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MYANMAR CONFLICT

Another 179 BGP members take shelter in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 179 members of Border Guard Police of Myanmar took shelter in Bangladesh yesterday amid the ongoing fighting between the junta force and Arakan Army in Rakhine state.

Shariful Islam, public relations officer of Border Guard Bangladesh, confirmed this to journalists around 10:30pm.

He said the BGP members from Anghapaya camp of Myanmar entered Bangladesh through Jamchhari border of Sadar Union of Bandarban's Naikhongchhari upazila.

They are now in the custody of BGB. Twenty-nine BGP members fled to Bangladesh in the morning and the rest in the evening.

In another development, Saber Ahmad, member of ward-8 of the union, claimed that he was shot by a bullet fired from Myanmar when he and

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FUTURE TIGRESSES? ... The girls of Atghar Secondary School in Pirojpur's Nesharabad upazila were seen engaged in a game of cricket during recess yesterday. Girls' participation in sports has increased over the past few years with Bangladesh womens' football and cricket teams bringing home accolades and inspiring future generations.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

OFFSHORE EXPLORATION

Foreign firms showing huge interest

Says Nasrul Hamid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Petrobangla has invited 55 international gas and oil companies (IOCs) to participate in the tender for offshore exploration floated on Sunday.

The IOCs belong to the US, Russia, China, India, Europe, the Middle East and Australia.

"Many companies showed interest to participate in the bid - many have already bought the multi-client data from the company that conducted the study," said Nasrul Hamid, the state minister for power, energy and mineral resources.

One of the prerequisites for participating in the tender is the purchase of 2D multi-client seismic data for the blocks they intend to bid for from the TGS-Schlumberger, which conducted the survey.

"We are getting a huge verbal response from the IOCs," said Nurul Alam, secretary of the energy division, at the press conference yesterday at Petrobangla Centre.

The names will be disclosed once the IOCs submit the bid documents, he added.

"The team has worked hard to prepare the PSC [production sharing contract] 2023 - they have studied the neighbouring country's PSC and made it of

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Govt removes three assistant attorney gens

The dev follows SCBA polls violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has removed three assistant attorney generals from their posts.

They are Zakir Hossain Masud, Kazi Bashir Ahmed and Shama Akter.

The notification - issued by Runa Nahid Akter, solicitor of the solicitor wing of the law and justice division on Sunday - did not mention the reasons for their removal.

However, law ministry sources said the three were removed following Friday's violence centring the Supreme Court Bar Association election.

The order will be effective immediately, said the notification.

On Friday, assistant attorney general

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No Ramadan relief for Palestinians in Gaza

Defying calls and expectations, Israeli offensive in the Palestinian territory continues

AFP, Palestinian Territories

The first day of Ramadan arrived yesterday like others for Palestinians in war-ravaged Gaza: stalked by famine and disease, shivering in tents and threatened by bombs more than five months into Israel's offensive in the Palestinian territory.

As the Muslim world welcomed the holy month and its customary daytime fast, many Gazans awoke to bombardment that saw residents once more search through the rubble of destroyed homes for survivors and bodies.

UN and aid groups say only a fraction of the supplies needed for Gaza's 2.4 million people have been allowed in since Israel placed the Palestinian territory under near-total siege on October 7.

"The start of Ramadan has been sad

- 31,112 Palestinians killed since Oct 7
- 67 Palestinians killed in last 24 hours
- Risk of Gaza famine grows, UN says

and covered in darkness, with the taste and stench of blood everywhere," said one displaced Palestinian man, Awni al-Kayyal, 50.

"The [Israeli] occupation does not want

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Editors' Council slams jailing of journalist

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing deep concern, the Editors' Council yesterday condemned the jailing of a journalist in Sherpur for seeking information.

The Council also noted that the rising trend of such actions against media employees is squeezing the space for free and independent journalism.

According to a statement by the editors' body, Shafiuzzaman Rana, the Nakla correspondent for Bangla Daily Desh Rupantor, applied to the office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) for information about the computers and laptops

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India enacting divisive citizenship law ahead of polls

AFP, New Delhi

India's interior ministry yesterday said it was enacting a citizenship law that critics say discriminates against Muslims, just weeks before the world's most populous country heads into a general election.

While the CAA - which makes religion, for the first time, a test of citizenship - was cleared by Indian parliament in December 2019, its implementation was delayed after widespread protests and deadly violence erupted in which more than 100 people were reported to have been killed.

