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(L) Rasel Rana's solo exhibition "Matir Manush." (M) "Legends of the Decade" concert featuring Jal band. (R) Scene from Prachyanat's "Khawabnama."

DHAKA'S CULTURAL VIBRANCY RESTORED

Concerts, exhibitions and plays returning slowly

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Following the July mass uprising, the entertainment industry came to a standstill. With so much happening in the country, it seemed far-fetched to imagine organising a concert or stage play. Shortly after, a massive flood hit, plunging the nation into one of its greatest challenges as it struggled to recover amidst the devastation. Several concerts were organised to raise funds for flood victims who had lost their livelihoods in the disaster. Gradually, the nation found its footing, and the people united to restore the country to its former vibrancy.

On Friday (October 11), Bangladesh concert Shilpakala Academy reopened after a three-month closure, resuming theatrical performances on a limited scale with the play **Sea Morog**. This month, six plays have been scheduled in honour the death anniversary of the legendary mystic bard Fakir Lalon Shah at the National Theatre Hall's main auditorium. On Saturday, Aranyak Natyadal's *Maiyur Singhason* was performed, followed by Ethic's *Rajdrohi*

Prachyanat's Khawabnama is set to be staged on October 18, with Lalon Shah's death anniversary programme taking place on October 19. Additionally, Swapnodal will stage

while Theatre (Arambagh) will perform captivate your artistic senses. **Sounds** Nikhai on October 26.

Upcoming Friday (October 18) will be packed with concerts, with not just one, but three events happening throughout the day. Fans of 90s music are in for a nostalgic experience as popular bands like Nagar Baul, Ark, Miles, and Dalchhut come together for

Dhaka Retro to perform their classic hits, taking everyone on a trip down memory lane at Dhaka Arena in Purbachal.

Another will place at beautiful the Hatirjheel Amphitheatre, titled Gonojagoron, featuring bands like Cryptic Fate, AvoidRafa, Nemesis. Kaaktaal,

Conclusion, and Bay of Bengal. The concert will be a special tribute to the youth who bravely fought against fascism during the student-led uprising.

Rhythms Plugged will showcase the magical voices of Bappa Mazumder, Elita Karim and Pilu Khan at 138 East in the capital.

If exhibitions and art soothe your cultural vibrancy.

Tringsho Shatabdi on October 25, soul, the upcoming shows are sure to of Jhinuk, a narrative exhibition showcasing an animated feature film in progress by Afroza Hossain Sara, will be held from October 19-26 at Alliance Française de Dhaka.

Another notable exhibition is Shilpa Sandhan, a group show at Safiuddin Shilpalay, featuring artworks by prominent

> Islam, Sahida Akter, Shamsul Innan, Shabin Shariar, Mukti Bhowmick, running until October 16.

artists such as Sultanul

Also worth checking out is Rasel Rana's solo exhibition Matir Manush, which brings Bengal's iconic tepa dolls to life on canvas.

This exhibition, a tribute to preserving the art of tepa putul, was organised by Shilpangan and Bhumi. It opened on October 12 at Bhumi Gallery and will run until October 22.

As concerts, exhibitions, and theatre performances return in full swing, Dhaka is set to once again embrace its

Jessia Islam appears at Miss Grand International pageant

Bangladeshi model Jessia Islam has recently lit up the stage at the Miss Grand International pageant, radiating grace and energy throughout the competition.

Draped in an onion pink colour satin off-shoulder gown, she embodied elegance and sophistication, turning heads as she glided down the runway with poise at the press conference of the competition in

Bangkok, Thailand.

In the recent segment of the pageant, she earned a spot among the top 20 contenders for the best in swimsuit. The final top 10 will be decided based on fan votes and judges' scores. Thus, Jessia urged her fans to vote for her.

The grand finale of the event will take place on



Atif Aslam to perform in Dhaka this November

Renowned Pakistani singer Atif Aslam is set to return to the capital to perform in the upcoming concert, titled Magical Night 2.0.

Organised by Triple Time Communication, the concert will feature artistes from both Bangladesh and Pakistan. The organisers teased the event on Facebook by posting Atif's hit song *Kuch Is Tarah* and later confirmed the news to local media.

Reports suggest that another Pakistani artiste will join him, along with several Bangladeshi acts.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 5pm on November 29 at Bangladesh Army Stadium. However, no information has been released yet regarding advance ticket sales.

NEWS

Hezbollah fires rockets at Israeli targets

aggression".

In Lebanon, Israel has expanded its air strikes mainly on Hezbollah strongholds, while its troops in south Lebanon have engaged in fierce fighting.

