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2 bullet-ridden bodies found in Cox's Bazar

Police claim they were Rohingya drug dealers

AFP, Dhaka

Police yesterday found the bullet-ridden bodies of two alleged Rohingya drug dealers in Cox's Bazar, known for its connection with the Myanmar meth trade.

Prodip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said the bodies were found lying next to a highway beside the Bay of Bengal and some 10,000 meth pills were found with the bodies.

"Both of these refugees were... notorious drug dealers in the region. We're suspecting they were killed in a gang fight over sharing

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'Not sufficient'

UN says on Saudi trial into Khashoggi killing, calls for independent probe

AL JAZEERA ONLINE

The United Nations human rights office has said it could not assess the fairness of a trial taking place in Saudi Arabia into the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, adding that it was "not sufficient".

Spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani on Friday reiterated the UN office's call for an independent investigation "with international involvement".

The comments from the UN official came a day after the high-profile trial of the 11 suspects charged with the Washington Post columnist's murder opened in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, on Thursday.

A Saudi prosecutor sought the death sentence for five of the 11 suspects linked to the October 2 killing that caused a global outrage.

The UN, however, said it was "against the imposition of the death penalty" of five suspects. The kingdom previously announced 18 people had been arrested.

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Equipment needed for medical tests have been brought near this emergency unit of DMCH to save patients from the trouble of having to travel to different corners of the facility for the tests. Inset, a patient being moved for tests.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

DMCH EMERGENCY

No running for tests anymore

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Shohag Chowdhury was admitted to the emergency unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with injuries sustained from a road accident last month. There, he was prescribed a number of blood tests, ultrasound and an X-ray by a doctor.

Despite being in a critical condition, the 35-year-old

had to go to different labs which were all located far from ward-1 -- where he was admitted.

"He was being carried on a gurney to different sides of the hospital. We had to move from one corner to another at least four times," said his brother Mohammad Nesar.

"It would have been easier if the services were available at a single spot because carrying a critical patient is risky," he said.

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US govt shutdown can last months or years

Warns Trump, threatens to use emergency powers to build border wall

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump threatened to keep the US government partially shut for months or years on Friday after he and Democratic leaders failed to resolve their dispute over Trump's request for \$5.6 billion to build a wall on the Mexican border.

After Democratic congressional leaders

refused Trump's requests at a meeting in the White House Situation Room, the Republican president threatened to take the controversial step of declaring a national emergency and building the wall without congressional approval.

Trump is withholding his support for a bill that would fully fund the government

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GAS CYLINDER Four madrasa students suffer burns in blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Five people, including four students, suffered burn injuries after a gas cylinder exploded in the kitchen of a madrasa in Kushtia's Sadar upazila on Friday night.

The injured -- Tanvir Hossain, 12, Naeem Ali, 12, Mohibul Islam, 14, Imran, 13 and the cook of the madrasa Fulbas Ali, 55 -- are currently receiving treatment at Kushtia General Hospital.

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Tuna sells for record \$3m at Tokyo auction

REUTERS, Tokyo

The owner of a Japanese sushi restaurant chain yesterday set a record by paying more than \$3 million for a bluefin tuna in the year's first auction at Tokyo's new fish market, exceeding his own record price of 2013.

Kiyoshi Kimura, who owns the Sushizanmai

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RETURN OF ROHINGYA UNHCR seeks clarification from India

UNB, Dhaka

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has sought clarification from India over the return of the Rohingya and regretted India's decision in this regard.

"UNHCR regrets India's decision to repatriate a group of Rohingya to Myanmar, the second such return in three months," said the UN refugee agency on Friday.

UNHCR said it continues to request access and seek clarification on the

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