The law grants Indian nationality to Hindus, Parsis, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Christians who entered India from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh before December 2014 - but not if they are Muslim.

Yesterday, the Ministry of Home Affairs said the rules would now come into force.

"These rules, called the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2024, will enable the persons eligible... to apply for grant of Indian citizenship", the ministry said in a statement.

Many among India's 200 million Muslims fear the law is a precursor to a national register of citizens that could leave them stateless in the country of 1.4 billion.



Displaced Palestinians collect food donated by a charity before an iftar meal, the breaking of fast, on the first day of the holy month of Ramadan, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday amid Israeli strikes on the besieged enclave.

PHOTO: AFP

OSCARS 2024

Clean sweep for 'Oppenheimer'



"Oppenheimer," the blockbuster biopic about the race to build the first atomic bomb, claimed seven Academy Awards, including the prestigious Best Picture trophy, on Sunday night as Hollywood celebrated a triumphant year in film.

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PRAYER TIMING

MARCH 12				
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-56	12-45	4-30	6-10	7-30
JAMAAT 5-06	1-15	4-45	6-20	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN	MARCH	SEHRI	IFTAR
01	12		6:10
02	13	4:50	6:10
03	14	4:49	6:11

INDOMITABLE MARCH

Meeting Yahya or not?

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJAN

BBC reported that Yahya would visit Dhaka soon with a "package deal" to resolve the ongoing crisis in East Pakistan. The report also indicated the handover of power to elected representatives before the commencement of the National Assembly session.


Kamal Hossain, in his memoir, shares that around March 12, 1971, a senior military officer

arrived from Rawalpindi and wanted to see Tajuddin Ahmad. Kamal Hossain reported it to Bangabandhu, who asked him to see the officer. The officer asked whether Sheikh Mujib would see Yahya if the president were to come to Dhaka and whether the meeting could be held at the president's house. The reason behind the second question was that earlier, Sheikh Mujib had refused to meet Tikka Khan at

both the Government House and the cantonment. Bangabandhu had said that if Tikka Khan wanted to see him, he should call on him at his residence. Kamal Hossain immediately reported to Bangabandhu who directed that the officer should be informed that if Yahya came to Dhaka Bangabandhu would see him and that the venue of the meeting could be the President's

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“আমরা সাবল্দী হব সকলে কর নিব”
-মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা



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কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা।
২য় ১২ তলা সরকারী অফিস ভবন (৪র্থ তলা)
সেভেনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০।
www.taxzone7.dhaka.gov.bd

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থবছরের (২০২৪-২০২৫ কর বছরের জন্য) অগ্রিম আয়করের ৩য় কিস্তি প্রদানের অনুরোধ

কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার অধিক্ষেত্রবিনী সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের (২০২৪-২০২৫ কর বছরের জন্য প্রযোজ্য) ০৪ (চার) কিস্তিতে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের ৩য় কিস্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১৫ মার্চ, ২০২৪। আয়কর আইন, ২০২৩ এর ধারা ১৫৪ [Advance payment of tax] অনুযায়ী যে সকল করদাতার সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ০৬ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকার বেশী তাদের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে। এই ক্ষেত্রে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে ৩য় কিস্তির অগ্রিম আয়কর ১৫ মার্চ, ২০২৪ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধের জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

করদাতা বিধি অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম কর যখনময়ে প্রদান না করলে ধারা ১৫৭ [Failure to pay installments of advance tax] অনুযায়ী খেলাপী করদাতা [Assessee in default] হিসাবে পণ্য হবে এবং ধারা ১৬২ [Interest payable by the assessee of advance tax] অনুযায়ী সরল সুদ আরোপ করার বিধান রয়েছে। এছাড়া নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করা না হলে আয়কর আইন, ২০২৩ এর ধারা ২৬৯ [Failure to pay advance tax] অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় করের সমপরিসর অর্ধেক জরিমানা আরোপ করার বিধান রয়েছে।

প্রদেয় অগ্রিম কর, সম্মানিত করদাতা তাঁর সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ কর কমিশনার এর অনুসূচী এ-চালান/পে-অর্ডার/চালানের মাধ্যমে কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকার নিম্নবর্ণিত হিসাব কোডে পরিশোধ করবেন:

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