



A resident stands in front of her damaged house a day after cross border shelling in Jora, a village of Neelum valley in Pakistan-administered Kashmir yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

9 killed as India

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Wednesday, two days after New Delhi restored mobile phone and text services.

Islamabad has summoned the Indian envoy in protest over the shelling and killings, and offered to have diplomats from the UN Security Council’s five permanent members, including the United States and Russia, visit the border and see that no militant camps exist there.

Indian authorities said repeatedly during the lockdown that Kashmir has been mostly peaceful.

Kashmir has been split between India and Pakistan since 1947 and was the spark of two wars and numerous skirmishes.

An armed rebellion against Indian rule has raged in the valley since 1989, claiming tens of thousands of lives, mostly civilians.

Drug dealer

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Pradip claimed.
He was taken to Teknaf Health Complex and was later moved to Cox’s Bazar Sadar Hospital where he died.

Police recovered a gun, seven bullets, and 3,000 yaba pills from the spot, police said, adding that three policemen were also injured during the incident.

Meanwhile, a bullet-hit body of an unidentified man, aged around 35, was found on Marine Drive Road in the district yesterday morning.

Being informed by the locals, police recovered the body, said Mohammad Alamgir, in-charge of Himchhari police camp.

The victim, wearing blood-stained clothes, had bullet wounds on his chest and waist, he said, adding that the body was sent to Cox’s Bazar Sadar Hospital for an autopsy.

Japan funding for imperial ceremonies spark rare dissent

AFP, Tokyo

When it comes to Japan’s royal family, anti-monarchy sentiment is almost non-existent. But government funding for two highly symbolic imperial rituals this year has sparked rare dissent.

On October 22, Emperor Naruhito will formally proclaim his enthronement, which occurred earlier this year after his father’s abdication, and in November he will perform the sacred Daijiosai thanksgiving ritual.

The government is setting aside millions of dollars in funds, in particular for the sumptuous October event, which will draw dignitaries from around the world.

But critics say the two ceremonies are effectively religious rites, and public funding for them violates a constitutionally mandated separation of state and faith.

“The Daijiosai ritual is nothing more than a Shinto ceremony,” the United Church of Christ in Japan, a leading Protestant group, said in a statement earlier this year.

Public funding for them “violates the principle of separating politics from religion... and infringes on freedom of belief”, it added.

The subject touches on the sensitive history of the role of the emperor during World War II.

UK leaving EU on October 31

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Britain would leave the EU on schedule.

“Yes. We are going to leave on October 31. We have the means and the ability to do so,” he told Sky News television.

EU ‘FED UP’: RAAB
The government will bring forward this week the domestic legislation needed to implement the divorce deal, with a first vote as soon as Tuesday.

Separately, it is seeking a new yes-or-no vote on approving the deal today, although this may fall foul of parliamentary procedure.

“If we get the legislation through then there is no extension. October 31 is within sight,” said Gove.

He said it was dangerous to assume that the 27 other EU leaders would grant an extension.

More than three years on from the June 2016 vote to leave the EU, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told BBC television that from his conversations with other EU capitals, “they are fed up with this now -- and we are fed up with it”.

Johnson’s number two added that he was “confident” of leaving on October 31.

The Labour main opposition has lambasted Johnson’s deal as a “sell-out” and voted for the delay.

However, senior figures hinted yesterday that they could let it go through, subject to amendments including a second referendum pitting a divorce deal against remaining in the bloc after all.

“What we are trying to achieve

is that this deal in particular, but any deal, is put up against Remain in a referendum,” the party’s Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer told the BBC.

“And we will have to see tactically how we get there.”

Johnson “might even meet the deadline”, finance spokesman John McDonnell told Sky News.

EUROPE MULLS RESPONSE
Brussels officials pressed on with plans to ratify the divorce deal as European leaders considered Johnson’s delay request.

Ambassadors and senior officials from the other 27 member states met yesterday.

“The EU is keeping all options open and has therefore initiated the ratification process so that it can be handed over to the European Parliament on Monday,” an EU diplomat told AFP.

