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## Get democracy ‘back on track’

UN chief urges Myanmar junta at Asean summit

AFP, Phnom Penh



Antonio Guterres

UN chief Antonio Guterres yesterday urged the Myanmar junta to immediately return to democracy, saying it was the only way to stop the “unending nightmare” engulfing the country.

Myanmar has spiralled into bloody conflict since the military ousted Aung San Suu Kyi’s civilian government in February last year, with thousands killed.

The escalating crisis dominated a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) regional bloc, which has led so far fruitless diplomatic efforts to end the bloodshed.

“The situation in Myanmar is an unending nightmare for the people and a threat to peace and security across the region,” Guterres told reporters.

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Pakistan skipper Babar Azam and England captain Jos Buttler pose with the T20 World Cup trophy on the eve of the title decider, set to be played at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday.

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## ‘For football without prejudice’

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Brazil football’s ruling body (CBF) has backed FIFA’s message of focusing on the football at the World Cup in Qatar, a week after several European nations urged FIFA to take action to improve the rights of migrant workers in the host country.

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## US Senate race neck-and-neck

Kelly’s win in Arizona leaves Democrats one seat shy of upper house control; Nevada still counting votes

AFP, Washington

President Joe Biden’s Democrats edged closer to retaining control of the US Senate on Friday, as Donald Trump prepared to declare his bid for the White House in 2024.

Democratic Senator Mark Kelly won re-election in Arizona, three television networks projected. His victory will give Democrats 49 Senate seats, one short of securing a majority, with Nevada still counting votes and Georgia’s contest headed to a December 6 runoff.

Blake Masters, Kelly’s Republican opponent in Arizona, did not immediately concede defeat, and late on Friday Trump claimed the result was “a scam and voter

fraud”.

President Joe Biden phoned Kelly to congratulate him on his win, the White House said.

Trump will announce next week that he is taking another shot at the presidency in 2024, his longtime advisor Jason Miller said Friday.

The divisive former president, who will be 78 when the next election is held, has been hinting at another presidential run while campaigning for Republican candidates ahead of this week’s midterm elections, and said he will make a “very big announcement” on Tuesday.

“President Trump is going to announce

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## People will show BNP the red card: Quader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday accused BNP of starting nomination trade ahead of the general election.

He said the nomination trade has already begun, and money is already flying in the air.

He made the remarks while addressing the triennial council of the ruling party’s Brahmanbaria district unit at Niaz Mohammed Stadium.

“Sacks of money are being traded for the position of MPs and ministers. We will play against Tarique Rahman who laundered billions of taka. We will play against the nomination trade. We will play in the next election,” Quader said.

“BNP has threatened to show us the red card in December. But the country’s people will show BNP the red card. If a player commits a foul, he

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## Russian FM due in Dhaka this month

UNB, Dhaka

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is likely to be in Dhaka on a brief official visit later this month to discuss bilateral, regional, and global issues of mutual interest.

Earlier, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen extended an invitation to his Russian counterpart to attend the 22nd IORA Council of Ministers meeting to be held in Dhaka on November 24.

Russia is a dialogue partner of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

Bangladesh, the current chair of IORA, expects over a dozen ministers including the Russian foreign minister at the meeting, a senior official told UNB.

Apart from meeting Momen, the Russian foreign minister is likely to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Momen met his Russian counterpart last month in Astana, Kazakhstan, on the sidelines of the CICA Summit and apprised him of the current situation of the Rohingyas.

He stressed the need for stronger international support for resolving the Rohingya crisis.

In August, Lavrov met Myanmar Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin in Naypyitaw.

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## The Terminal: exiled man stuck in airport for years dies

AFP, Bobigny



An Iranian who got stuck for 18 years in a Paris airport, inspiring a Steven Spielberg movie starring Tom Hanks, died yesterday at the terminal, an airport official said.

Mehran Karimi Nasseri died of natural causes just before midday in terminal 2F at Charles de Gaulle airport outside the French capital, the official told AFP.

Caught originally in an immigration trap – unable to enter France and with nowhere to go – he became dependent on his unusual place of abode and increasingly a national and international cause celebre.

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PHOTO: COLLECTED

The power supply to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital has been on and off since Cyclone Sitrang around two weeks ago. A few wards of the hospital plunged into darkness, forcing doctors to treat patients with insufficient lights. The photo was taken on Thursday.

## 326 killed in Iran protest crackdown

Says rights group in updated toll

AFP, Paris

Iranian security forces have killed at least 326 people in a crackdown on nationwide protests since Mahsa Amini’s death in custody, Iran Human Rights (IHR) said in an updated toll yesterday.

The Islamic republic has been gripped by protests that erupted over the death of Amini on September 16, three days after her arrest for an alleged breach of the country’s strict dress code for women.

The protests were fanned by fury

over the dress rules for women, but have grown into a broad movement against the theocracy that has ruled Iran since the 1979 revolution.

“At least 326 people, including 43 children and 25 women, have been killed by security forces in the ongoing nationwide protests,” Oslo-based IHR said in a statement posted on its website.

The latest toll represents an increase of 22 since the rights group issued its previous figures on November 5.

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## Manzurul Ahsan Khan ‘assaulted’ by police

DU CORRESPONDENT

Veteran Politician Manzurul Ahsan Khan was allegedly assaulted by police while he was taking part in a rally with leaders and activists of the Bangladesh Hawkers’ Union near Bahadur Shah Park in the capital yesterday.

Manzurul, also adviser of the union, claimed police assaulted him when he was standing near the park and waiting for the rally to begin.

He said after the incident, some police officials of Sutrapur Police Station contacted him, and apologized for obstructing the rally, saying “it was a



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