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## ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

# Stop your propaganda

### Dhaka asks Naypyidaw; urges conducive environment in Rakhine

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has asked Naypyidaw to stop concocting campaigns against Bangladesh and focus on creating an environment in Rakhine conducive to sustained repatriation and reintegration of the Rohingyas.

Myanmar continues to spread fabricated information, misrepresented facts, and unsubstantiated claims to unjustifiably shift the onus of the Rohingya crisis on Bangladesh, said Bangladesh foreign ministry in a statement yesterday.

"This testifies to Myanmar's campaign to avoid its obligations to create conducive environment in Rakhine for the sustainable repatriation and reintegration of the Rohingyas," it said.

Some 750,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign in Myanmar's Rakhine State. Since then, two attempts of repatriation failed as Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar camps refused to return, saying that Myanmar has not ensured safety in Rakhine and there was no guarantee of citizenship.

However, Myanmar always tried to pass the blame on Bangladesh, the ministry said.

On November 15, Myanmar's State Counsellor's Office spokesperson claimed that non-cooperation and non-respect of bilateral arrangements by Bangladesh was

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A swarm of people gather at a rally demanding the release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday in front of the party office in the capital's Nayapaltan.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Won't seek govt nod for future rally

### Say BNP leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP will not seek permission for holding rallies as the government is "not elected by the people's vote", Mirza Fakhru Islam, secretary general of the party.

"We will not seek permission in future. Whenever necessary, we will hold rallies and take to the streets as it is our constitutional rights," he said yesterday, addressing a rally in front of the BNP's Nayapaltan office.

The rally was organised to demand release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, who has been in jail for almost 20 months now on corruption charges.

BNP expected to hold the rally on Saturday but did not have permission. "We got permission for this rally at 10:00am today [yesterday]," he said.

Leaders and activists of the BNP thronged the venue with placards, festoons and banners that carried

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## BENAPOLE BORDER

# 32 more held as they enter from India

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday arrested 32 people on charge of trespassing into Bangladesh from India yesterday.

Seventeen men, 13 women and two children illegally entered Bangladesh through Daulatpur border in Jashore's Benapole, said Subedar Mozammel Hossain, commander of 21 Daulatpur BGB camp.

The arrestees claimed to be hailing from Bagerhat and Munshiganj, he added.

According to Subedar Mozammel, a BGB team raided a mango orchard in the border area on information that a large group of people intruded into Bangladesh territory.

BGB found the intruders there, arrested them and later handed them over to Benapole Port Police Station, he added.

This correspondent managed to speak with two of the arrestees.

One of the two, Jorina Begum, 25, said she used to live in Bengaluru and work as a housemaid. Indian police raided her house recently and arrested her for

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## HONG KONG LOCAL COUNCIL POLLS

# Protests drive record turnout

AFP, Hong Kong

Record numbers of people yesterday voted in Hong Kong district council elections that the city's pro-democracy movement hopes will pile pressure on the Beijing-backed government to heed their demands after months of violent protest.

Lengthy queues snaked out of polling stations across the territory in the election for 18 district councils, where high turnout is expected to benefit democratic forces.

The Electoral Affairs Commission said a record 56 percent of the 4.13 million citizens registered to vote had cast their ballots by yesterday evening.

It was already the highest turnout in Hong Kong's history of district council elections post handover from British rule, with five hours of voting still to go.

The selection of 452 councillors -- handling community-level concerns such as bus routes and garbage collection -- traditionally generates little excitement, but has taken on new significance following months of political unrest.

Hong Kong has been battered by months of mass rallies and violent clashes pitting police against protesters who are agitating for direct popular elections of the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's government, as well as a probe into alleged police brutality.

District councils have long been dominated by the pro-Beijing establishment, and voters seeking change hope that weakening that grip will give their movement fresh momentum.

"Even though one ballot can only help a little, I still hope it can bring change to society and support street protests in some way," 19-year-old student Michael Ng, voting for the first time, told AFP.

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## 3 trampled to death by wild elephants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least three people have been trampled to death by wild elephants in Boalkhali upazila of Chattogram yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Abdul Mabud, 62, of Jaishthapura; Abu Taher Mistri, 60, of Kadhurkhal, and Zakir Hossain, 66, of Syednagar areas in the upazila, said police.

Sub-inspector Jahangir Alam of Boalkhali Police Station said a herd of elephants trampled Zakir, a former headmaster of a local primary school, and another local Abu Taher when they stepped out of a mosque after Fajr prayers.

The herd then moved towards Jaishthapura area and killed farmer Mabud who was going to work in a vegetable field, said the officer.

The elephants came to Kadhurkhal area on

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## 'Son of Concorde'

### Nasa's new supersonic jet aims to slash flight times



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A new Concorde-style supersonic passenger jet could slash flight times to Australia in half within the next decade.

The X-59 Quiet Supersonic Technology aircraft is being built by Lockheed Martin - assisted by Nasa - to perfect quiet sonic booms that would allow the plane to go supersonic over land.

Concord, which was last flown in 2003, could not fly over land due to a powerful sonic boom that broke the sound barrier.

