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India restricts movement in Kashmir again

Aims to quell unrest as dozens injured in overnight clashes; 4,000 detained since autonomy scrapped

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Indian authorities reimposed restrictions on movement in major parts of Kashmir's biggest city, Srinagar, yesterday after violent overnight clashes between residents and police in which dozens were injured, two senior officials and eyewitnesses said.

They also reversed a decision to allow internet and mobile phone use in parts of the Jammu region, according to one official, amid concerns about the spread of rumours online.

In the past 24 hours, there has been a series of protests against New Delhi's August 5 revocation of Jammu and Kashmir state's autonomy. This followed an easing in curbs on movement and phone use on Saturday morning.

The state government has said that it has not imposed a curfew over the past two weeks, but yesterday people were being turned back at multiple roadblocks set up in the city in the past few hours. Security forces at some roadblocks have told residents there is a curfew.

Two senior government officials told Reuters that at least two dozen people were admitted to hospitals with pellet injuries after violent clashes broke out in the old city on Saturday night.

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Fishermen unloading their hauls of hilsa at a wholesale market in Barishal's Port Road yesterday. A huge amount of hilsa was caught during this ongoing peak season and it has decreased the prices by around 30 percent, according to traders.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

POLLUTING HALDA DoE shuts down Asian Paper Mill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Department of Environment yesterday sealed off a paper mill in Chattogram's Khulshi area on charge of polluting the Halda, possibly the only breeding ground of natural Carp in South Asia.

The authorities came up with the closure order after hearing a complaint filed by Ruhul Amin, upazila nirbahi officer of Hathazari.

Ruhul, along with some locals, filed the complaint on August 14 accusing Asian Paper Mill of releasing untreated substances into a waterbody that connects to the Halda.

A team of DoE, led by Nurullah Nuri, director of Chattogram DoE Lab, conducted a probe into the allegation and found authenticity.

Muktadir Hasan, assistant director of Chattogram DoE, said, they found proof of Asian Paper Mill's involvement in polluting waterbodies.

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13 killed in road accidents

Six of a family die in Cumilla

STAR REPORT

At least 13 people, including six of a family, were killed in five road accidents across the country yesterday.

Eight people were killed when a CNG-run autorickshaw collided head-on with a bus and was then hit again by a microbus in Jamtoli area on Cumilla-Laksham road around noon yesterday, police said.

Five people died on the spot and three others succumbed to their injuries while being taken to Cumilla Medical College Hospital, said Abdullah Al Mamun, additional superintendent of police in Cumilla.

All the eight killed were the passengers of the auto rickshaw while six of them from the same family.

Family members are Jashim Uddin, 45, his wife Selina Begum, 40, their sons Shipon, 21 and Ripon, 15, daughter Nipu Akter, 15, and Jashim's mother Sakina Begum, 70.

All of them were from Ghorarmaydan village of Cumilla's Nangalkot upazila.

Two other dead are auto rickshaw driver Jamal Hossain, 35, and Jashim's hotel staffer Saimon, 15.

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224 killed on roads in 12 days of Eid rush

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 224 people were killed and 866 injured in 203 road crashes across the country in 12 days during the Eid holiday rush, a passenger welfare group said yesterday.

Most crashes happened after the holidays when people were returning to Dhaka, according to Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity.

It blamed absence of monitoring and speeding on relatively empty highways.

Over 52 percent of the incidents involved vehicles running over pedestrians on roads, Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of the association, told a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

The report is based on news published on 41 national and regional dailies and 11 online news portals, he said.

Also during the holiday rush, 13 people were killed and 15 others injured in 14 incidents involving trains while on waterways, 16 people were killed, 27 others injured and 59 went missing in 24 accidents.

In 13 days during last year's Eid-ul-Azha rush, at least 259 people were killed and 960 others injured in 237 car crashes.

Mozammel yesterday said reckless driving, unfit vehicles, carrying of people in goods vehicles, unskilled drivers, three-wheelers on highways, absence of footpaths by the highways, overworked drivers and an increasing number of motorcycles during Eid rush were the main causes of the crashes.

