



Govt failed to stop attacks on businesses

Says BNP; Chhatra Dal demonstrates at DU, RU against Israeli atrocities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed yesterday said the government failed to prevent Monday's attacks on business establishments throughout the country.

The attacks took place when people took to the streets to express solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza and protested against Israeli atrocities yesterday.

He said, "We will boycott all Israeli products, but that doesn't mean we support attacking any business establishments. Some places in Bangladesh were attacked yesterday — we strongly condemn those acts.

"We want to say that the government's failure is noticeable here. The failure of the law enforcement agencies is also noticeable here. They should have been careful here in advance. If they had done so, Bangladesh wouldn't have had to bear this kind of bad reputation."

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Hundreds of students at a rally organised by pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on Dhaka University campus denounce Israeli atrocities against the Palestinian people.

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China vows to fight US tariffs 'to the end'

EU seeks to cool tensions as Trump's tariffs to take effect

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday vowed to "fight to the end" after US President Donald Trump threatened to further ramp up tariffs, but the EU warned against escalating a trade war as hard-hit global markets steadied.

Trump has upended the world economy with sweeping tariffs that have raised the spectre of an international recession but has ruled out any pause in his aggressive trade policy despite a dramatic market sell-off.

Beijing — Washington's major economic rival but also a key trading partner — responded by announcing its own 34 percent duties on US goods to come into effect on Thursday, deepening a showdown between the world's two largest economies.

The swift retaliation from China sparked a fresh warning from Trump that he would impose additional levies of 50 percent if Beijing refused to stop pushing back against his barrage of tariffs — a move that would drive the overall duties on Chinese goods to 104 percent.

"I have great respect for China, but they cannot do this," Trump said at the White House.

"We are going to have one shot at this... I'll tell you what, it is an honour to do it."

China swiftly hit back, blasting what it called "blackmailing" by the United States and vowing "countermeasures" if Washington imposes tariffs on top of the 34 percent extra that were due to come in force today.

"If the US insists on going its own way, China will fight it to the end," a spokesperson for Beijing's commerce ministry said on Tuesday.

In a mounting war of words between Beijing and Washington, China's foreign ministry also condemned "ignorant and impolite" remarks by US Vice President JD Vance in which he complained the United States had for too long borrowed money from "Chinese peasants".

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Tureen Afroz placed on 4-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Tureen Afroz, former senior prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), on a four-day remand in an attempted murder case.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Jakir Hossain passed the order after police produced her before the court with a 10-day remand prayer in the case, said a court staffer.



Tureen was brought to the courtroom of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court of Dhaka amid tight security yesterday noon.

Yesterday, Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Omar Faruq Faruqi argued for the 10-day remand prayer.

However, several lawyers also appeared in the courtroom to represent her. But she stated she already had a lawyer. At that point, the judge asked, "Who is your lawyer?" she replied, "Saiful Karim". But she was unable to locate him.

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Bangladesh must look east for trade expansion

Say economists at PRI dialogue as country's \$6bn trade surplus with US at risk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should consider shifting its focus from the United States to regional markets to offset the risks of export loss due to tariff hikes by the Trump administration, economists said yesterday.

The country enjoys more than \$6 billion of trade surplus with the US; however, as a significant portion of the exports could now be affected due to higher tariffs, Asian markets, namely India and China, could serve as alternative export destinations, said analysts at a roundtable titled "Trade Policy in the Era of Tariff Shenanigans — Global and Bangladesh Perspectives."

The Policy Research Institute (PRI) organised the discussion at its office in the capital which was attended by economists, exporters and experts.

Speaking at the programme, Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said Asia deserves all of Bangladesh's time and energy because this is

where its future lies.

"Our goal should be to look east and within our neighbourhood. We have duty-free access to the Chinese market. We have duty-free access to the Indian market."

Prof Sobhan said the tariff situation might serve as a wake-up call, allowing Bangladesh



to focus on future opportunities rather than dwelling on the past. Bangladesh should then explore how much of the potential \$6 billion loss could be recovered by shifting to the Chinese and Indian markets.

He believes that the responsibility lies with Bangladesh to attract foreign investment and re-establish presence in the Asian markets. This process, he added, could ultimately lead to attracting American investors as well.

Prof Sobhan stated that his last calculations indicated approximately 70 percent of global capital surpluses, measured through foreign exchange reserves and sovereign wealth funds, were located in Asia.

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Bengal Group Chairman Morshed Alam arrested

STAR ONLINE REPORT

Detective Branch of police arrested Bengal Group Chairman Morshed Alam in the capital last night.



The three-time Awami League MP from Noakhali-2 was arrested during a drive in Gulshan-2 area, Rezaul Karim Mallick, additional commissioner of DMP and the DB chief, told The Daily Star.

"There are multiple cases against Morshed Alam. We are currently analysing the information related to these cases," Mallick said.

DB officials said he would be produced before a court today.

Morshed Alam was elected MP from Noakhali-2 constituency with the AL ticket in 2014, 2018, and 2024 elections.

Father, son among 7 killed in bus crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least seven people, including a man and his son, were killed and 29 others injured when a bus veered off the road and plunged into a roadside ditch on the Dhaka-Barishal highway in Faridpur Sadar yesterday.

The deceased are Joar Sardar, 65, and his son Iman Sardar, 35, of Shekharkandi village in Nagarkanda upazila; Deepa Khan, 34, of Kathiya Barogram in Nagarkanda; Bharati Sarkar, 40,

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Mob attacks ex-AL MP Aziz at jail gate

Army rescues, hands him over to police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Former Awami League MP of Sirajganj-3 constituency Abdul Aziz was assaulted by a mob after he was released from jail yesterday.



Army personnel later rescued him and handed him over to Sirajganj Sadar Police Station, said

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Isn't it a conflict of interest?

Asks ICT about prosecutor Sattar switching sides

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday asked whether it would be a conflict of interest for newly appointed ICT Prosecutor Abdus Sattar since he worked as a defence counsel during previous war crimes trials and is now representing the state in a case concerning crimes against humanity in 1971.

At the beginning of yesterday's hearing, Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, chairman of the three-member tribunal, asked Sattar what will happen if the question of conflict of interest arises?

Responding to the tribunal's query, ICT Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam said, "If a lawyer represents one side in a case and later

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Scientists resurrect dire wolf

CNN ONLINE

A species of wolf that died out some 12,500 years ago lives again as the "world's first successfully de-extincted animal," according to Dallas-based biotech company Colossal Biosciences.

Colossal scientists have created three dire wolf pups by using ancient DNA, cloning and gene editing technology to alter the genes of a gray wolf, the prehistoric dire wolf's closest living relative, the company announced Monday. The result is essentially a hybrid species similar in appearance to its extinct forerunner.

The dire wolf,

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YUNUS-MODI TALKS Hasina extradition came up, nothing was finalised Says Touhid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain yesterday said that Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus raised the extradition issue of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina during his talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but nothing was finalised in this regard.

The adviser, however, refrained from going into details while briefing reporters at the foreign ministry.

Over sending back Hasina, Khalilur Rahman, high representative to the chief adviser, said, "Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has clearly stated that the relationship between Bangladesh and India is not a relation with any individual or any political party. It is a relationship between two states."

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