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## Police shoot Bangladeshi dead in his NY home

STAR REPORT

Police in New York shot dead a 19-year-old Bangladeshi man inside his apartment after he called 911 in mental distress yesterday, according to The New York Times.

NYT reported that the family of the deceased, Win Rozario, immigrated from Bangladesh 10 years ago. He was declared dead shortly after the shooting, which occurred around 1:45pm in his family's second-floor apartment in New York City's Queens borough.



Win Rozario

He was shot with his mother in the room, trying to salvage the situation.

Police said he threatened officers with a pair of scissors and they opened fire in a scenario they described as "chaotic", according to NYT.

However, Rozario's brother, who was present when the shooting took place, challenged some of the police narrative, claiming that his mother was holding

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## LIGHTING UP THE SEA

A mauve stinger lights up the Bay of Bengal in Saint Martin's Island. Just as this underwater photographer was wrapping up his work for the night, he could not but get hypnotised by the bioluminescent creature floating in front of him. It was a stroke of luck as this flashing glow doesn't last long. Like most bioluminescent creatures, this jellyfish also lights up to deter predators. Its formal name "Pelagia noctiluca" literally means "night light" in German because of its ability. Found worldwide in tropical and temperate seas, this is the most studied species of jellyfish as its glowing mucous is believed to contain useful proteins. A mauve jellyfish, covered in stingers, can pack quite the punch in its sting, which, however, is not life threatening.

PHOTO: SHARIF SARWAR



## INDOMITABLE MARCH

### Bangabandhu flown to Karachi

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

March 29, 1971

In the evening, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was flown via helicopter from the cantonment, where he was detained, to the Tejgaon Airport. Afterwards, he was flown to Karachi by a special military aircraft.

Siddiq Salik, then public relations officer in the Pakistan army at Dhaka, writes in his memoir, "When complications arose about the final disposal of Mujib (i.e international pressure for his release), I asked my friend Major Bilal why he had not finished him off in the heat of the action. He informed me that General Mitha had personally ordered him to capture Mujib alive."

**NIXON-KISSINGER CONVERSATION**

Today, US President Nixon had a telephone conversation with his Assistant for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger on the situation in East Pakistan. Kissinger informed the president that Yahya had taken control of Bangladesh. Nixon commented, "Good". Kissinger agreed with him saying that the use of power against seeming odds pays off.

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## 3 Bangladeshis held hostage in Libya

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

Three Bangladeshi young men from Chattogram's Anwara upazila have been held hostage by suspected traffickers in an unknown location in Libya for about six days.

The criminals, mostly Bangladeshis, tortured the three and sent video and audio clips to their families back home, demanding Tk 10 lakh ransom for each, said the victims' family members.

The victims -- Md Jabeedur Rahim, 19, Naim Uddin, 20 and Borhan Uddin, 19 -- were madrasa students. Their friend, Md Wasim, 21, was also taken hostage, but he managed to escape from the hostage-takers on Wednesday.

According to the victims' families, the four friends from Anwara's Raipur union went to Libya seeking a better future abroad. One Jahirul Islam arranged their trip to the North African country on tourist visas last month.

The families lodged a written complaint with Anwara Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Ishtiaque Ymon on Tuesday, accusing Jahirul, an expatriate living in Libya, who is originally from ward-8 of Raipur union.

The UNO said, "Borhan's brother filed a written complaint seeking support from the administration to rescue the three in Libya. We have already informed the local police and the authorities concerned to rescue them."

Md Salauddin, elder brother of Borhan, said Jahirul arranged the trips of the four to Libya at a cost of Tk 4.20 lakh per person.

"The four were supposed to be given jobs at Jahirul's shop and some other businesses in Libya. The four left Bangladesh on February 16. They were flown to Libya via Oman, Dubai, and Egypt.

"Jahirul assured the families that the youths would be paid a monthly salary of Tk 20,000 to Tk 40,000 each. After reaching Libya, my brother informed us that they were doing well and that they were provided food and shelter. Later, Jahirul handed them to one Mizanur Rahman, saying that the latter would arrange their jobs at medical centres," said Salauddin.

He said they could not contact Borhan since March 23.

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## Bhutanese king visits SEZ site in Kurigram

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonihat

Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck yesterday visited the site for the proposed Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to be built by Bhutan in Kurigram Sadar upazila.

He arrived in Madhabram village under the Bhogdanga union with his entourage in the morning and visited the SEZ site on the bank of the Dharla river around 1:30pm.

Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority's (BEZA) Executive Chairman Sheikh Yusuf Harun said, "The Bhutanese king was satisfied with the location and the ease of communication it offers. He is eagerness to see the special economic zone get built."

The king also said he would like to visit again once the construction work on the economic zone starts, the chairman added.

State Minister for Information MA Arafat,

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## World court orders more aid to Gaza

Says Israel must prevent genocide, gives it one month to report on compliance

AFP, The Hague

The world's top court yesterday ordered Israel to "ensure urgent humanitarian assistance" in Gaza without delay, saying "famine has set in".

The International Court of Justice's latest order comes as heavy street battles continued to rage in besieged Gaza -- and a major medical charity said it "hasn't seen any change" since a United Nations Security Council resolution this week demanding an immediate ceasefire.

"Israel shall... take all necessary and effective measures to ensure, without delay... the unhindered provision... of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance" in Gaza, the ICJ said.

"Palestinians in Gaza are no longer facing only a risk of famine, but... famine is setting in," the Hague-based court said.

Since October 7, Israel's military campaign has killed at least 32,552 people, mostly women and children, in Gaza, according to the health ministry of Gaza.

At the ICJ, South Africa has charged that

- No change in Gaza since UN ceasefire vote: MSF
- Fighting continues around three of Gaza's hospitals
- Palestinian Authority president approves new govt
- Death toll in enclave rises to 32,552



Israel is perpetrating a genocide in Gaza, an accusation strongly denied by Israel.

Pretoria dragged Israel before the court, saying it was in breach of its obligations under the 1948 UN Genocide Convention, and urging the court to order a ceasefire.

In a ruling in mid-January that made headlines worldwide, the ICJ ordered Israel to do everything it could to prevent genocide during its Gaza offensive.

The court also ruled that Israel must allow aid into Gaza to ease the desperate humanitarian situation there.

South Africa followed up with a request for fresh measures a few weeks later, citing an announced incursion into the city of Rafah, but the court declined to impose additional measures.

Undeterred, Pretoria tried again -- this time urging the court to impose emergency measures to "save the Palestinian people in Gaza already dying of starvation".

Israel said in its defence that South Africa was "engaged in an abusive exploitation of the

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## MoUs on defence, energy to be inked during Qatar emir's visit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani is scheduled to visit Bangladesh next month as the two countries eye strengthening political, diplomatic, and economic relationship amid a shift of global geopolitics.

He would tour on April 22-23.

During his visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the two countries are likely to sign nearly a dozen memorandums of understanding (MoUs), including power and energy, defence, manpower, maritime cooperation, and air service, said foreign ministry officials.

"We are working on the MoUs and will finalise soon in consultation with the Qatari authorities," said a foreign ministry official.

The ministry already held an inter-ministerial meeting to discuss the MoUs.

The PM visited Qatar on March 4-7 last year to join the conference on LDC at the invitation of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the emir.

Hasina and Emir Sheikh Tamim, during a meeting then, spoke of furthering relations between the two countries. The emir lauded the progress Bangladesh has made over the years.

They also talked about cooperation in energy, manpower, trade and investment.

Eventually, in June last year, Bangladesh signed an agreement of importing an



Sheikh Tamim

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## Researchers set a new world record for internet speed

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Researchers have set a new world record for internet speed that is 4.5 million times faster than the average broadband.

An international team that included scientists from Aston University in Birmingham set the new record of 301 terabits per second -- the equivalent of 9,000 HD films -- using a standard optical fibre.

At this speed, it would take just one minute to download every single movie listed on the Internet Movie Database (IMDb).

For comparison, the average broadband speed in the UK is 69.4 megabits per second, according to an Ofcom performance report from last September.

The record-breaking data transmission rate was achieved by developing a new optical processing device that opened up new wavelength bands that have not been previously used in fibre optic systems.

"Broadly speaking, data was sent via an optical fibre like a home or office internet connection," said Dr Ian Phillips from Aston University's School of Computer Science and Digital Technologies.



Nearly three months have passed in the current academic year, but many schoolchildren are yet to have their free textbooks. Some students are seen carrying books to their schools in Dhaka's Rayer Bazar area yesterday. An official said distribution of free textbooks among underprivileged children under the non-formal education programme was delayed due to late printing.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Sharfuddoula becomes first Bangladeshi umpire in ICC's Elite Panel

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PRAYER TIMING  
MARCH 29

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4:38	12:30	4:45	6:17	7:45
JAMAAT	4:48	1:15	5:00	6:27	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN	MARCH	SEHRI	IFTAR
18	29		6:17
19	30	4:31	6:17
20	31	4:30	6:18