administration yesterday, alleging the White House violated journalist Jim Acosta's constitutional rights by revoking his press credentials following a heated exchange with the US president.

The White House dismissed CNN's complaint as "grandstanding" and vowed to "vigorously defend" against the lawsuit.

Both Acosta and CNN are plaintiffs in the lawsuit, which targets six defendants: Trump, Sanders, White House chief of staff John Kelly, deputy chief of staff William Shine, the Secret Service and its director along with the agent who took the banned journalist's credentials.

The row on live national television and Acosta's resulting banishment triggered a wave of accusations that Trump is stifling the free press, and marked a sharp escalation in tensions between the president and CNN, a frequent target of his ire.

"The wrongful revocation of these credentials violates CNN and Acosta's First Amendment rights of freedom of the press, and their Fifth Amendment rights to due process," the news network said in a statement announcing the lawsuit filed in a Washington federal court.

"We have asked this court for an immediate restraining order requiring the pass be returned to Jim, and will seek permanent relief as part of this process," CNN said, warning

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Thousands of BNP men pour onto VIP Road in front of the party headquarters in the city's Nayapaltan yesterday, the second day of the distribution of nomination forms for the parliamentary polls.

PHOTO: STAR



Muhith to quit politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith has announced that he will retire from politics after the tenure of the incumbent government expires.

He was talking to reporters at his Secretariat office yesterday after a dividend handover ceremony of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The 85-year-old minister has also advised other aged politicians to retire. "The problem in our country is that nobody wants to resign. I want to set a new tradition."

He mentioned, "I have

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'Tell your boss deed is done'

Recording links Saudi crown prince to Khashoggi killing

AGENCIES

A member of a Saudi assassination squad phoned a superior shortly after Jamal Khashoggi was murdered and told him "tell your boss" their mission had been accomplished, The New York Times reported.

Citing three people familiar with a recording of Khashoggi's killing collected by Turkish intelligence, the newspaper said while he was not mentioned by name, US officials believe "your boss" was a reference to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

US intelligence officials view the recording as some of the strongest evidence yet

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Weakened, 'Neo JMB' now out to regroup

Counterterrorism officials claim the outfit got new chief, also planning terror attacks

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Militant outfit "Neo JMB" is trying to regroup under a new leader and planning terror attacks, claim counterterrorism officials.

However, the officials are yet to know the details about the new chief and have only found that his organisational name is "Don".

The JMB faction has weakened of late due to crackdowns on their hide-outs across the country. At least 81 militants, including top leaders, have been killed in anti-militancy operations since the Holey Artisan attack in the capital in 2016, said law enforcers.

Officials say the name "Don" and the terror plan were revealed by eight "Neo JMB" members who were arrested from the capital's Jatrabari area on Sunday night.

The arrestees, now on five-day remand, include Rakibul Islam Ruhul alias Artagrul, the outfit's regional commander of Narsingdi and Narayanganj.

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Sri Lanka top court restores parliament

Halts preparations for snap election

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court yesterday overruled President Maithripala Sirisena's dissolution of parliament in a major boost to sacked prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's fight to reclaim the post from an arch-rival.

The heavily guarded court also halted preparations for a snap election in the latest twist in a power struggle that began when Sirisena dismissed

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Scientists redefine the kilogram



AP, Sevres

The kilogram is getting an update.

No, your bathroom scales won't suddenly become kinder and a kilo of fruit will still weigh a kilo. But the way scientists define the exact mass of a kilogram is about to change.

Until now, its mass has been defined by the granddaddy of all kilos: a golf ball-sized metal

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Boy killed in exchange of fire in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

An indigenous boy was killed on Monday night during an exchange of fire between an army patrol team and criminals in a remote area of Bandarban's Rowangchhari upazila.

The deceased, Kya Thing Aung, 14, of Gerao Vitor Mukh Para, was a class-VII student at Rowangchhari Government High School.

Brig Gen Chowdhury Mohammad Azizul Haque Hazary, Bangladesh Army's Bandarban region commander, said a group of criminals, hiding in the

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100 DAYS IN JAIL

34 South Asian luminaries call for release of Shahidul

STAR REPORT

Thirty-four prominent South Asians, including Arundhati Roy, Shabana Azmi, Amitav Ghosh, Mohammad Hanif and Nepal's former Chief Justice Sushila Karki, wrote to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina demanding the immediate release of Shahidul Alam, according to a report in the Nepal Times.

The letter, penned on the 100th day of incarceration of the acclaimed photographer, said, "As well-wishers of Bangladesh and supporters of its 166 million citizens' struggle for dignity, social justice and prosperity, we are distressed by the continued imprisonment of photographer and cultural activist Shahidul Alam."

"Shahidul Alam is a Bangladeshi citizen, but the rest of us in South Asia are also proud to call him our

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Covering their mouths with red ribbons, educationists, photographers and rights activists form a human chain in front of the National Museum in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday, demanding release of acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam. The programme was organised marking 100 days of his arrest.

PHOTO: STAR

Draft Brexit deal agreed

Announces UK; hardline Brexiteers in PM May's divided party vow to vote it down

REUTERS, London

The European Union and Britain have agreed a draft text of a Brexit withdrawal agreement and Prime Minister Theresa May will present it to her senior ministers today, after more than a year of tortuous negotiations.

While officials choreograph the first withdrawal of a sovereign state from the EU, it remains unclear whether May can get any deal approved by the

British parliament as hardline Brexiteers said she had surrendered to Brussels.

"Cabinet will meet at 2:00pm (1400 GMT) tomorrow to consider the draft agreement the negotiating teams have reached in Brussels, and to decide on next steps," a spokesman at May's Downing Street office said yesterday.

"Cabinet ministers have been invited to read documentation ahead of that meeting," the spokesman said,

after Irish and British media were leaked details of the breakthrough.

A senior EU official confirmed that a draft text had been agreed. EU leaders could meet on Nov 25 for a summit to seal the Brexit deal if May's cabinet approves the text, diplomatic sources said.

Sterling, which has seesawed since reaching \$1.50 just before Britain's 2016 referendum that saw a 52-48

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অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। The Representation of the People Order, 1972 এর Article-20 এর clause (1) এর sub-clause (a) এর বিধান অনুসারে - নির্বাচনে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করতে ইচ্ছুক একাধিক নিবন্ধিত রাজনৈতিক দল মিলে নির্বাচনী জোট গঠন করা হলে, এ জোটের যেকোন একটি দলের প্রতীক জোটভুক্ত দলসমূহের প্রার্থীদের বরাদ্দ করা যাবে। এরূপ প্রতীক পেতে হলে জোটকে নির্বাচনী তফসিল ঘোষণার পরবর্তী তিন দিনের মধ্যে নির্বাচন কমিশন বরাবর দরখাস্ত দাখিলের বিধান রয়েছে।

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