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## Iran fires 180 missiles at Israel

### IDF says the attack will have consequences

AFP, Jerusalem

Iran launched around 180 missiles at Israel last night in response to the killings of Tehran-backed militant leaders, prompting alarm across the region and vows of retaliation.

Most of the missiles were intercepted by Israeli air defences or by allied air forces before they reached Israel.

"Missiles were launched from Iran towards the State of Israel," the Israeli military said in a statement, as sirens sounded nationwide, announcing after about an hour that the attack was over with a "large number" of missiles intercepted.

Israeli medics reported two people were lightly injured by shrapnel in the country's centre, while in the occupied West Bank, a Palestinian was killed in Jericho "when pieces of a rocket fell from the sky and hit him", the city's governor Hussein Hamayel told AFP.

It was Iran's second direct attack on Israel after a missile and drone attack in April in response to a deadly Israeli air strike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they had launched a missile attack on "three military bases" around Israel's commercial hub Tel Aviv.

They said the attack was in response to Israel's killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah last week as well as the death of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in a Tehran bombing widely blamed on Israel.

UN chief Antonio Guterres condemned the "broadening conflict in the Middle East", saying in a statement: "This must stop. We absolutely need a ceasefire."

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the Iranian attack was "unacceptable" and called on the whole world to condemn it.

Israeli airspace was closed for several hours with all flights diverted, a spokesman for the airport authority said.



PHOTO: REUTERS

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Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepts rockets fired by Iran, as seen from Ashkelon, Israel, yesterday.



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## KHAGRACHHARI

### Tension runs high after mob kills a teacher

STAR REPORT

A buddhist temple, several houses and shops were looted and set on fire in Khagrachhari yesterday after a schoolteacher was beaten to death for allegedly raping an 8th grader of the Tripura community.

The attacks on properties and some locals happened even after the authorities around 3:00pm imposed Section 144, which prohibits gathering of four or more people, officials said.

Soon after Abul Hasnat Muhammad Sohail Rana, 48, a teacher of Khagrachhari Technical School and College, died around noon, a standoff began between groups of Bangalee and indigenous people.

The girl Rana had allegedly raped was admitted to a hospital with injuries that indicate that she might have been raped, said a doctor. Rana was previously accused of attempted rape and molesting students on at least two occasions, according to media reports and locals.

In the afternoon, groups armed with sticks and sharp weapons chased each other, said Sujon Chandra Roy, upazila nirbahi officer of Khagrachhari.

As the sun set, Bangalee people set fire

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## Cops still afraid to come out of cocoon

187 yet to join work, over 1,000 still under treatment

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

An overarching sense of frustration, apprehension, and opportunism prevails over the police force, rendering it virtually dysfunctional.

Almost two months after the Awami League regime fell, the law enforcers are still hesitant to face the people in the context of its complete loss of credibility and moral authority during the July-August protests and uprising.

While some officers are still apprehensive about their fate due to their role as enthusiastic enablers of the previous regime, other officers, relatively more professional, are simply frustrated as they are being branded villains and tools who perpetuated Awami League's fascism only because they followed orders.

There is yet another group of officers who are desperately trying to portray themselves as victims of the previous regime's extreme partisanship to secure their desired posts, according to insiders.

Since none of these three groups are keen on policing and since the law enforcers are facing a serious lack of logistical support, police appear to be afflicted with inertia.

Even the highway police in many cases have to walk to their designated places or get rides on public transport since protesters had burnt several hundred police vehicles.

The police, which for many is a "force on wheels" as it is supposed to be agile and nimble and able to quickly respond to distress calls,

is now largely reduced to a "force behind the desk".

Even the 999 emergency hotline, which allows citizens in distress to ask for immediate police assistance, is struggling.

Before August 5, police used to take 20 to 25 minutes to show up at the spot after a call, but now it takes twice the time and in some



cases 2 to 3 hours. Some calls go unanswered even, according to sources.

Regular police drives and patrolling are being hampered due to a lack of vehicles, according to them.

Before and immediately after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina, police faced unprecedented public fury as mobs torched their vehicles and properties and ransacked police facilities in reprisal to the law enforcers' use of excessive force on demonstrators.

According to police sources, over 450 police

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## AL shouldn't be barred from polls

Says Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir believes the Awami League should neither be barred from the national election nor be banned as a "fascist political party", as both actions would undermine democratic practices.

He made the remarks in an interview with UNB yesterday.

Fakhrul, however, expressed doubt about the AL's prospects for a strong comeback in the political arena, saying the party became politically bankrupt and increasingly isolated from the public and

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## ENTRY INTO PUBLIC JOBS

### Govt may raise age bar to 32/33

#### Say Secretariat sources; 17 deputy secys face punishment

BAHARAM KHAN

The government considers raising the age limit for public jobs to 32 or 33 amid demonstrations for it to be 35, said sources at the Secretariat.

The current age threshold is 30, and 32 for children and grandchildren of freedom fighters.

The public administration ministry recently formed a committee led by former adviser to a caretaker government, Abdul Mueed Chowdhury, to assess the potential outcome of raising the age limit.

Other members of the committee are public administration ministry's Senior Secretary Mokhes Ur Rahman, former joint secretary Kowsar Zahura, former additional secretaries Muhammad Iqbal and Saiful Islam. Members of the committee and seven job seekers will hold a meeting at the public administration today at 10:30am.

Besides, public servants have been lobbying for raising the retirement age to 65 from the current 60. The committee's mandate is to look into the entry age limit only.

The committee has been asked to look into the age limit practiced in other countries, analyse the cause behind the demonstrations, the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war, the Middle East conflict, and the economic downturn.

Committee members will consult educators, hiring authorities, and student organisations and analyse the legal and administrative barriers to making reforms and their possible impact on the labour market and the economy.

Graduates have been demanding that the age limit

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

A cashier of a super shop in the capital's Dhanmondi loading a customer's groceries in paper and jute bags, as the ban on polythene bags in all supermarkets across the country came into effect yesterday (October 1).

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## Six of a family perish in fire

### Four children among them

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Six members of a family, including four children, were killed in a fire at a house of Ashrayan project in Sunamganj's Dharmapasha upazila early yesterday.

The victims are Emarul Miah, 50, his wife Poli Akther, 35, and children Polash, 12, Farhad, 9, Fatema, 7, and Omor Faruk, 3, of Shimerkhal village.

Locals said they could see the blaze around 12:30am. Md Gias Uddin, upazila nirbahi officer of Dharmapasha, said, "The village is in a remote area that have no proper road communications. We were informed of the incident at night but went to the spot in the morning."

"Locals informed us that a neighbour first saw the house was on fire. They broke open the door that was locked from inside, but they could not enter the house amid the raging blaze. They doused the flames with water from a nearby river and found all six members of the family were burnt to death."

SPORT



The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 begins tomorrow, with Bangladesh taking on Scotland at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium in the UAE. In The Daily Star's latest special, we look at Bangladesh's chances at the major event.

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