



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT POLLS

# Power blocs lose grip

Liberals, Greens, nationalists see increase in support

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The big centre-right and centre-left blocs in the European Parliament have lost their combined majority as support for liberals, the Greens and nationalists has seen a rise.

Pro-EU parties are likely to be in a majority but the traditional blocs will need to seek new alliances, BBC reports. The liberals and Greens had a good night, while nationalists were victorious in Italy, France and the UK.

Based on current estimates, the previously dominant conservative EPP (European People's Party) and Socialists and Democrats blocs will not be able to form a "grand coalition" in the EU parliament without support. The EPP was projected to win 179 seats, down from 216 in

2014. The Socialists and Democrats looked set to drop to 150 seats from 191. AP reports: Turning out in numbers not seen for 20 years,

voters took their concerns about immigration and security to the ballot box, making parties led by the likes of Italy's populist Matteo Salvini and France's far-right leader Marine Le Pen among the biggest in the 28-nation bloc's assembly. "The rules are changing in Europe," Salvini, Italy's hard-

line interior minister, said at his League party headquarters in Milan early yesterday. "A new Europe is born." Voter projections showed the League won 33% of the vote,

up from just 6% at the last European vote in 2014.

The lion's share of Britain's seats went to Nigel Farage's Brexit Party, as citizens punished the governing conservatives and opposition Labour party for their embarrassing failure to manage the divided country's delayed departure from the EU. SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



Though a footbridge is just above their heads, a boy climbs the railings of a median strip while a man squeezes through a gap between a car and the median strip to cross a street in the capital's New Market area yesterday. Many jaywalkers do the same on the busy road every day, putting their lives in danger.

**AMRAN HOSSAIN** 

### Russia launches largest nuclear icebreaker



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Russia launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker on Saturday as the country responds to the commercial opportunities presented by melting Arctic sea ice. Amid warming winters and

rapid loss of sea ice cover, Russia is preparing for more shipping via what it calls the Northern Sea Route (NSR), which is expected to soon become navigable yearround.

The ship, named the Ural, was floated out at a dockyard in St Petersburg and is one of a trio of new vessels which will be the largest and most powerful fleet of icebreakers in the world.

It will eventually be handed over to Russia's state-owned SEE PAGE 10 COL 4 CRIME SPIRAL IN CHT

# Conflicting claims bury 'why' in hills

MUNTAKIM SAAD

Fear has gripped Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT), as murders are taking place one after another due to alleged inter-party conflicts between local armed groups.

There has been a spate of killings -- 72 in total -- in the last one-and-ahalf years, along with 53 abductions during the same period, according to security force and intelligence sources.

Investigators believe it is the outcome of internal strife between the regional political groups to establish supremacy in the hill tracts.

Most of the persons killed were members of the four regional parties --Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS)- Santu Larma, PCJSS-MN Larma, United People's Democratic Front (UPDF)- Main and UPDF Democratic.

The latest incident happened on May 25 when former vice president of AL's Bandarban town unit Chaw Thowai Mong Marma was found dead in a remote area of Kuhalong, three days after he was abducted from his farmhouse. Another shocking incident was the brazen Baghaichhari brushfire,

one of the biggest attacks since the CHT peace accord.

On March 18, eight people, including two polling officials and four Ansar personnel, were shot dead by attackers in Baghaichhari upazila, while the victims were returning to the upazila town with polling materials in two cars after discharging their duties at a polling centre during the second phase of the upazila elections. The brushfire also left 18 others injured.

The Baghaichhari gun attack was the first incident in CHT where

government officials came under attack.

Investigators, however, claimed the government officials were not the targets but it was some polling agents of the rival parties in one of the vehicles.

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#### ROHINGYA KILLINGS Myanmar frees 7 jailed

soldiers early REUTERS, Yangon

Myanmar has granted early release to seven soldiers jailed for the killing of 10 Rohingya Muslim men and boys during a 2017 military crackdown in the western state of Rakhine, two prison officials, two former fellow inmates and one of the soldiers told Reuters.

The soldiers were freed in November last year, the two inmates said, meaning they served less than one year of their 10-year prison terms for the killings at Inn Din village.

They also served less jail time than two Reuters reporters who uncovered the killings. The journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, spent more than 16 months behind bars on charges of obtaining state secrets. The two were released in an amnesty on May 6.

Win Naing, the chief warden at Rakhine's Sittwe SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

## Four killed in Nepal blasts

Police arrest 13 suspected Maoists, blow up suspicious packages as general strike disrupts daily life

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepalese police arrested suspected Maoist activists after three deadly bomb blasts in Kathmandu killed four men as a general strike disrupted daily life in much of the South Asian nation yesterday, police said.

Amid a high alert after Sunday's attacks, which were blamed on an outlawed Maoist group, police blew up several suspicious packages.

The group broke away from the country's main communist party, which is now in power, and called the SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

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#### One arrested over death of female lawyer

Her body bears injury marks

Our Correspondent,

Police recovered the body of a female lawyer from father's house in Moulvibazar's Barlekha upazila early yesterday. Abida Sultana, 35, was

a member of Moulvibazar Bar Association and lived in the town with her husband, said Yasinul Huque, officerin-charge of Barlekha Police Station. Being informed by the

victim's family member, police went to the house in Madhabgul village and recovered the body, which bore multiple stab wounds, from a room that was locked from outside around 2:30am, the OC added. Police arrested one

Tanvir Ahmed, a tenant the house, from Sreemangal's Baruna area around 5:00pm. Tanvir was an imam of a

local mosque and had been on the run since Sunday night, the OC said, adding that they had received some specific allegations against Tanvir. The OC, however, did

not want to disclose the allegations for the sake of SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



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ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন



Traders taking a boat full of locally-made fish traps to sell them at Atghar Bazar in Pirojpur's Nesarabad upazila. Inset, the traps, which see a rise in demand during the rainy season, are being unloaded at the market where each pair is sold for Tk 350. The photos were taken yesterday.

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