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Forty more pushed into country: BGB

STAR REPORT

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) detained 40 individuals from the border areas in three districts early yesterday after they were allegedly pushed into Bangladesh by India's Border Security Force (BSF).

In Panchagarh, a total of 23 people were allegedly pushed early yesterday through the Borobari border of Panchagarh Sadar.

Of the 23, a BGB team detained 18 individuals near Harivasa Bazar under Harivasa union at dawn, while five others were apprehended from the Jotbahdai area, said Lt Col Sheikh Md Badruddoza, commanding officer of BGB 56 Battalion in Nilphamari.

The detainees include nine men, thirteen women, and one child. BGB handed them over to Panchagarh Police Station yesterday afternoon, said the BGB official.

Lt Col Badruddoza said, during questioning, the detainees claimed that they had been living and working in India for a long time. On August 2, they were detained by the Indian police in Mumbai and other locations. Later, on Tuesday, they were reportedly brought to the border

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A malnourished Palestinian child receives a check-up at a medical point run by a local NGO affiliated with the Palestinian Health Ministry's primary care programme, in al-Mawasi, Khan Yunis district, in the southern Gaza Strip, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

BFIU seeks bank details of former BB governors, deputies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has asked banks to provide the account details of three former governors of the Bangladesh Bank, four deputy governors and two BFIU heads for the first time in history.

The three former governors are Atiur Rahman, Fazle Kabir and Abdur Rouf Talukder. The four former deputy governors are Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury, SM Moniruzzaman, Kazi Sayedur Rahman and Abu Farah Md Nasser.

The two former BFIU heads, who held the deputy governor rank, are Abu Hena Mohammad Razee Hassan and Md Masud Biswas.

The anti-money laundering agency sought the bank account details at the request of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Criminal Investigation Department of police, said a senior official of the BFIU seeking anonymity.

The letters, which were sent to the banks last week, specified that information, including account opening forms, KYC (Know Your Customer) documents, transaction histories and related data, must be provided.

Massive irregularities in the banking industry during the Awami League's 16-year rule came to light after the

The nine individuals led the banking industry as regulators during AL regime, a period that saw significant deterioration in governance

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PURBACHAL SCAM
Trials begin in
3 cases against
Hasina, family

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday began trials in three corruption cases against ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 22 others, including four of her family members, over alleged irregularities in the allocation of Purbachal New Town plots, recording depositions from the complainants.

The family members named in the cases are Hasina's sister Sheikh Rehana, her nephew Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby, and nieces Azmina Siddiq and British MP Tulip Siddiq.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) lodged six cases between January 12 and 14 with its Dhaka Integrated District Office-1 over the alleged scam.

In yesterday's proceedings, ACC Deputy Director Md Salahuddin, the complainant in one case against 17 people, including Hasina, Rehana, and Tulip, testified before Judge Md Rabiu Alam of the Special Judge's Court-4 from 10:45am to 12:15pm.

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Israeli strikes kill 60 Palestinians in Gaza

25 aid seekers among dead; Netanyahu says Gaza civilians 'allowed to exit'

AGENCIES

Israeli planes and tanks bombed multiple areas across the Gaza Strip yesterday, killing at least 60 Palestinians, including 25 aid seekers, according to residents and medical officials.

Hamas' chief negotiator, meanwhile, held talks with Egyptian mediators over a potential ceasefire, while Israel struck the territory's main city prior to a planned takeover and again invited Palestinians to leave.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated an idea - also enthusiastically floated by US President Donald Trump - that Palestinians should simply leave the enclave housing more than 2 million people after nearly two years of conflict.

"They're not being pushed out, they'll be allowed to exit," he told Israeli television channel i24NEWS. "All those who are concerned for the Palestinians and say they want to help the Palestinians should open their gates and stop lecturing us."

Armed forces chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir "approved the main framework for the IDF's operational plan in the Gaza Strip," a

statement released by the Israeli army said.

