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Road crash kills 12 in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur
At least 12 people, including four of a family, were killed and 20 others injured when a bus and a human hauler collided head-on in Gopalganj Sadar upazila yesterday.



Charred remains of a shack used by the Awami League for campaigning in Shishur Hat area of Patuakhali's Mirzaganj upazila. Locals said the structure was set on fire before daybreak yesterday.

NARAYANGANJ FIRE 2 injured die in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj
Two out of the nine members of a family, all of whom had suffered serious burns in a house fire in Narayanganj's Fatullah on Wednesday, died at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

US slams China for corporate cyber spying

Indicts 'two spies'
REUTERS, Washington
US prosecutors yesterday unsealed an indictment that charged two Chinese nationals with computer hacking attacks on a wide range of American government agencies and corporations including the Navy and the space agency Nasa, according to a court filing.

Tension flares in Rakhine state

Myanmar forces conduct clearance ops after Buddhists killed; bipartisan senators call for US 'genocide' label of Myanmar killings
AGENCIES
Myanmar forces are conducting new rounds of "clearance operations" in conflict-hit Rakhine state after four local Buddhists were attacked and two killed, the commander-in-chief's office said yesterday, with one of the incidents blamed on Rohingya Muslims.

CRIMES AGAINST ROHINGYA Myanmar not serious about probe: HRW

UNB, Dhaka
Human Rights Watch has said Myanmar should disband its inquiry commission on abuses in Rakhine state for its unwillingness to seriously investigate alleged grave crimes against the ethnic Rohingyas.

Obama delights sick children as Santa

AFP, Washington
Former US president Barack Obama took on a new high-profile role as Father Christmas on Wednesday for a surprise visit to sick children in Washington.

Ex-minister Fazley Rabbi passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha
Jatiya Party (Zafar) leader TIM Fazley Rabbi, who was the BNP-led 20-party alliance candidate for Gaibandha-3, passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 84.



A RARE SIGHT
An Asian openbill stork foraging on a paddy field in Sonatala upazila of Bogura last week. The wading bird, which was commonly seen in the country's wetlands, has become rare in recent years, thanks to indiscriminate hunting and loss of their habitat.

Trump defends US withdrawal from Syria

Says others must fight
REUTERS, Washington
US President Donald Trump yesterday defended his surprise decision to declare victory over Islamic State militants in Syria and completely withdraw US troops from the country, amid criticism from some Republicans and concern from allies and some US military commanders.

FB's woes mount

Washington sues tech giant over Cambridge Analytica data use
AFP, Washington
Facebook's woes mounted Wednesday as it faced a lawsuit alleging privacy violations related to data leaked to a consultancy working on Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, and as a new report suggested it shared more data with partners than it has acknowledged.

Prayer Timing December 21

Table with prayer times for Fajr, Juma, Asr, Maghrib, Esha, Azan, and Jamaat.

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