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"I have ordered our foreign minister to declare these 10 ambassadors as persona non grata as soon as possible... They must leave here the day they no longer know Turkey."
ERDOGAN AMID ROW OVER RELEASE OF JAILED CIVIL SOCIETY LEADER



"Right now, Mark [Zuckerberg] is unaccountable... he has not demonstrated that he is willing to govern the company at the level that is necessary for public safety."
FACEBOOK WHISTLEBLOWER FRANCES HAUGEN



"Be it Chhatra League or some other party, those committing crimes will face justice."
LAW MINISTER ANISUL HUQ AS INVESTIGATORS FIND A BCL MAN BEHIND AN ATTACK ON A HINDU VILLAGE



AL REBELS IN LOCAL BODY POLLS

They will stop at nothing

Ruling party grapples with dissident candidates; absence of opposition only worsens the situation

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Repeated show-cause notices, warnings of punitive actions and even expulsions from the organisation have failed to deter Awami League leaders from participating in the local government polls without the party tickets.

Around 900 such leaders, often called "rebel candidates", are vying against the AL nominees in the upcoming union parishad polls, giving the party a headache.

Worried over the practice, the AL high-ups amended the party's constitution in 2016, introducing provisions to expel such individuals without prior notice and making the local committee recommend the names of the potential nominees.

But AL leaders, disgruntled with the party for not nominating them, keep participating in the polls as independents.

The absence of other major political parties in the polls, internal feud, lack of a chain of command and nepotism in the nomination of candidates at the grassroots are among the reasons why there are so many rebel contestants, top AL leaders told The Daily Star.

The second phase of the UP elections will be held in 848 union parishads on November 11. More than one such rebel candidate is participating in many of the UPs as around 900 rebel AL candidates are contesting in these UPs. The rebels have submitted their nomination papers to the Election Commission as independents.

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A student of dramatics at Chittagong University giving a passionate performance in a play denouncing the recent attacks on Hindu people and their properties. The photo was taken yesterday on the university campus.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Ctg temple vandalised

Temple attacked in Teknaf; Pirganj arson mastermind sued

STAR REPORT

The spate of violence against minority communities continued as devotees woke up to find three Hindu temples desecrated in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila early yesterday.

In another development, a Buddhist temple in Teknaf was vandalised and its kitchen set on fire in an attack that a police official said was "not communal", but rooted in an eve-teasing incident.

In Sitakunda, devotees at dawn came across the desecration at three temples inside a compound adjacent to the Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

"There are three temples in one compound. They tried to break the lock of a donation box inside the temple," Himansu Bimol Nath, president of the temple management committee and also priest of the temples, told The Daily Star.

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Uptick in FDI inflow

Bangladesh's foreign direct investment inflow rose only six percent year-on-year to \$2.51 billion in the last fiscal year. Meanwhile, many peers of the country attracted higher investments during the period despite the pandemic, analysts said. Strict regulations and bureaucratic complexities discourage foreign investors to opt Bangladesh for their investment, they said. Fresh investment or equity capital did not come as expected in 2020-21 when foreign companies operating here reinvested their earnings, helping to keep the country's FDI trend stable.

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TARNISHING COUNTRY'S IMAGE

Vested quarters at it again: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said vested quarters are out there to stage various types of incidents in the country to tarnish its image before the world.

"Bangladesh will march forward, no one will ever be able to pull Bangladesh back. Some incidents are happening... vested quarters unleashing these deliberately to tarnish the country's image, and you all are aware of that," she said.

The PM said this while inaugurating Payra bridge over the Payra river and laying the foundation stone of six-lane (including service lane) Dhaka-Sylhet and Sylhet-Tamabil highways from the Gono Bhaban.

She said vested quarters are also engaged in spreading propaganda against Bangladesh. "Whatever development we achieve, a section of people are out there and they're busy demeaning the country," she said.

"They don't want Bangladesh's democratic process to continue, their demands rise whenever there's any unnatural situation in the country."

That is why, she mentioned, this section of people never sees the country's development. "Instead, they want destruction. This is the reality. The people of the country need to remain aware about it," the PM added.

After winning the 2008 elections, the Awami League formed the government in 2009, Hasina said, adding, "As a result of remaining in power for a long time, no one can undermine today's Bangladesh,"

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Form panels to maintain harmony

LGRD minister asks mayors, local representatives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local representatives have been directed to form committees at the ward level across the country to identify anyone involved in spreading rumours and creating anarchy.

