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Fractious G20 summit opens

US, Mexico, Canada sign new trade deal; Putin denounces 'vicious' sanctions; US-China trade showdown looms

AFP, Buenos Aires

G20 powers yesterday opened two days of summit talks after a stormy buildup dominated by tensions with Russia and US President Donald Trump's combative stance on trade and climate fears.

Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, China's President Xi Jinping are among the world leaders gathered amid high tension over an array of world issues including the Ukraine conflict, trade with China and relations with Saudi Arabia.

Protesters have vowed mass rallies to harangue the world leaders gathering in crisis-hit Argentina, where recent violence between rival football fans raised questions about the police's ability to control unrest.

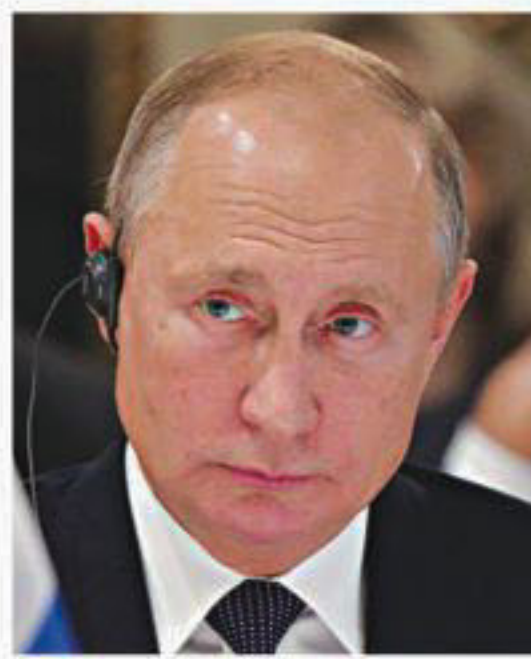
Trump landed in Buenos Aires on Thursday after stoking tensions by calling off the Putin meeting over Russia's recent seizure of Ukrainian ships and sailors.

"I look forward to a meaningful Summit again as soon as this situation is resolved!" Trump wrote on Twitter.

His decision came as a US probe into Russia's role in Trump's election campaign intensified. Investigator Robert Mueller revealed that former top Trump aide Michael Cohen had admitted direct communications with Putin's office.

The Kremlin said it "regrets" Trump's decision to scrap the meeting.

Putin, on his part, denounced the "vicious" use of sanctions and trade protectionism, in a veiled swipe at Donald Trump.



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The month of victory begins today. When the nation will observe December 16, the most glorious day in the history of Bangladesh, the red-green national flags will adorn houses and establishments across the country. Tailors are passing busy hours as they have to supply thousands of flags before the celebration. The photo was taken on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bodi escapes gun attack in Cox's Bazar

Minister's son-in-law shot in Khulna

STAR REPORT

Awami League lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi escaped a gun attack unhurt in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar last night.

Unidentified criminals opened fire on the MP's jeep on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf road in Hoaikka Kanjorpara area around 8:30pm, said Alam Bahadur, general secretary of Teknaf upazila AL.

The MP from Cox's Bazar-4 came under attack when he along with Teknaf upazila Chairman Jafar Ahmed and former Teknaf Municipality councillor Faridul Alam was returning home after attending the Kulkhani of late Ahmed Hossain, president of Cox's

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ELECTRICITY-RUN VEHICLES

Govt to bring them under regulation

Draft guidelines sent to ministry

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

With the number of electricity-run vehicles like easy-bikes and electric cars increasing gradually in the country, the government has decided to bring those under regulation.

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has prepared draft guidelines in this regard and sent the draft to the road transport and bridges ministry for approval, officials said.

As per the draft guidelines, each electric vehicle has to obtain registration, fitness certificate and route permit like those required for an engine-run vehicle.



The government will fix the lifetime and fares of electric hire vehicles.

