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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

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 quantity of hilsa was caught during the ongoing peak season and it has decreased the prices by around 30 percent, according to traders.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Army soldier shot dead in Rangamati

ISPR says vigilance stepped up in the area after incident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Army soldier was shot dead when criminals opened fire on an army patrol team in Rangamati district yesterday, an ISPR press release said.

The dead was identified as Nasim, 19.

The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) press release said, "Nasim was critically injured around 10:00am when criminals started firing indiscriminately on an army patrol team in Poyatsumukh area around 4km away from Rajasthali Army Camp in Rangamati."

He was flown to the Combined Military Hospital in Chattogram in a helicopter. He died at the hospital, it added.

Army personnel have strengthened vigilance in the area and have taken control over the situation, the ISPR release added.

13 killed in road crashes

Six of a family killed 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 of them 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 were the passengers of the autorickshaw and 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.

They were from Ghorarmaydan village of Cumilla's Nangalkot upazila.

Two other dead are auto rickshaw driver Jamal Hossain, 35, and Saimon, 15.

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224 killed on road 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 the 12 days of 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. On waterways, 16 people were killed, 27 others injured and 59 went missing in 24 accidents.

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

Mozammel yesterday said reckless driving, unfit vehicles, carrying of people on trucks, unskilled drivers, three-wheelers on highways, absence of footpaths on 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 by trains running late.

According to the report, 108 people were killed and 242 others injured in 101 crashes between August 6 and 12. Eid was on August 12.

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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 Mahbubey 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

HONG KONG UNREST Thousands flood streets in anti-govt protest

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

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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

How will you protect victims, witnesses?

Bangladesh asks Myanmar's probe commission for Rakhine rights violations

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday asked Independent Commission of Enquiry how it would ensure safety for the Rohingya witnesses whom it wants to question to collect evidence of human rights violations in Rakhine State of Myanmar.

Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE), the commission tasked to investigate the allegations of human rights violations in Rakhine and related issues, however, could not answer the question properly, said a diplomatic source.

"Officials of Bangladesh wanted to know how ICOE will protect the witnesses it expects to question. But the members of the commission could not come up with any satisfactory answer to that question," the source told The Daily Star.

The question-answer session was held between delegations of ICOE, led by Kenzo Oshima, and Bangladesh, led by Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, at the later's ministry office.

Kenzo Oshima is a former permanent representative of Japan to the United Nations.

Along with Kenzo, the ICOE team includes Rosario Manalo, chairperson of the commission and also a former deputy foreign minister of the Philippines, U Mya Thein, former chair of the Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar,

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