Arabs and many world leaders are aghast at the idea of displacing the Gaza population, which Palestinians say would be like another "Nakba" (catastrophe) when hundreds of thousands fled or were forced out during a 1948 war.

Israeli planes and tanks bombed eastern areas of Gaza City heavily, residents said yesterday, with many homes destroyed in the Zeitoun and Shejaiya neighbourhoods overnight.

At least 60 Palestinians, including at least 25 aid seekers, were killed in the strikes, reports Al Jazeera online. Al-Ahli Hospital said 12 people were killed in an airstrike on a home in Zeitoun.

Tanks also destroyed several houses in the east of Khan Younis in south Gaza too, while in the centre Israeli gunfire killed nine

aid-seekers in two separate incidents, Palestinian medics said. Israel's military did not comment.

Hamas chief negotiator Khalil Al-Haya's meetings with Egyptian officials in Cairo were to focus on stopping the offensive, delivering aid and "ending the suffering of our people in Gaza," Hamas official Taher al-Nono said in a statement.

Israeli military approves 'framework' for new offensive

Hamas holds more ceasefire negotiations in Egypt

Aid entering Gaza remains far from sufficient: UN



Prof Jatin Sarker
(1938-2025)

A beacon of wisdom goes dark

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Marxist scholar, educationist, essayist, and an unwavering voice against oppression and communal politics, Prof Jatin Sarker died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital yesterday.

He was 89.

He had been receiving treatment for multiple complications, including kidney and bladder infections, said his son-in-law Rajib Sarker.

Jatin's body was taken to the Udichi Mymensingh Sangsad office, where leaders of various political parties, including BNP and left-leaning parties, along with representatives of socio-cultural organisations and local residents, paid their tributes from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

The body was then taken to Netrokona Shaheed Minar, where

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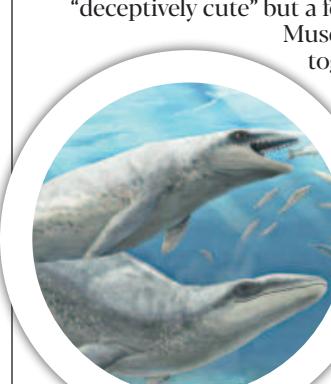
Scientists discover 'cute' but fearsome ancient whale

AFP, Sydney

Australian scientists have discovered a razor-toothed whale that prowled the seas 26 million years ago, saying yesterday the species was "deceptively cute" but a fearsome predator.

Museums Victoria pieced together the species from an unusually well-preserved skull fossil found on Victoria's Surf Coast in 2019. Scientists discovered a "fast, sharp-toothed predator" that would have been about the size of a dolphin. "It's essentially a little whale with big eyes and a mouth full of sharp, slicing teeth," said researcher Ruairidh Duncan. "Imagine the shark-like version of a baleen whale -- small and deceptively cute, but definitely not harmless."

The skull belonged to a group of prehistoric whales known as the mammalodontids, distant smaller relatives of today's filter-feeding whales. It is the fourth mammalodontid species ever discovered, Museums Victoria said.



Locals crossing a single-bamboo bridge in Paikgachha's Katabunia village of Khulna, where persistent waterlogging for almost two months has disrupted life for over 200 families. Courtyards and roads remain submerged, while farmers and fishermen count losses with farmlands and shrimp ponds under water. Locals blame silt build-up at the Chadkhali river sluice gate for blocking drainage. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Trump begins DC takeover National Guard troops arrive

AGENCIES

The new picture of law enforcement in the US capital began taking shape Tuesday as some of the 800 National Guard members deployed by the Trump administration began arriving.

The city's police and federal officials, projecting cooperation, took the first steps in an uneasy partnership to reduce crime in what President Donald Trump called - without substantiation - a lawless city.

The influx came the morning after the Republican president announced he would be activating the guard members and taking over the District's police department, something the law allows him to do temporarily. He cited a crime emergency - but referred to the same crime that city officials stress is already falling noticeably.

By Tuesday evening, the administration said that National Guard members were on the streets, reports AP.

The Army said there were no

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