As per the draft, an electric vehicle means it is run by electric power stored in a rechargeable battery. However, battery-run rickshaws and bicycles will not come under

the purview of the guidelines. Talking to The Daily Star on Thursday, Mahbub-E-Rabbani, head of the draft formulation committee, said the number of electric vehicles was increasing gradually in the country.

"So, we decided to formulate the guidelines to bring them under regulation," said

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3 arrested over Krishak League leader murder

'Land dispute' behind the killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday arrested three people over the killing of a Krishak League leader in Netrakona town Thursday evening.

AKM Masud Faruq, 53, was killed over a land dispute with his neighbours, police said.

Faruq was the convener of Netrakona municipality Krishak League and a resident of Bahir Chapra area.

Police arrested Sabuj Talukder, 70, his wife Selina Akter, 60, and his sister-in-law Swapna Akter, 40 in this connection.

There had been a long-standing feud between

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'We're going back to the moon!'

Nasa reveals \$2.6b plan to build lunar landers



MAIL ONLINE

Nasa has revealed plans to take America back to the moon - but will rely on private firms to run the missions.

The space agency plans to work with nine private firms, ranging from small start-ups to giants like Lockheed Martin, to develop robotic landers and systems to mine the natural resources on the moon.

This will help develop the technology need for eventual manned missions, and Nasa Administrator Jim Bridenstine pledged to have a

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Rab rescues 10 Rohingyas in Malaysia-bound boat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday rescued 10 Rohingya refugees and detained an alleged human trafficker in a Malaysia-bound boat in the Bay of Bengal.

The Rohingyas are Mohammad Bhuiyan, Rashidullah, Nur Alam, Md Ziaur, Md Mukajat Esha, Jannat Ara, Setara Khatun, Julekha, Rozina and Sonika Begum.

They were from Ukha and other refugees camps in Cox's Bazar, said the elite force.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-7 conducted a drive in the Bay near Shahparir Dwip in Teknaf upazila and rescued the Rohingyas from

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ROHINGYA CRACKDOWN Paris city to revoke Suu Kyi's award

AFP, Paris

Paris city will strip Aung San Suu Kyi of her honorary freedom of the French capital over her failure to speak out against a crackdown on Myanmar's Rohingya minority, a mayor's spokeswoman said yesterday.

Mayor Anne Hidalgo decided to revoke the honour because of the "multiple violations of human rights recorded in Myanmar and the violence and persecution by Myanmar's security forces against the Rohingya"

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Over 500 girls from 37 schools and colleges join a bicycle procession in Bogura yesterday to protest violence against women. The district police organised the event marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, observed globally on November 25.

PHOTO: STAR

CYBER ATTACK ON MARRIOTT HOTELS 500m guests fall victim to hack

AFP, Washington

As many as 500 million guests at Marriott International hotels may have been victims of a hack that in most cases pilfered passport numbers or other key identifying data, the company announced yesterday.

Marriott said it was alerted on September 8 that there had been an attempt to hack their reservation database in the United States.

The hack is among the largest ever disclosed, prompting a big drop in Marriott shares and an investigation by New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood, who said on Twitter that "New Yorkers deserve to know that their personal information will be protected."

The company discovered "that there had been unauthorized access to the Starwood network since 2014" which compromised personal and financial information.

The probe found "an unauthorized party had copied and encrypted information and took steps towards removing it."

After decrypting the information, the company found on November 19 "that the contents were from the Starwood guest reservation database."

Hotel brands in the Starwood network include Sheraton, Westin, Four Points and W Hotels. Marriott completed a \$13.6 billion acquisition of Starwood in 2016. The deal was announced in November 2015.

"We deeply regret this incident happened," Marriott chief Arne Sorenson said in a statement. "We fell short of what our guests deserve and what we expect of ourselves."

Marriott said hackers accessed information like names, addresses and dates of birth from most of the affected customers but could not rule out that they were also able to

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 1

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

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