

Rohingya crisis

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inject new impetus to cooperate using innovative ideas and measures."

Economies should take innovative practices surpassing alliances, Hasina said, adding that partnerships need to build on mutual trust and respect, common development and prosperity for a win-win strategy and to the benefit of people.

She said Asian countries need to cooperate with each other in the spirit of openness, inclusiveness, equality, sharing benefits and joint contributions.

Asia's future would depend on sustainable and balanced development, improving international order and establishing win-win international relations, the PM observed.

Mentioning that human civilisations flourished despite having suffered the horrors of war and the scourges of nature, the premier said she was confident that the daunting challenges confronting human civilisations would ultimately produce a positive outcome through strong, rational and responsible leadership and through partnerships among nations.

In this regard, she firmly said the power of humanity and positive forces is bound to prevail. "The global community is looking up to us, the rising Asia, to innovate, aspire, and lead the world towards continued peace and prosperity."

Hasina said despite positive experience, the growing trend of trade protectionism has been seen in recent years. On the other hand, Asia has long been in support of liberalising trade and investment. Forthright, the protectionist move from many countries may eventually lead to a worldwide trade tension.

"It's a simple economics that tariff rise will cause decline in GDP growth."

The PM hoped that the Nikkei Forum would suggest how to strengthen the cooperation between

the Asian countries and how to deal with protectionism within multilateral trading regime.

Putting emphasis on UN system and multilateralism, she said, "Our emphasis has always been to promote peace and progress that would directly benefit people. In a multi-polar world, we would strive to strengthen the UN system and multilateralism for all countries."

Increasing close interdependence among economies in Asia and beyond would add further wealth to the economies and societies. Cross-border movement of goods and people cause exchange of a wide range of knowledge and experience and ideas, Hasina told the programme.

"It is the dynamism of connectivity that forms the cornerstone for peace and prosperity around the world. Infrastructure, free trade and liberal investment give foundation to Asian development."

The premier said the unprecedented levels of wealth and opportunity, rising life expectancy, greater access to education, falling infant mortality and reductions in absolute poverty have been witnessed in recent years.

Laying emphasis on facing development challenges collectively, Hasina said, "We may pool together as a group to boost world peace and stability, promote a multi-polar world and protect legitimate rights and interests of developing countries."

Termining private sector the main engine of Bangladesh's economy, she said her government attaches utmost priority to private entrepreneurship and investments, both domestic and foreign.

She said Bangladesh has one of the most liberal foreign investment regimes in South Asia, which includes legal protection of foreign investment, generous tax policy schemes and concessionary duty on import of machinery.

"We also offer 100 percent foreign equity, unrestricted and full

repatriation of dividend and capital on exit. We enjoy preferential access to most of the leading world markets, including the EU, Canada, and Japan. All these generate significant incentive for global investors, and we're witnessing growing interest from foreign investors," she said.

During the question-answer session, Hasina said Bangladesh would welcome any ideas of investment in any sector by the Japanese investors.

The Nikkei Conference was also joined by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, Cambodian premier Hun Sen and Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte.

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Uddin and several others when she went to fetch water from a well near her father's village home in Baniachong upazila on Wednesday night, family members said.

The suspects gagged her with a towel before taking her to a nearby bush and raping her, they added.

After the woman managed to scream, locals rushed to the scene and rescued her. But the suspects had escaped by the time. The woman was admitted to a hospital.

In Narayanganj, police yesterday arrested three young men in Hatipara area on charges of gang-raping a spinning mill worker.

The woman was walking to her home from work on Monday evening when the arrestees Nayeem Hossain, Badsha Miah and Habibur Rahman stopped her and forcibly took her to a solitary place and raped her.

Hearing her screams, locals rushed to the scene. But the suspects had fled by the time.

The woman filed a case with Rugganj police station accusing the arrestees on Wednesday night.

A court sent the suspects to jail, said Mahmudul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Rugganj Police Station.

4 Bangladeshi girls rescued from Dubai nightclub

STAR REPORT

Four minor Bangladeshi girls, who were forced into sex work, were rescued from a nightclub in Dubai by police, a court heard on Tuesday.

The victims, aged between 16 and 17, were brought into the UAE at different times last year to work as dancers and sex workers at the nightclub in Al Muraqabbat, reported Gulf News on Wednesday.

Earlier in March, police raided the nightclub and found 19 women and five traffickers after being alerted that a teenager was working as a dancer in the nightclub who looked underaged.

"All the women were working as dancers and prostitutes," a police officer told Gulf News. "Four of them were under the age of 18."

"We raided the place and rescued the victims who were referred to a Women and Children's Shelter in Dubai."

"The defendants [traffickers] brought the victims using passports with older ages to enter the country," added the officer.

The five defendants, aged between 20 to 39, were charged with human trafficking. However, they denied the charges in court, according to the Gulf News report.

One of the four Bangladeshi victims, aged 17, said she agreed to come to Dubai to help support her family at home.

A man arranged her passport and paid her money to arrive in the country and later she was taken to a house with other girls, she said.

