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**"We must have something good, if not GREAT, come out of these two tragic events!"**  
TRUMP URGES REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS TO AGREE ON TIGHTER GUN CONTROL (PAGE 8)

**"People-oriented governance system has not been established in Bangladesh yet."**  
PARBATYA CHATTOTGRAM JANA SANGHATI SAMITY CHAIRMAN SANTU LARMA (PAGE 16)

**"People will go home in panic [of dengue] and if we failed to make the roads usable, their suffering would worsen."**  
ROAD, TRANSPORT AND BRIDGE MINISTER OBAIDUL QUADER AT A BRIEFING AT THE SECRETARIAT (PAGE 3)

## India scraps special status for Kashmir

*Pakistan condemns move as 'illegal'; phone, internet blocked in the region; thousands of troops deployed to avert possible backlash*



- » Ruling BJP rushed through a presidential decree to scrap Article 370 from the constitution
- » It also moved a bill proposing Kashmir be divided into two regions directly ruled by New Delhi
- » Govt also lifted ban on property purchases by people from outside J&K

AGENCIES

The Indian government yesterday stripped Kashmir of the special autonomy it has had for seven decades, prompting a furious response from nuclear-armed rival Pakistan and raising fears of further violence in the Muslim-majority Himalayan region.

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist party BJP rushed through a presidential decree to scrap from the constitution the Indian-ruled part of the disputed territory's special status.

It also moved a bill proposing the Indian-administered part of Kashmir be divided into two regions directly ruled by

New Delhi.

Ahead of the announcements, tens of thousands of extra Indian troops were deployed in the territory, and a security lockdown was imposed overnight Sunday with all telecommunications there cut.

Home Minister Amit Shah, a close ally of Modi, told parliament the president had issued a decree abolishing Article 370 of the constitution, which gives special autonomy to the Himalayan region.

The decree said the measure came into force "at once".

The government also lifted a ban on property purchases by non-residents, opening the way for

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**Holding an IV drip bag with one hand and the crying four-year-old with the other, a father waits before a doctor's chamber at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital yesterday. The father does not know what he should do as the child with high fever is crying incessantly.**

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Police to probe rape allegation against cops

STAR REPORT

Railway Police yesterday formed a three-member probe body to investigate the allegation against a group of policemen of gang raping a woman on Friday night in Khulna.

Authorities have asked the probe body, headed by Firoz Ahmed, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Kushtia Railway Circle, to submit the inquiry report within seven days.

Mohammad Nazrul Islam, superintendent of police of Pakshi Railway District of Government Railway Police (GRP), yesterday issued the directives through an office order, which The Daily Star obtained a copy of.

Earlier on Friday evening, the 31-year woman came to Khulna

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## Myanmar army's 'business empire' fuels atrocities

*Says UN's Rohingya probe, urges tougher sanctions on army businesses*

AFP, Jakarta

Tougher sanctions are needed against Myanmar's wealthy and powerful military as its web of economic interests has generated a fortune that helps fund atrocities, UN investigators said yesterday.

They urged the international community to sever links with the armed forces' dizzying economic holdings -- that they said dwarf those of any other civilian company in Myanmar.

Cutting ties will "impair (the army's) ability to carry out military operations without oversight and thus reduce violations of human rights", said Marzuki Darusman, chair of the fact-finding mission, ahead of the launch of the report in Jakarta.

The team last year called for Myanmar's senior generals to be prosecuted for genocide after a 2017 crackdown forced some 740,000 Rohingya Muslims into Bangladesh.

In addition to extensive local partnerships, at least 15 foreign firms have joint ventures with the military, according to the UN report, while 44 others have some form of commercial ties.

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LATEST UPDATE



NEW CASES IN LAST 24 HRS  
**2,065**

TOTAL DENGUE CASES  
**27,437**

OUTSIDE DHAKA  
**6,646**

DEATH  
**59**  
(18 OFFICIAL)

UNDERGOING TREATMENT  
**7,658**

SOURCE: DGHS

DENGUE DEATHS SO FAR

## Most were infected for second time

*Died due to shock syndrome, says IEDCR*

HELEMUL ALAM

Most of the people who officially died of dengue suffered shock syndrome and at least half of them were second-time infected, said Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

"Shock syndrome is a dangerous complication of dengue infection and is associated with high mortality. Severe dengue occurs as a result of secondary infection with a different virus serotype. Increased vascular permeability, together with myocardial dysfunction and dehydration, contribute to the development of shock, with resultant multiorgan failure," read a journal in the US National Library of Medicine.

IEDCR Director Prof Meerjady Sabrina Flora said they believe that of the 18 deaths they confirmed and 32 others they are probing, 70 percent of the victims had been infected the second time.

Flora, who heads the death review committee of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said most of the deaths were due to shock syndrome.

HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said if a patient ignores the warning signs and seeks medical help late, his or her condition could deteriorate fast resulting in death even.

He said serious abdominal pain, vomiting again and again, unusual drop in body temperature and platelets in blood, infrequent urination, and bleeding from any part of the body are some of the warning signs.

"Understanding the warnings is very important, for doctors

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## Aedes sources need to be wiped out

*Say experts on checking dengue outbreak*

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The source eradication is the key to eliminating Aedes mosquitoes as well as checking Dengue outbreak and for this participation of mass people is necessary alongside the government efforts, experts say.

"Eradicating the sources is the most important thing to do and people from all walks of life has to come forward," Abul Kalam Azad, director general of Directorate General of Health Services, told The Daily Star.

Dengue is an infectious tropical virus transmitted to humans with the bites of female Aedes mosquitoes, which breed in clean and warm water.

There is no known cure or vaccine for dengue, the world's fastest spreading vector-borne viral disease, making prevention critical.

"So, we have to focus on the source eradication," Prof Mahmudur Rahman, former director of Institute of Epidemiology,

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In Loving Memory of  
**Alhazz Noor Uddin Ahmed**

20 years have passed since you left us on this day. You survived by your works which have grown to a full bloom tree today. We remember you with respect and love.

All relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

—Family members and all employees of Epyllion group.

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## NUSRAT MURDER Charges framed against madrasa principal Siraj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A Feni court yesterday framed charge against Siraj Ud Daula, suspended principal of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa, over sexual assault on Nusrat Jahan Rafi.

Mamunur Rashid, judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal, framed the charge while hearing a sexual harassment case filed by Rafi's mother.

The court also fixed date -- October 27 -- to record statements of the witnesses.

On July 3, the Police Bureau of Investigation submitted the charge sheet before Feni's Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Zakir Hossain against lone accused Siraj Ud Daula in the case.

Nusrat Jahan Rafi's mother filed the case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act accusing Siraj Ud Daula

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