Hezbollah said it shelled Israeli troops attempting an "infiltration" into south Lebanon yesterday, after saying it targeted soldiers elsewhere along the border.

Air raid sirens were activated across central Israel yesterday evening, the border from Lebanon.

The Lebanese Red Cross said 18 people died in a strike on north Lebanon, with the health ministry and official media reporting an Israeli raid on the Christian-majority area

intercepted two drones approaching from Syria yesterday. "The UAVs were intercepted before crossing into Israeli territory," the military said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the

far from Hezbollah strongholds. Separately, the Israeli military

B LPG Sophia got on board the vessel

Contacted, Captain Faridul Alam,

CPA deputy conservator, told this

newspaper that they inspected the

tanker and advised its master to drop

anchor for holding the ship in safe

He added that CPA tugboats were

Port officials said it took a long

for inspection around 5:00pm.

Aviv, as projectiles were fired across Borrell denounced as "completely unacceptable" a series of Israeli attacks that have injured United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon.

> At least five peacekeepers have been wounded in recent days as Israel targets Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

> UNIFIL, a mission of about 9,500 troops of various nationalities created following Israel's 1978 invasion of Lebanon, has accused the Israeli military of "deliberately" firing on its positions.

"Many European members are European participating in this mission," Borrell including the commercial hub of Tel Union's foreign policy chief Josep noted. "Their work is very important."

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sabotaging it for political gain.

been arrested crossing the US-Mexico border illegally during Biden's administration, according to government data, a record high number that has fueled criticism of Harris and Biden from Trump and fellow Republicans.

accusing Trump of "fanning the flames of fear and division" over the impact of immigrants on American life. Harris has also called for tighter

asylum restrictions and vowed to make a "top priority" of stopping the deadly opioid fentanyl from entering the United States.

On Friday Trump called for the death penalty for "any migrant" who kills a US citizen.

He said in recent weeks some 30,000 Rohingyas have fled their homes in Rakhine and entered Bangladesh, which is already hosting more than a million Rohingya people in camps in the country's southeastern coastal

appreciated the chief adviser for his three-point proposals on the Rohingva crisis, which were floated on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meeting in New York last month.

has created an "enormous crisis" in the state, and humanitarian aid is urgently needed for the displaced and starving people, including that of Rohingyas.

suggested talks with the international community, including ASEAN, over the violence and displaced people in He also sought support from the

Special Rapporteur to expedite the resettlement of thousands of Rohingya refugees to a third country. investigations International Crimes Tribunal into

the atrocities committed against the Rohingya in 2017 and the recent student-led revolution in Bangladesh were also discussed during the

INVESTMENT

Prof Yunus called for increased

"We should give a big effort," Yunus in Tejgaon yesterday.

Discussions between the two leaders touched on strengthening cooperation in trade, economy, and defence, as well as addressing the Rohingya crisis and enhancing student exchange

programs between the two nations. Prof Yunus lauded Turkey's humanitarian response to the recent floods in Bangladesh and its ongoing support for Rohingya refugees in the southeast of the country. He also acknowledged the recent visit of a Turkish official delegation aimed at boosting trade and business relations.

In return, the Turkish envoy expressed gratitude to Bangladesh for its solidarity with Turkey during last year's earthquake, when the country sent around 10,000 tents for the

Ramis Sen conveyed an invitation from Ankara for Bangladesh to participate in the upcoming World Halal Summit and a ministerial-level meeting in Istanbul. He also said the presence of a Turkish delegation currently in Bangladesh to explore new business opportunities and support the interim government's reform initiatives.

Another Turkish team, according to the ambassador, had earlier provided humanitarian aid to flood-affected regions in Feni, Noakhali, Lakshmipur, and Cumilla during recent floods in southeast Bangladesh.

The Turkish envoy further noted that bilateral trade between the two countries currently stands at \$1.1 billion but stressed there is significant potential for expanding exports from both sides. He stressed the importance of a high-level business delegation visiting Turkey to engage with Turkish

DGFI gets

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Training and Doctrine Command.

Major General Mir Mushfiqur Rahman, military secretary at the Army Headquarters, will replace Gen Mainur as the new GOC of the 24th Infantry Division.

Major General Ouvyum Chowdhury, GOC of the 7th Infantry Division, has been transferred to the National Telecommunication Monitoring Center

Brigadier General Moazzem Hossain has been promoted to major general

Major General Ridwanur Rahman. become the GOC of the 17th Infantry

Further changes include Major

General Chowdhury Mohammad Azizul Haque Hazary, GOC of the 17th Division, who will join the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) as its commandant. General Mohammad Major

Asadullah Minhazul Alam, the commandant of DSCSC, has been reassigned as the GOC of the 10th

Major General Sheikh Sarwar of the 10th Infantry Division moves to the Tea

Ordnance Factories (BOF).

