

Israel detains more than 2,000 Palestinian children



News Desk USA: Israeli forces have detained more than 2,000 Palestinian children in occupied Palestine since October 2023. Al Jazeera reported on Thursday (October 15) that the Palestinian Prisoners Society, a Palestinian prisoner advocacy organization, confirmed the information. The human rights organization reported that at least 350 Palestinian children are currently facing extremely harsh conditions in various Israeli prisons. On Tuesday, Israeli forces arrested at least six children from Hebron in the occupied West Bank. However, the exact number of children detained from there remains unclear due to ongoing enforced disappearances and missing persons in Gaza. The organization has documented horrific experiences of torture, starvation, and lack of medical care for children in prison. Mohammed Hamid, a 15-year-old detained in Ofar prison, contracted scabies and later underwent heart surgery and had his leg amputated. Walid Ahmed, a 17-year-old, died in March 2025 after six months in Megiddo prison. The report also revealed that Israel has also detained several American-born teenagers. *Next 2nd page....*

Shipwreck in Hormuz: iPhone and expensive perfume bottles floating in the sea

News Desk USA: A video has gone viral showing iPhone boxes and expensive perfume bottles floating in the sea after a cargo ship owned by the United Arab Emirates sank in the Strait of Hormuz. It shows people in small boats collecting the floating goods. According to initial reports, the Singapore-flagged GPS Pride was carrying cargo from Dubai. The ship caught fire and sank after being hit by an unidentified projectile on Wednesday, maritime authorities said. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said all 21 crew members on board the ship were safely evacuated. No one was injured. However, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claims that the ship sank after hitting a naval mine while crossing the Strait



of Hormuz in an unauthorized manner. As a result, there are conflicting accounts of the exact cause of the sinking. *Next 2nd page....*

Delhi High Court rules in favor of Cockroach Party



News Desk USA: The Delhi High Court has rejected a plea seeking a stay on the protest by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) at Central Park in Connaught Place, Delhi, tomorrow (October 16). The court did not ban the protest led by party founder Abhijit Deepak. However, the Delhi Police told the court that "all possible measures" under the law. *Next 2nd page....*

Plane crashes in US, 6 dead including children



News Desk USA: At least six people, including a child, have been killed after a small plane crashed in the US state of Wisconsin. According to a report by the New York Post, the accident occurred on Tuesday night (October 13) in the Delona area of Madison, Wisconsin. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office said five adults and one child were among the dead, but their identities were not. *Next 2nd page....*

Death toll rises to 34 in Pakistan school roof collapse

News Desk USA: The death toll from a school roof collapse in the Pakistani city of Peshawar has risen to 34. The incident took place on Thursday (October 15) morning at a private school in the Dir Colony area of Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The dead include 33 children and a teacher. The local Lady Reading Hospital confirmed the death of 33 people. On the other hand, Nasirullah Khan Babar Hospital confirmed the death of one student. According to information released by Lady Reading Hospital, 33 bodies

have been brought there. Among them is 25-year-old teacher Samrin Bibi. The children brought to the hospital are said to be between the ages of six and 14. Seventeen children have been discharged from Lady Reading Hospital, but one teacher and three children are still undergoing treatment there. On the other hand, Nasirullah Khan Babar Memorial Hospital said that 33 students were brought there. One of them died earlier, Arif Khattak, regional director of Rescue 1122, said that the rescue operation after the school building collapsed has been completed. According to him, a total of 29 bodies, including a female teacher, were recovered from the scene. In a message, he said, "Initially, 16 bodies were identified after the building collapsed. The operation. *Next 2nd page....*

Bridge connecting China and North Korea opens after 12 years

News Desk USA: A bridge connecting China and North Korea has opened after 12 years, as part of an effort to strengthen trade ties between the two neighboring countries. China is North Korea's largest trading partner and remains a key source of economic support for the country, despite the country's



strict international sanctions over its nuclear weapons program. The New Yalu River Bridge, built over the Yalu River, stretches about 3 kilometers from the Chinese border city of Dandong to Sinuiju in North Korea. The bridge is expected to further increase trade between the two countries. It could become one of the main land routes for trade between China and North Korea in the future. The bridge was supposed to open in 2014, but as relations between Beijing and Pyongyang deteriorated, North Korea halted infrastructure construction on its part, putting the bridge's opening on hold indefinitely. In a video message on Thursday (October 15), Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said the bridge was "a new symbol of the traditional friendship between China and North Korea." *Next 2nd page....*

