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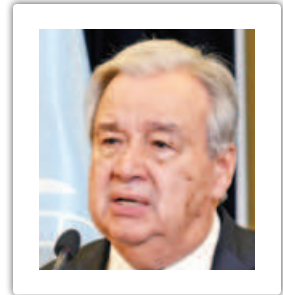
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## Guterres arrives today

UN chief to visit Rohingya camp tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

UN Secretary General António Guterres is set to arrive on a four-day visit to Bangladesh this afternoon to witness the Rohingya situation.

Guterres's visit, which is his second, is expected to strengthen international efforts to mobilise increased aid for the Rohingya people and reignite global attention on

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## NO LESSON LEARNT

A jaywalker falls in the middle of airport road after being hit by an autorickshaw at Chairmanbari yesterday. A nearby footbridge can be seen in the photo. The incident was only yards away from the place where a garment worker was run over and killed by a truck on Monday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## SHAPLA CHATTAR INCIDENT ICT issues arrest warrants for Hasina, 4 others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday issued arrest warrants for deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and four others over the “mass killings” during a Hefajat-e Islam protest at Motijheel’s Shapla Chattar on May 5, 2013.

The four are former home minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, ex-inspector general of police Hasan Mahmud Khandaker, then Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Benazir Ahmed, who later became IGP, and Imran H Sarker, spokesperson for Gonojagoron Mancha, which sought death penalty for war crimes.

The tribunal also asked the authorities concerned to produce four arrestees

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## PAKISTAN TRAIN SIEGE 340 hostages freed after 30hrs

27 hostages killed; military says 33 militants eliminated

AFP, Sibi

More than 340 train passengers taken hostage by a militant group were freed yesterday by Pakistani security forces after a 30-hour siege, an army official told AFP, confirming that 27 off-duty soldiers were shot dead by militants.

Pakistan security forces launched a rescue mission Tuesday afternoon after a separatist group bombed a railway track in mountainous southwest Balochistan and stormed a train with around 450 passengers on board.

“346 hostages were freed and 33 terrorists were killed during the operation,” an army official told AFP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media.

The 27 slain soldiers had been travelling on the train as passengers, the army official said. One on-duty soldier was killed in the clearance operation.

The official did not give a civilian death toll, but earlier a railway

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## Unite to build strong JS for carrying out reforms

Salahuddin calls on uprising leaders

STAR REPORT

BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed has urged young participants of the July uprising to unite to build a strong national parliament, where all reform proposals can be discussed and adopted through national consensus.

He made the remarks at an iftar event yesterday, calling the youth-based platforms “friends who



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## 8-yr-old Magura girl suffers 4 cardiac arrests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The eight-year-old girl from Magura suffered four cardiac arrests yesterday, Bangladesh Army wrote on Facebook last night.

Physicians performed CPR to make her condition stable, and she has been receiving dialysis, it said, adding that her blood pressure is 60/40, far below the level doctors say is healthy.

The army urged people to pray for her.

A high-level medical board comprising specialist doctors of the Combined Military Hospital is making all-out efforts to save the child's life.

The girl is undergoing treatment at the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Earlier in the day, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told a press conference that the girl's Glasgow coma scale -- a neurological scale that measures a person's conscious state -- dropped to from four to three.

He also urged people to pray for her.

According to a case filed by her mother on March 8, the girl was raped while she was visiting her elder sister's house in Magura town. Her sister's husband, parents-in-law and brother-in-law were arrested and placed on remand.

An uncle of hers said, “We all are in shock. Everyone is praying for her recovery. The doctors are trying, but

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## Mahmudullah retires from int'l cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's 39-year-old veteran Mahmudullah Riyad, who had earlier withdrawn himself from Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB's) central contracts for this year, ended all speculation regarding his international career by announcing his retirement yesterday.

Mahmudullah, who had played a pivotal role for many years down the order in the Tigers' setup, played his last game against New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy. Having

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## PRAYER TIMING MARCH 13

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:54	12:45	4:30	6:07	7:30
JAMAAT 5:04	1:15	4:45	6:22	8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING				
RAMADAN	MARCH	SEHRI	IFTAR	
12	13		6:07	
13	14	4:52	6:08	
14	15	4:51	6:08	



A paramilitary soldier stands guard at a railway station in the Sibi district of southwestern Balochistan province yesterday, during a security operation against militants a day after they hijacked a passenger train.

PHOTO: AFP

## Rape victim's father murdered the night before court hearing

STAR REPORT

Police recovered the body of a rape victim's father in Barguna town early yesterday.

The victim's family members claimed that he was murdered by associates of the rape accused, who is now in jail.

The deceased worked at a poultry shop in the town. His daughter, a fifth grader, was raped allegedly by one of their neighbours on March 7.

The next day, the victim's father filed a case against Shibui Das, 30, and other

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## SAFETY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN Amendment drafted for quick probe, trial

Says law adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has prepared a draft of the amended Women and Children Repression Prevention Act that would shorten the trial and investigation time for rape cases by half, said Law Adviser Asif Nazrul.

The draft “Amendment to Women and Children Repression Prevention Act” was prepared after consultations with all concerned, he said in a media briefing after a meeting with a delegation of the “Platform Against Rape” at the secretariat.

“We will try to ensure strict implementation of the law as soon as possible. The trial of rape cases should not only be speedy but justice should be ensured and fair.”

As per the draft law, the investigation period for rape cases is

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WE MOURN

Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi  
(1942 - 2025)

Eminent entrepreneur and industrialist Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi has passed away.  
(Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajiu'n).

Mr. Elahi was the founding Chairman of one of the biggest conglomerates Apex Group. He also was the founding and current Chairman of Mutual Trust Bank PLC. Mr. Elahi was appointed as Advisor to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh twice. He was a dedicated business personnel whose contributions to our nation will be remembered with deep respect.

Dhaka Bank family extends its deepest condolences on his passing away and prays for the salvation of his departed soul. May Almighty Allah grant him Jannatul Ferdous. Ameen.

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