

# Trump, Kim kick off 2nd summit

The US president touts 'great opportunity' for N Korea

REUTERS, Hanoi

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump met in Vietnam yesterday for a second summit that the United States hopes will persuade North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons in exchange for promises of peace and development.

Kim and Trump shook hands and smiled briefly in front of a row of their national flags at the Metropole hotel in the Vietnamese capital, Hanoi, before heading to dinner together.

Trump told reporters he thought the talks would be very successful, and asked if he was "walking back" on denuclearisation, said "no".

At their historic first summit in Singapore last June, Trump and Kim pledged to work toward denuclearisation and permanent peace on the Korean peninsula but little progress has been made.

Kim said they had overcome obstacles to hold their second summit and praised Trump for his "courageous decision" to begin a dialogue.

"Now that we're meeting here again like this, I'm confident that there will be an excellent outcome that everyone welcomes, and I'll do my best to make it happen," Kim said.

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US President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un arrive for a meeting at the Sofitel Legend Metropole hotel in Hanoi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## 2 men sent to jail for 'raping' teenage girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A Jashore court yesterday sent two men to jail on charges of raping a teenage girl in the district's Sadar upazila.

A team of Rab detained the two accused -- Ramjan Sheikh, 21, and Sumon Kha, 20 -- in Monihar area and handed over to the district police early yesterday, said Mohammed Surot Alam, officer-in-charge of RAB-6 in Jashore.

Later, police placed the two before a magistrate court in the district that directed the law enforcers to send them to jail.

The girl's father filed a case with Jessore Kotwali Model Police Station naming the two on Tuesday night.

According to the case statement, the duo and some of their cohorts picked up the girl at knifepoint and raped her near Monihar Cinema Complex Tuesday afternoon. After two of the criminals raped her, the girl

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## The Philippines offers Rohingyas citizenship

STAR REPORT

The Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday offered citizenship to Rohingya refugees, reiterating his willingness to accept them into the country.

"I am willing to accept Rohingyas," he said in a speech before a convention of Philippines' League of Municipalities at the Manila Hotel, reports GMA News, a major online news portal in Philippines.

The offer comes at a time when Bangladesh finds itself burdened by sheltering and providing humanitarian assistance to Rohingyas, as well as repatriating them to Myanmar.

Duterte said in April last year that the Philippines was willing to provide refuge for Rohingyas fleeing "genocide" in Myanmar. The remark prompted a Myanmar government spokesman to respond that Duterte had no restraint and knew nothing about their country.

The Philippines president then issued a public apology to Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi for his remarks and backtracked saying his comments were meant to criticise European countries

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## HOSPITAL SAFETY

# Call gets louder to improve conditions

Fire service DG says many hospitals lack preparations, don't follow rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts yesterday called for forming a taskforce immediately to monitor safety compliance of hospitals to improve their conditions in facing any emergency situation.

Saying that hospitals are not prepared to tackle the situation after disasters like earthquake and fire, they also asked the hospital authorities to prepare their own contingency plan for such emergencies.

The call came at a roundtable titled "Preparation of Hospitals in Tackling Disaster" organised by Bangla daily Prothom Alo at its Karwanbazar office.

Brig Gen Ali Ahmad Khan, director general of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence, said many hospitals were operating without maintaining safety rules. "We immediately need to form a taskforce or authority or council to monitor hospitals' safety compliance."

He suggested setting up intensive care units and coronary care units where patients could be shifted to easily in an emergency.

Underscoring the need for conducting regular fire drill, he said, "Many doctors show indifference to conducting fire drills. They find it to be a waste of time. They should change their attitude."

While many hospitals do not have proper fire exits, many new ones decorate their interior with flammable materials, he said.

Ali also recommended setting up staircases at emergency exits in hospitals in such a way so that fire could not reach those places.

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## Three killed as lorry rams van in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Two pedestrians and a van puller were killed after a lorry lost control of a lorry and it ran over the three on Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Kutumbpur bus stand in Cumilla's Chandina upazila yesterday.

Witnesses said Mohorom Ali, 75, and Abdul Matin, 65, of Kutumbpur Uttarpara, were returning home walking along the highway around 7:00am.

All of a sudden, the Dhaka-bound lorry from Chattogram veered off the road and knocked them from behind.

In an attempt to gain control over the wheels, the driver turned right and rammmed a van leaving its puller Kazi Rafiqul Islam, 60, a resident of Kashimpur village, dead on the spot, the witnesses further said.

Of the pedestrians, Matin died on the spot and Ali on the way to Comilla Medical College Hospital, police said.

Quoting locals, Md Saiful Islam, son of Ali, said the driver seemed drowsy when the accident occurred.

Inspector Monirul Islam, in-charge of Eliotganj highway police outpost, said

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## Japan's sumos hit by whisker ban



AFP, Tokyo

Japanese sumo officials have introduced a crackdown on beards, calling them "indecent" and telling wrestlers they must look spick and span during competitions under strict, new rules on personal grooming.

The draconian whisker ban is part of fresh regulations also barring tattoos and long nails, a sumo spokesman told AFP yesterday, as the authorities look to clean up the image of Japan's roly-poly sport.

"It was stipulated that items such as long nails, tattoos and beards grown out of an excessive wish for good luck shall be banned," said the spokesman for the Japan Sumo Association (JSA).

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## 'Gunfight' kills 1 in city, hurts another in Pabna

STAR REPORT

A suspected drug dealer was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Paltan area of the capital early yesterday.

The dead is Kamal Hossain, 35. He has several drug related cases against him with Paltan and Ramna police stations, claimed police.

Acting on a tip-off, law enforcers raided the area around 2:00am to recover drugs. Sensing their presence, Kamal and his cohorts opened fire on the police officials, forcing them to retaliate, claimed Syed Ali, sub-inspector of Paltan Police Station.

At one stage of the "gunfight", Kamal's bullet-ridden body was found on the spot. When rushed to Dhaka Medical College

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Traffic on a water-logged street in the capital's Mohammadpur after hours of drizzle yesterday morning. Inset, rain continues to plague commuters on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the evening.

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