“The EU will probably pursue this strategy until there is clarity on the British side,” he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Tusk will spend a “few days” canvassing member state leaders, and diplomats said this would mean the British parliament will have to vote on Brexit again before hearing their decision on the October 31 departure.

MPs voted by 322 votes to 306 on Saturday to support former Conservative MP Oliver Letwin’s amendment to buy extra time.

Letwin said he would now switch and vote for the deal. Former interior minister Amber Rudd said the same, meaning Johnson is just a few votes short.

The Brexit date has already been pushed back twice from March 29, to the fury of those who wanted to chart their own course and abandon the European project after nearly 50 years.

ACC arrests

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Jugantor ran a report on corruption by Bazlur.

According to the report, Bazlur received bribes through courier services and those were sent to his wife.

Asked, an ACC official said they were conducting further enquiry into the matter. “It will take some time,” he added.

Earlier on July 28, the ACC arrested Partha Gopal Banik, DIG (prisons) of Sylhet division, and recovered Tk 80 lakh from his Dhanmondi residence.

Wife admits

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official added.

The three-year-old girl saw Hasina and Mainuddin together on Saturday. Fearing that their extra-marital affair would be revealed, Hasina and Mainuddin killed the child. Later in the day, they killed Taher when he returned home from work, said the police official, quoting confessional statements.

Police recovered the bodies on Saturday night at Buchuikkya Colony of Nimthola Bisso Road area in the port city.

Taher’s brother Nur Alam yesterday filed a murder case with Bandar police station.

Firebrand cleric green-lights fresh protests in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad

Influential Iraqi Shia leader Moqtada al-Sadr has given his supporters the green light to resume anti-government protests, after the movement was interrupted following a deadly crackdown.

Protests shook Iraq for six days from October 1, with young Iraqis denouncing corruption and demanding jobs and services before calling for the downfall of the government.

The protests -- notable for their spontaneity -- were violently suppressed, with official counts reporting 110 people killed and 6,000 wounded, most of them demonstrators.

Calls have been made on social media for fresh rallies on Friday, the anniversary of Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi’s government taking office.

“It’s your right to participate in protests on October 25,” Sadr told his followers in a Facebook post on Saturday evening.

Protesters have opposed any appropriation of their leaderless movement and the firebrand cleric was restrained yesterday in comparison to his previous exhortations for “million-man

marches”.

He qualified his support by adding: “Those who don’t want to take part in this revolution can choose another via the ballot box in internationally supervised elections and without the current politicians,” he said.

His statement echoed another he made during protests at the start of the month, in which he called on the government -- of which his bloc is a part -- to resign and hold early elections “under UN supervision”.

In his latest message, Sadr called on his supporters to protest peacefully.

“They expect you to be armed,” he said, alluding to authorities blaming “saboteurs” for infiltrating protests. “But I don’t think you will be.”

Sadr’s influence was on display Saturday during the Shia Arbreen pilgrimage to the holy city of Karbala, 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of Baghdad.

Thousands of his supporters heeded his call to dress in white shrouds and chanted, “Baghdad free, out with the corrupt!”

October 25 will also mark the deadline issued by Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, spiritual leader for Iraq’s Shia majority, for the government to respond to protester demands.

Bolivia’s Morales facing fight as he seeks fourth term

AFP, La Paz

Bolivians voted yesterday to decide whether to give leftist President Evo Morales a controversial fourth term or turn their backs on the country’s first indigenous leader amid allegations of corruption and authoritarianism.

Morales’ popularity has been waning and unlike his previous three election victories, opinion polls say this one is likely to go to an unprecedented second round runoff on December 15.

The latest shows Morales with 32

percent of the vote, while his main challenger, former president Carlos Mesa, has 27 percent.

In an eve-of-poll message on Twitter, Morales called on voters in the resource rich Andean state to participate “peacefully and actively” in the elections.

Mesa said he feared the elections would be fraudulent because of Morales’ powerful grip on key organs of state, and expressed his concerns in a meeting with observers from the Organization of American States.

Youth in South Korea

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DC Saiful said they have come to know that some of the youths who joined the online group already left home to work for the militant outfit.