Major General Maksud, commandant of BOF, will now work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Major General Shakil Hossain, the GOC of the 66th Infantry Division, will be joining the National Defence College.

Brigadier General Hasan has been the 66th Infantry Division.

he served as the minister of food and disaster management from 2009 to

After the 2014 national election, he served as the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee

Razzaque was then the minister of

The team, led by CPA member time to fully douse the flame because anchorage off Kutubdia around (harbour and marine) Commodore M 12:45am on Sunday - the third Fazlar Rahman, and some crew of the causing small fires.

Fire on LPG tanker put out after

incident of vessels catching fire in The crew of Captain Nikolas, a

230-metre Tanzania-flagged vessel,

put out the flames around 3:00am,

almost three hours after the ship caught fire, according to CPA. Meanwhile, members of the CPA committee formed to investigate the incident went to Kutubdia anchorage

yesterday to visit the two fire-affected

India, Canada expel envoys

Ottawa's acting High Commissioner Stewart Wheeler, his deputy and four first secretaries, ordering they leave

before midnight on Sunday. announced similar Ottawa measures in return, with Canadian police saying they had "evidence pertaining to agents of the government of India's involvement in serious criminal activity" in Canada.

Nijjar -- who immigrated to Canada in 1997 and became a citizen in 2015 - had advocated for a separate Sikh state, known as Khalistan, carved out of India.

He had been wanted by Indian authorities for alleged terrorism and conspiracy to commit murder.

Four Indian nationals have been arrested in connection with Nijjar's murder, which took place in the parking lot of a Sikh temple in Vancouver in June 2023.

there to monitor it.

New Delhi had earlier said it had "received a diplomatic communication from Canada suggesting that the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats are persons of interest" in

the ongoing investigation. It said their envoy, Sanjay Kumar Verma, a former ambassador to Japan and Sudan, was a respected career diplomat and that the accusations were "ludicrous".

New Delhi's foreign ministry said it had told Verma to return home.

"We have no faith in the current Canadian Government's commitment to ensure their security," it said in a

'Murder

India on Monday called allegations was connected to the killing "preposterous" and a "strategy of smearing India for political gains".

gas emitted from the cargo hold,

Quoting one of the tugboat masters engaged in the firefighting, a senior official of the CPA marine department said the firefighting tugboats managed to bring the fire at the first LPG tank of the ship under

control by Sunday morning. He added that they struggled to control the blaze at the second and third tank until gas discharged fully, said the official.

Trio win Nobel

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reversal in the fight against poverty. The prestigious award, formally known as the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, is the final prize to be given out

this year and is worth 11 million Swedish

crowns (\$1.1 million). Acemoglu told the Nobel press conference that data gathered by prodemocracy groups showed that public institutions and rule of law in many parts of the world were currently being

weakened. "I think this is a time when democracies are going through a rough patch." Acemoglu said. "And it is in some sense quite crucial that they reclaim the high ground of better governance, cleaner governance, and delivering sort of the promise of democracy to a broad range of people.

Acemoglu and Johnson work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while Robinson is at the University of

Trump pledges

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Harris has outlined her plans to fix
role in pressuring congressional

Harris has outlined her plans to fix
"our broken immigration system" while
general. He will now serve at the Army Republicans to kill the bipartisan border security bill, accusing him of

Some 7 million migrants have

Create 'safe zone'

Special Rapporteur

He said the violence in Rakhine state

meeting. YUNUS SEEKS MORE TURKISH

Turkish investment in Bangladesh, asserting that the country is now "ready for business" and urging both nations to fully explore the potential of their bilateral ties.

remarked during a courtesy visit by the Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh, Ramis Sen, at the chief adviser's office

district, Cox's Bazar.

Adviser Prof Yunus

business leaders and officials. The Turkish trade minister is scheduled to visit Bangladesh in December, he added.

Brigadier General Sazed has also been promoted to major general and posted as the military secretary.

and will lead the 7th Infantry Division. who has been serving at the NTMC. has

Infantry Division.

Brigadier General Sabbir, the commandant of Central Mechanical Transport Depot, has been promoted to major general and appointed as the commandant of the Bangladesh

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Ex-minister

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2012 and then as minister of food until 2013.

on finance.

agriculture from 2018 to 2023.