The X-59 is designed to cruise at 55,000ft at about 940mph and create just 75 Perceived Level decibel (PLdB) - about as loud as a car door closing.

Lockheed Martin said the move "marks a milestone to bring supersonic commercial travel over land one step closer to reality."

It comes after Qantas embarked on a 19-hour non-stop flight from London to Sydney earlier this

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## Man held for attempt to rape minor

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Police arrested a youth on charge of attempting to rape a five-year-old girl in Satkhira Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Sharifuzzaman, 22, of Kalaroa upazila in Satkhira, is a student of Satkhira Polytechnic Institute, police said.

Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Satkhira Police Station, said when the victim was playing in front of her house around 1:00pm on

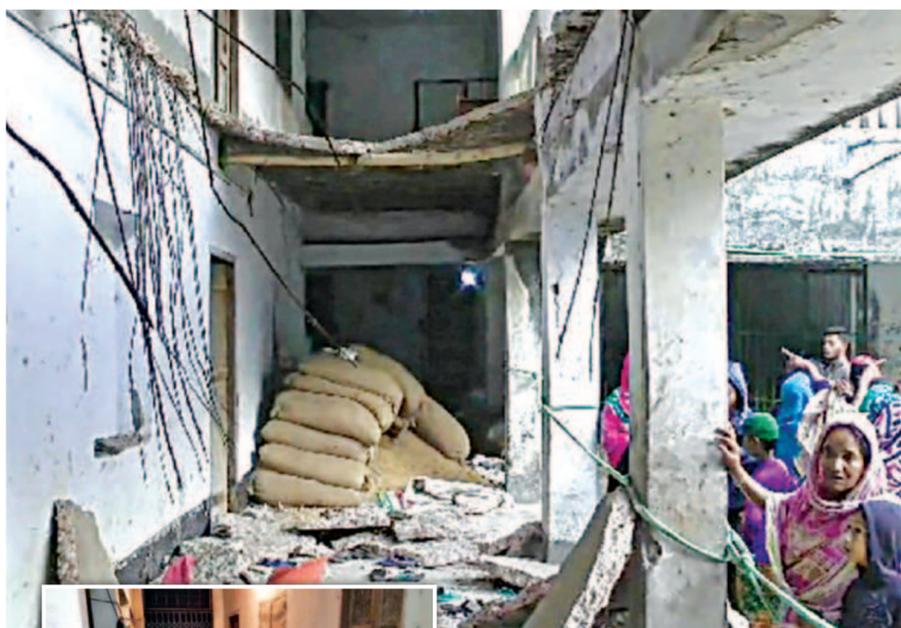
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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 25

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-10 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00  
JAMAAT 5-45 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



## CHANDPUR MADRASA

# 44 students hurt in roof collapse

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

At least 44 students were injured after the ceiling of a madrasa and orphanage building collapsed on them at Matlab Uttar upazila on Saturday night.

Of the injured, 13 are in critical condition. One of them, Siam, 10, was shifted to The National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in Dhaka for better treatment, said Ahmmad Ullah, a teacher of the madrasa. The other 12 critically injured were receiving treatment at Chandpur Government General Hospital.

The rest received treatment at local health complexes.

Around 13 of the 44 victims are orphans, said Shahensha Selim, director of the madrasa.

Officials of the district administration claimed they declared the Farzikandi Complex, where the Al-Amin Madrasa and Orphanage is located, abandoned earlier.

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Chunks of concrete on the floor of Al-Amin Madrasa and Orphanage in Chandpur's Matlab upazila after its ceiling collapsed yesterday, leaving at least 44 children injured. Inset, a part of the upper floor that fell on the floor downstairs.

PHOTO: STAR

## WE MOURN



With very heavy heart, we like to inform that, Mr. Ziaul Amin, son of Mr. Ruhul Amin Mojumder passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at Bankok Bumrungrad Hospital after a heart surgery (Inna lillaha wa inna ilaihe rajeun). He leaves behind his aged parents, his wife, one son, two daughters, two sisters & host of family & friends to mourn his death. All are requested to pray for the departed soul. His Namaz-e-janaza will be held at **Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Mosque) today (25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019, Monday) after Esha prayers.** All his relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to be present in the namaz-e-janaza & offer Dua.

**The bereaved family**

**বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল**

২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সার্বী  
(পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর), ঢাকা-১০০০।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সম্প্রতি লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, কিছু প্রতিষ্ঠান বা ব্যক্তি উদ্যোগে বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন স্থানে বিদেশী চিকিৎসক সমন্বয়ে ফ্রি মেডিকেল ক্যাম্প পরিচালনা করছেন তা বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল (বিএমএডডিসি) এর গোচরীভূত হয়েছে। বিএমএডডিসি এর অনুমতি ব্যতিরেকে বিদেশী চিকিৎসকদের বাংলাদেশে চিকিৎসা প্রদান সম্পূর্ণ বেআইনী ও অবৈধ। ভবিষ্যতে এ ধরনের কার্যক্রম থেকে বিরত থাকার জন্য সকলকে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। অন্যথায় বিএমএডডিসি আইনগত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণে বাধ্য হবে।

  
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