Local Government Division Minister Tazul Islam yesterday gave the directives at a virtual view-exchange meeting, attended by mayors of city corporations and municipalities, local government representatives and officials, after the recent Cumilla incident and subsequent attacks on temples and the Hindu community.

"Committees are needed to tackle those who intentionally try to create anarchy in the country by creating divisions among religions and inciting radicalism."

The committees will be comprised of union parishad members and eminent persons of society and they will ensure communal harmony amongst people from

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ROHINGYA CAMPS

It's all sinister after sundown

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To Aziz Khan, night time is still the scariest. It was during a night in 2017 when Aziz, in his late 40s, from Maungdaw of Myanmar saw his home burn down to ashes by military personnel.

He ran for his life, journeyed through the hills and crossed the Naf river before landing in the Kutupalong camp.

Once he reached the camp, he found it to be safer though life was still full of struggles.

However, with a rise in criminal activities, nights at the overcrowded camps too have turned terrifying.

"We spend every night constantly in fear of attack as anything can happen at any time. The safe shelter [Rohingya camps] is gradually becoming unsafe for us. We left Myanmar for the sake of our lives, but we are still living in fear," he told The Daily Star recently.

"We [Rohingya refugees] are our own enemies. The environment of the camp is frightening because of some criminals."

Aziz's fear is shared by many of those living in the camps, as almost all criminal activities take place there after the sun goes down.

Law enforcers say criminals take the advantage of the dark hours to carry out their activities -- starting from drug and arms trade, human trafficking and abduction to extortion and fight over turf.

The assassination of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah on October 1 exposed the fragility of the situation and forced law enforcement officials to step up their patrols across the camps, especially at night.

They have been conducting block raids every night since then.

Mohib Ullah, 48, chairman of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, was shot dead at his office in the Kutupalong camp at around 8:30pm on October 1.

Meanwhile, the grisly murder of six Rohingya refugees at Darul Ulum Nadwatul Ulama Al-Islamia Madrasa in Cox's Bazar's Ukhia Rohingya camp on Friday further

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Security up in Dhaka temples

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) beefed up security in all temples and places of worship in the capital amid frequent attacks on Hindu community members and their temples across the country.

Addressing policemen yesterday, DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam said they must be alert to avert any recurrence of incidents like the one in Cumilla.

He made the statement while attending the monthly crime conference at DMP headquarters.

"We are determined to maintain religious secularism [that was] achieved through the Liberation War," he said.

He then said, "Since Dhaka is the capital, we need to be more vigilant so that no such incidents happen here. We have to keep our eyes and ears open and we have to increase intelligence surveillance."

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Mushfiqur Rahim's scintillating knock 57 not out off 37 deliveries went in vain as Sri Lanka romped to a five-wicket victory with seven balls to spare against Bangladesh in their T20 World Cup Super 12 match at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: BCB

Dropped catches cost Tigers



PAKISTAN END INDIA JINX
Babar, Rizwan lead Pakistan to 10-wicket victory in Dubai

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MAZHAR UDDIN from Sharjah

Charith Asalanka's unbeaten 80 alongside two dropped catches by Liton Das crushed Bangladesh's hopes of a winning start to the Super 12 stage of the ICC T20 World Cup, with the Tigers suffering a five-wicket defeat to Sri Lanka at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh posted a challenging total of 171 for four in their allotted overs, but some poor captaincy from Mahmudullah Riyad and the opponent's blistering start with the bat courtesy of Asalanka and Pathum Nissanka adding 54 runs in the Powerplay set the tone.

Later, Bhanuka Rajapaksa added a quickfire 31-ball 53. He also formed half of a match winning 86-run fifth-wicket stand alongside Asalanka to get them over the line.

The turning point was when Liton misjudged a simple catch at deep square leg that would have sent back Rajapaksa for 14 in the third ball of the 13th over from Afif Hossain. At that stage, Sri Lanka needed 74 off 46 balls with six wickets in hand.

Just an over later, Liton dropped another simple catch, a loft to the extra cover region at the bowling of Mustafizur Rahman, this time giving Asalanka a reprieve when he was on 63.

Sri Lanka still needed 49 runs off 34 balls, but Asalanka and Rajapaksa made the most of their second lives, taking control of the game. Rajapaksa plundered 22 runs off the 16th over from Mohammad Saifuddin, which included two sixes and two fours, signalling the end for Bangladesh.

Earlier, Shakib had put the brakes on the Lankans after they blazed to 71 for 1 inside eight overs, removing Nissanka and Avishka Fernando in

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