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96 'robbers, arms dealers' surrender

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With one police jeep in front and another behind, three buses carried 96 arms makers and dealers along with robbers to Kalamarchhara Union Parishad ground in Maheshkhali so that they surrender before Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan.

They were brought from the "safe house" in Cox's Bazar Police Lines around 10:30am yesterday to attend the formal surrender ceremony.

Under heavy police protection, the 96 arms dealers, makers, and robbers walked to their seats on the carpeted ground near the stage, which was set for the ceremony.

It started around 11:15am with recitation from the Holy Quran.

The home minister and Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary received them with flowers in front of thousands of locals who came to watch the surrender.

Arms makers and dealers, and robbers from 12 gangs, including notorious firearms maker Zafar Alam, surrendered. They laid down 155 locally-made firearms, 28 rounds of bullets and 255 cartridges before the law enforcers in presence of the home minister and the IGP.

Superintendent of police in Cox's Bazar ABM Masud Hossain first gave a welcome speech, after which ringleaders of two gangs were called up on the stage to express their feelings.

"I regret my past activities. Those of us who surrendered today want your blessings so that we can live a better life,"



A Buet student signing a banner yesterday with vows to "stay awake" for justice for the murder of Abrar Fahad in a dorm early last month. Former Buet students demonstrated on campus yesterday and demanded that the authorities address the conditions that make "demons" of students.

Another 125 return empty handed from KSA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi Arabia sent back another 125 Bangladeshi workers home on Friday night as part of the country's ongoing crackdown on undocumented migrant workers.

With them, some 2,615 Bangladeshi workers have been deported so far this month by the Gulf country, according to Brac Migration Programme.

Brac officials, in cooperation with officials at "Prabashi Kalyan Desk" set up by the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment at the airport, provided the returnees with immediate assistance.

Shariful Hasan, the programme's head, said the Saudi government had sent at least 22,000 Bangladeshi workers back this year alone.

"Most of the workers have returned empty-handed," he said, adding that a major portion of the

Neighbours beat teacher dead over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A primary school teacher was beaten to death by his neighbours over land dispute in Athgoria upazila of Pabna yesterday morning, said family members of the victim.



Hosneara Khatun said her husband Ashraf Ali, 47, headmaster of Fulbaria Government Primary School, was mercilessly beaten by their neighbour Afzal Hossain and his cohorts as he tried to prevent Afzal from grabbing his land.

Ashraf, also the general secretary of Athgoria unit Government Primary Head Teachers' Association, and Afzal had a long-standing dispute over a piece of 37-acre land. Several cases were also filed over the issue, she added.

Hosneara filed a murder case with Athgoria Police Station, said Rakibul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

According to the case statement, Afzal grabbed the land, which Ashraf inherited from his father, and started cultivating. On

Myanmar should be more generous, compassionate

Says Ban Ki-moon about treatment of Rohingyas; calls for political solution

STAR REPORT

Former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon yesterday called for a political solution to the Rohingya crisis so that the Rohingyas could return to Rakhine State "freely and safely".

"There should be a political solution," he told reporters after meeting with Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen at a hotel in the capital, reports UNB.

Ban appreciated Bangladesh's role in sheltering over 1.1 million Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar camps and sought continued support for Rohingyas from the UN agencies and humanitarian organisations.

The former UN chief said the Myanmar government should show much more generous and compassionate support to Rohingyas so that they can return to their home country "freely and safely", adds BSS.

About his experience of visiting Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar during his last tour of Bangladesh this year, Ban said, "It's a very tragic situation It was hard to describe [the sufferings of Rohingyas]. What I felt that was so sad."

The Rohingyas were denied citizenship by Myanmar through a 1982 citizenship law. They have also been deprived of basic rights, including



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JU closure harming students

Teachers say at Shahbagh rally

DU CORRESPONDENT

By keeping the university closed for an indefinite period, the vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University and the government are making the students' future uncertain, Anu Muhammad, professor of JU economics, said yesterday.

"The university was shut to suppress the protests and the VC is primarily responsible for the situation as she instructed [BCL men] to attack students," said the eminent economist while speaking at a rally.

Reiterating their demand for the removal of Prof Farzana Islam from the VC post over a graft allegation, a section of JU students and teachers yesterday organised the rally in front of National Museum in the capital.

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The place on Earth where life can't exist



CNN ONLINE

Life exists in extreme environments on Earth, from arid deserts and frozen tundras to thermal, toxic vents in the deepest reaches of the ocean floor. But it can't exist on every inch of the planet and scientists have discovered a place in Ethiopia where life can't find a way, according to a new study.

In contrast with previous research, scientists conducted multiple tests and found that there is no life, not even microorganisms, in Dallol. One of Earth's most extreme environments, Dallol is incredibly hot, salty and acidic. Its ponds extend across a volcanic crater, in the Ethiopian Danakil depression, filled with salt, toxic gases and boiling water in response to extreme hydrothermal activity.

Even in winter, daytime temperatures can exceed 113 degrees Fahrenheit. Some of the hyper acidic and saline pools have negative pH values.

The findings published Friday in the journal

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22 detained while entering Bangladesh from India

UNB, Jhenaidah

Border Guard Bangladesh detained 22 people when they were entering Bangladesh illegally from India early yesterday in Nischintapur and Mogdaspur areas of

Moheshpur upazila.

Polianpur Border Outpost patrol team of BGB detained 16 people at Nischintapur while another BGB team of Jululi outpost detained five at Mogdaspur village around 5:00am, said a press release from

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 24

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
 AZAN 5-05 12-45 3-45 5-21 7-00
 JAMAAT 5-40 1-15 4-00 5-24 7-30

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13 RPGs found in Satchhari forest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A joint team of Rapid Action Battalion and Bangladesh Army yesterday recovered 13 rocket-propelled grenades, along with some other explosives, from Satchhari forest in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila.

The ammunition and explosives were found buried in the deep forest, said Lt Colonel Mahbubul Alam, commanding officer of Chattogram-based RAB-7.

Being tipped off about the cache on Thursday, the Rab team, in association with the 24th Infantry Division of Bangladesh Army, identified the location and carried out a drive on early yesterday, Mahbubul said, adding that the drive ended around noon.

No one was arrested during the raid, the Rab official said, adding that a general diary was filed



A car making a three-point turn ignoring the fast approaching vehicles on Dhaka-Mawa highway in Shoalghar area of Munshiganj's Sreenagar upazila yesterday, a day after a crash left nine dead and 11 others injured at the spot.

'Frankly, I want a trial'

Frustrated Trump vows to defend himself, blasts impeachment probe

AFP, Washington

An irate Donald Trump said Friday he welcomes the prospect of an impeachment trial, as the US leader lashed out at "crazy" and "corrupt" opponents probing potential abuse of presidential power.

After a week of dramatic impeachment testimony from current and former administration officials, an embattled Trump took to a favorite broadcaster to air a long, occasionally incoherent list of grievances -- against the FBI, his political adversaries, impeachment inquiry leaders, the "deep state," and more.

"These people are sick," Trump raged down the telephone line to Fox at the start of a 53-minute tirade

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