The CITC, however, could not confirm whether the arrestees had any direct link with Ansar al Islam.

“We are now monitoring activities of the other members in the group and conducting drives to arrest them,” he added.

According to CITC and court sources, Hanfuzzaman, a second-year student of Alamdanga Government Degree College, gave confessional statement before a Dhaka court on October 16.

In his statement, Hanif said he had

joined the group after being inspired by Shahin.

Shahin came back to Bangladesh from South Korea On August 29 and met Hanif on the same day. The two then travelled to Khulna, where they met Saiful.

The three stayed in Sundarban and Bandaban’s Alikadam upazila in the last one and a half month for “training” purpose, Hanif also told the court.

On October 17, Saiful gave confessional statement in a court where he confessed that he had joined the platform to fight against the non-Muslims.

DC Saiful Islam said Shahin had no religious leader. He learned about militancy from various online contents.

Nine new HC judges appointed

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considered good.

“They have been appointed as new judges. This is not the time to evaluate them and make any comments about them.”

AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), expressed disappointment at the appointment of the new HC judges, saying that the government recruited them without formulating any law and following the SC guidelines.

The government is supposed to formulate a law for appointing the

HC judges, he said.

Replying to a query, Khokon, also a joint secretary general of the BNP, said the SCBA was yet to decide whether they would accord felicitations to the new HC judges.

SCBA President AM Aminuddin said there was no violation of the constitution and the law in appointing the HC judges.

There is no specific directive in the SC and HC verdicts about the HC judge appointment, he said.

Aminuddin, also a pro-Awami League lawyer, said the SCBA would accord felicitations to the new HC judges.

SC Registrar General Md Zakir Hossain, who is one of the nine HC judges, told this correspondent that Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain would administer their oath taking this morning.

The nine are district and sessions judges Muhammad Mahbub-Ul-Islam, Shahed Nuruddin, SC Registrar General Md Zakir Hossain, Judge Md Akhtaruzzaman of Special Judge Court-5 of Dhaka, advocate Md Mahmud Hasan Talukder, advocate Kazi Ebadat Hossain, deputy attorney generals KM Zahid Sarwar, AKM Zahirul Haque, and Kazi Zinat Hoque.

Longest flight lands in Sydney

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sufficient fuel range to travel more than 16,000 kilometres (9,500 miles) without re-fuelling.

Qantas CEO Alan Joyce called it “a really historic moment” for both the airline and world aviation.

“This is the first of three test flights that’s going to come up with recommendations about how we manage pilot fatigue (and) how we actually manage passenger jetlag,” he told reporters after arriving in Sydney.

“After 19 hours on this flight, I think we’ve gotten this right. It feels like we’ve been on a flight a lot shorter than that.”

Qantas partnered with two Australian universities to monitor how jetlag affected the health of passengers and crew members as they crossed multiple time zones.

After boarding the flight, passengers set their watches to

Sydney time and were kept awake until night fell in eastern Australia with lighting, exercise, caffeine and a spicy meal.

Six hours later, they were served a high-carbohydrate meal, told to avoid screens, and the lights were dimmed to encourage them to sleep through the night.

Professor Marie Carroll, a researcher from Sydney University who conducted the experiment, told AFP that she expected the innovative approach would result in “absolutely minimal” jetlag.

“I expect that they will have a normal day today and a normal night’s sleep tonight,” she said, adding that she felt “amazingly good” considering the flight time.

“It’s all an experiment to see if airlines can adjust their schedule of food, beverages, exercise and lighting to be in sync with the

destination time.”

The four pilots on board -- who rotated between flying duties -- also wore devices that tracked their brain waves and alertness.

The Australian and International Pilots Association, which represents Qantas pilots, has raised concerns about whether pilots will get enough quality rest during ultra long-range flights to maintain peak performance.

It has called for a “scientific long-term study” into the impacts on crews.

The airline says the test journeys are just one facet of the work it is doing to ensure the flights are operated safely.

Qantas last year introduced the first direct service from the western Australian city of Perth to London, with the 17-hour journey one of the longest passenger flights in the world.

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