"Four days after arriving in the country, they took us to the nightclub and told us that we will work as dancers," the victim said, adding, "I agreed to work as a dancer because my family is poor and needed money."

The trial will resume on June 18 to hear the witnesses.

Teen killed by bus

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a case against bus driver Abdul Goni with the police station, said Sub-inspector Faruk Khan, investigation officer of the case.

The police official claimed that the accident happened due to reckless driving.

Science group student Tanjila secured GPA 4.70 from the Civil Aviation School and College in Shaheen Bagh, said a victim's relative.

Talking to this correspondent,

Tanjila's relative Hedayet Hossain said her family had been living in Nakhhalpara for many years. A couple of months ago following her exams, her family moved to their village home in Chandpur's Faridganj.

Tanjila's father stays in the capital. He runs a grocery shop in West Nakhhalpara.

Tanjila, who wanted to be a nurse, and her mother came to the capital last week to receive her mark sheets from school.



Tanjila

Modi sworn in as PM

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) made history by increasing their majority in a second straight landslide election win. It won 303 seats of the 545-seat lower house parliament. A party needs 272 seats for majority.

The 68-year-old prime minister walked up to take his oath of office to a standing ovation, with supporters in the crowd chanting "Modi, Modi".

"Honoured to serve India!" he said on Twitter soon after.

Modi was expected to announce his new cabinet in the hours after the ceremony.

A new finance minister was guaranteed after the influential outgoing minister, Arun Jaitley, 66, announced Wednesday that he would not serve again because of poor health.

Some media reports said Modi's trusted enforcer, BJP president Amit Shah, would take the finance portfolio even though he has no experience as a minister in the national government.

Shah was among 24 people to take an oath as a full cabinet member.

Outgoing foreign minister Sushma Swaraj was not among the group to take the oath, meaning she would also be replaced.

S Jaishankar, a career diplomat and specialist on China and the United States, was a surprise inclusion in the cabinet list. Analysts said that if

he becomes foreign minister, it could indicate Modi will give more emphasis to ties with the leading global powers.

The Indian leader is expected to host China's President Xi Jinping for a summit in October.

Modi won the election after portraying himself through the campaign as a nationalist strongman who would protect the country's security.

He was aided by a military showdown on the border of divided Kashmir when Indian and Pakistani fighter jets staged tit-for-tat raids.

Modi said he needed a new term to further his promise of a "new India" taking its place as a rising economic power in the world.

Smriti Irani, who pulled off one of the biggest victories of the election by beating opposition Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi in his own family bastion, was expected to get a promotion after being demoted in Modi's first term.

Gandhi, whose party suffered a second straight humiliating defeat, was among the crowd with his mother Sonia, the former Congress leader.

Media reports said Gandhi -- the son, grandson, and great-grandson of Nehru-Gandhi dynasty prime ministers -- has told party leaders he wants to stand down.

But party supporters have staged demonstrations outside his home calling on him to stay.

Astronomers

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week's discovery of 18 Earth-sized exoplanets.

It's the first exoplanet like this to be found in the Neptunian Desert. To be clear, this isn't a barren region on the gaseous planet of Neptune. Instead, it's a region close to stars where Neptune-sized planets can't be found.

Here, planets are blasted with radiation from stars, so the planets can't maintain their gaseous

atmosphere. They evaporate and only a rocky core is left behind.

But NGTS-4b still has its gaseous atmosphere.

Astronomers believe that either the planet moved into this region within the last million years, or the planet itself was once bigger and the atmosphere is in the process of evaporating.

"This planet must be tough - it is right in the zone where we expected

Neptune-sized planets could not survive," said Richard West in a statement, study author and principal research fellow from the University of Warwick's department of physics.

"It is truly remarkable that we found a transiting planet via a star dimming by less than 0.2% - this has never been done before by telescopes on the ground, and it was great to find after working on this project for a year."

PCJSS man found dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A member of Parbatya Chattogram Jana Samhati Samiti's MN Larma faction was found dead in Rangamati' Langadu upazila yesterday.

Residents of Uttar Iyerangchari village spotted the body of Snehashish Chakma alias Vogotang in the morning and informed police.

The 40-year-old was a resident of Guchogram in Baghaichhari upazila. He had been living in Langadu-Dighinala area for long for official purpose, said Prashanta Chakma, information and publicity secretary, PCJSS-MN Larma central committee.

"The body was recovered and sent to Rangamati General Hospital for autopsy," said Langadu police OC Ranjan Kumar Samonto. "The villagers heard some gunshots around 11pm Wednesday," he added.

Snehashish was scheduled to reach Iyerangchari from Dighinala on Wednesday night for some official purpose, said Prashanta. He blamed PCJSS for the murder.

About his claim, Moni Shankar Chakma, general secretary of PCJSS Langadu unit, said PCJSS had nothing to do with the killing, rather it could be the result of an internal conflict in the MN Larma faction.

More than 55 people got killed in Chattogram Hill Tracts over the last two years following conflicts among the political parties and their factions.