The roads were in better shape and several new launches and trains ran before Eid, but people were overcharged by operators and they suffered due to congestions on roads and ferry terminals and delayed trains.

According to the report, 108 people were killed and 242 others injured

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CASE AGAINST SHAHIDUL SC upholds stay on probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that stayed the investigation of the case filed under the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act against renowned photographer Shahidul Alam.

The apex court also asked the HC bench, led by Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury, to hear and dispose of the HC rule by December 18.

A four-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division, led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the order after hearing a leave-to-appeal petition filed by the state challenging the HC order.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam appeared for the state while Advocate AF Hasan Ariff, Advocate Syeda Rizwana Hasan, and Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua appeared for Shahidul.

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Icelanders mourn death of glacier



CNN ONLINE

Scientists say they are bidding farewell to Okjökull, the first Icelandic glacier lost to climate change, in a funeral of sorts.

Researchers yesterday gathered in Borgarfjörður, Iceland, to memorialize Okjökull, known as Ok for short, after it lost its status as a glacier in 2014. The inscription, titled "A letter to the future," on the monument paints a bleak picture.

"Ok is the first Icelandic glacier to lose its status as a glacier. In the next 200 years, all our glaciers are expected to follow the same path. This monument is to acknowledge that we know what is happening and know what needs to be done. Only you know if we did it," the plaque reads in English and Icelandic.

From the ice sheet in Greenland to the towering

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FR TOWER Owner held for flouting building code

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested one of the owners of Banani FR Tower, Tasvir Ul Islam, in connection with a case filed over his alleged involvement in illegally extending the building.

Tasvir is a BNP leader and also managing director of Quasem Industries Limited. ACC's Deputy Director and plaintiff of the case Abu

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PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 19
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-25 12-45 4-45 6-38 8-00
JAMAAT 5-00 1-15 5-00 6-41 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Spain offers to take charity migrant vessel

AFP, Madrid

Spain yesterday offered to take in the charity vessel Proactiva Open Arms with more than 100 migrants on board, slamming Italy's "inconceivable" refusal to allow it to dock.

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez "today ordered the port of Algeciras to be ready to receive the boat Open Arms," which is currently in limbo off the Italian island of Lampedusa, his office said in a statement.

It cited the "urgent situation" on the vessel and the "inconceivable decision by the Italian authorities... to close all its ports" to the migrants.

Italy's far-right Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who is also deputy prime minister, has refused to allow migrant rescue vessels to dock as part of his hardline policies.

The Open Arms standoff with Italian authorities was the latest between Rome and charity vessels rescuing migrants -- mainly sub-

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Protesters gather for a rally in Victoria Park in Hong Kong yesterday in the latest opposition to a planned extradition law that has since morphed into a wider call for democratic rights in the semi-autonomous city. Hong Kong democracy activists gathered for a major rally to show the city's leaders their protest movement still attracts wide public support despite mounting violence and increasingly stark warnings from Beijing.

PHOTO: AFP

HONG KONG PROTESTS Thousands flood streets

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Hundreds of thousands of anti-government protesters joined a mass rally in Hong Kong yesterday, filling major thoroughfares in heavy rain in the eleventh week of what have been often violent demonstrations in the Asian financial hub.

Yesterday's turnout showed that the movement still has broad-based support despite the ugly scenes witnessed during the past week when protesters occupied the Chinese-ruled city's airport, for which some activists apologised.

There was an uneasy calm after nightfall, with no violent confrontations and protesters unclear on what would happen next. Police in riot gear checked the IDs of some demonstrators to the west of the Central business district, and there was a large police presence outside the Western District police station.

"They've been telling everyone we're rioters. The march today is to show everyone we are not," said a 23-year-old named Chris, who works in marketing and was dressed all in black, including a scarf covering his face and baseball cap.

"It does not mean we won't keep fighting. We will do whatever is necessary to win, but today we take a break, then we reassess."

One protester shouted at others who were jeering at police, "Today is a peaceful march! Don't fall into the trap! The world is watching us," prompting the group to move on.

Anger over a now-suspended bill that would allow criminal suspects in Hong Kong to be extradited to mainland China erupted in June, but the rising unrest has been fuelled by broader worries about the erosion of

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