War veteran

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forces have been served such notices.

Sanaullah's wife and three children have also been left out of the complete draft of National Register of Citizens, while his elder brother and his family have been declared Indians.

For proof of verification, Sanaullah had submitted documents in the form of Voters' List, his school certificate as proof of birth, passport and other documents. But a copy of the judgement stated that he had 'miserably failed' to establish his parental linkage, or 'submit any proof to establish the fact that he is an Indian citizen by birth'.

After retirement from the military, Sanaullah was serving as an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) in the Border Police that is tasked with identifying, detaining and deporting doubtful citizens and illegal migrants. This unit of the State police often employs retired defence and paramilitary personnel.

Exactly 100 Foreigners' Tribunals in Assam hear and dispose of cases of people deemed foreigners by the Border Police.

"Nothing is more heartbreaking than an ex-serviceman being treated like this," said his cousin Mohammed Ajmal Hoque from Boko, about 60 km west of Guwahati. "Is this his reward for giving 30 years of his life to the Army defending the country, including fighting in the Kargil War?"

Hoque, who retired as a junior Commissioned Officer in the Army,

was also served notice by a Foreigners' Tribunal. The case was disposed of and the Border Police apologised to him after finding out it had served the notice on the "wrong Ajmal Hoque."

"Sanaullah joined the Army in 1987, 20 years after his birth in Assam. He joined the Border Police after retiring from the Army in 2017. He had, at one of the hearings, mistakenly mentioned the year of his joining the Army as 1978. Based on this mistake, the tribunal declared him a foreigner, arguing that nobody can join the Army at the age of 11," Hoque said.

Sanaullah voted in the last parliamentary election.

Assam's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary had tabled a report in the Assembly a few months ago. The report said the state has 125,333 D-voters (doubtful voters, marked by the Election Commission of India) and that 131,034 of the 244,144 cases sent to Foreigners' Tribunals have been disposed of so far.

Meanwhile, State Coordinator for National Register of Citizens (NRC) Prateek Hajela said in a notification that an applicant marked 'D' in the voters' list would be considered for inclusion in the updated register if he or she could produce the copy of a court order declaring him or her an Indian.

Last year, Indian Supreme Court advised exclusion of D-voters and members of their families from the updated NRC to be readied by July.

Stolen VGF rice

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upazila in Pabna, the official said.

Contractor Abul Kashem, who was appointed to conduct the distribution, stole the rice and sold it to the rice mill in Sirajganj, he added.

In separate drives, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police seized 600 bags of stolen rice in Rangpur on Wednesday night and arrested four people.

The arrestees are Sadyapuskaran UP Chairman Sohel Rana, rice trader Ansarul Islam, and easy-bike drivers Nayan Chandra Roy and Millat Ali.

Mozammel Haque, commanding officer of Rab-13, said they raided a storehouse in Palichhara village of

Rangpur sadar upazila and recovered 579 bags of rice. The team also arrested chairman Sohel and rice trader Ansarul.

Tajhat police made a recovery of 21 bags of rice while the easy-bike riders were taking them away from a private warehouse in Darshana area of Rangpur city.

Rokonuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Tajhat Police Station, said the rice was supposed to be distributed from this warehouse to the poor.

Meanwhile, a mobile court seized 877 bags of rice from a private storehouse and arrested two rice traders in Mirpur village of Sirajganj sadar upazila on Tuesday.

The arrestees, Abu Siddique, 49, and Abdus Salam, 45, both from Mirpur village, were sent to jail the next day.

"The two men took the rice illegally from a government storehouse in Belkuchi upazila," said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Raihan, who led the mobile court.

Another raid was conducted in a warehouse owned by rice trader Belal Hossain in Tarash upazila of Sirajganj, and 475 bags of VGF rice were recovered. Upazila nirbahi officer Iffat Jahan led the drive.

(Our Pabna and Rangpur correspondents contributed to the report.)

All gold

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making an otherwise quite walk into an adventure through the wild.

I immediately tried to hide behind a tree, hoping to take a photo and capture an unforgettable memory. The jackals are very cunning and shy, so at the slightest hint of my presence, it would escape into the foliage.

The wolf-like canid stood in his place and looked around. He did not seem to be foraging; perhaps it was curiosity, or boredom, which had drawn it out of the holes they sometimes call home.

From behind the tree, I managed to snap a few pictures. I was lucky that day.

Generally, the jackal comes out after dusk to visit farmyards and villages in search of food. It's a common sight for locals, but I had never come this close to one before. I waited for it to make its famous call, locally called the "hukka-hua". The call never came though. But the jackal did and, for then, it was enough.

As I began to return home, I thought once again of the jackal and its dwindling numbers due to the destruction of its habitat. Often, they come into conflict with locals.

Although it is widely distributed across the country, and classified in the "least concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, it remains a protected animal under the Bangladesh Wildlife (Preservation and Security) Act, 2012.

And this is rightfully so: after all, a glimpse of the animal can make quite the golden memory for any one.

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৮	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে			
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