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continued for four to five hours and eventually 29 bodies were found. Among them is a female teacher." He added, "Initially we were told that the building had collapsed. But after reaching here we found out that it was a three-storey building. This three-storey building was a temporary structure... 45 people were seriously injured. They have been shifted to major hospitals in the province." Anif Khattak said that 100 rescue workers, 18 ambulances and three heavy vehicles participated in the rescue operation. BBC Urdu's Bilal Ahmed said authorities in Peshawar announced around noon that rescue operations had been completed after the school building collapsed, but that there was still debris lying there. Police said the owner of the school has been arrested. Bilal Ahmed, who was at the scene, said the school was located in a two-story building. The building appeared to have a prefabricated roof instead of a conventional one. Looking at the debris, it appears that debris from the roof of an upper room fell down and landed on the second-grade children on the ground floor.

Shipwreck in Hormuz

The British newspaper The Sun reported that the ship was carrying about 2,500 containers, carrying a variety of goods, including iPhones and luxury perfumes. Meanwhile, attacks on commercial shipping around the Strait of Hormuz have increased, with the UK's Maritime Trade Operations Agency reporting at least five incidents, including drone attacks, in the past 48 hours. In a separate incident, the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged bulk carrier Cape Dao sank. One sailor was killed when the ship was hit by a projectile on September 23. The others were evacuated, Reuters reported. Iran says it is stepping up attacks on its ports in response to a US blockade and new sanctions. Before the war, the waterway carried about a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas.

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immediately released. According to the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the plane began to ice up while flying at an altitude of 24,000 feet. The pilot informed the control room about the matter and asked for permission to descend. After receiving permission, the aircraft turned right and began descending rapidly. At one point, its communication with the control room was completely lost and it crashed.

Bridge connecting China

North Korea." He added that the two countries were opening "a new chapter" in their bilateral relations. The 'New Yalu River Bridge' will serve as an alternative to the decades-old China-Korea Friendship Bridge, which was built by Japan between 1937 and 1943. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said Wednesday that

the new bridge is an "important means of communication" between the two countries. He said the route will "further facilitate trade and people-to-people exchanges." Last year, bilateral trade between the two countries amounted to \$2.7 billion, most of which was exported to China. However, with the UN sanctions still in place, it is unlikely that trade across the border will suddenly increase significantly, said Kang Jun-young, a professor of Chinese studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. "Pyongyang itself is wary of sudden large-scale imports of Chinese goods, as this could greatly increase China's influence in their domestic market. China is well aware of this concern, so trade is likely to increase gradually," he said. Beijing and Pyongyang are long-standing allies. They have a mutual defense treaty—the only country with which China has such an agreement. But the alliance is not without its tensions. Relations between the two countries were frosty for much of the 2010s, as Beijing grew increasingly impatient with Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program. In 2017, Kim Jong Un conducted a nuclear test and has since stepped up his banned ballistic missile tests. These events have raised concerns in the United States and strengthened its military alliances with South Korea and Japan. But China's attitude has changed recently. "Just a decade ago, Beijing was strongly critical of North Korea's nuclearization, even calling for Pyongyang to denuclearize. But now China is saying almost nothing about it," said Edward Howell, a lecturer at Oxford University.

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including Florida resident Mohammed Ibrahim, 18-year-old Abdelkarim Issa Ahmed Safir, and 16-year-old Adam Wajiz Karekra, by taking them from their homes at night without charge or revoking their bail. The Palestinian Prisoners Society has called on the international community to ensure the release of unjustly detained children, an end to torture, and an investigation into crimes inside Israeli prisons. It is worth noting that more than 25,000 Palestinians have been detained in the West Bank and thousands more in Gaza since October 2023.

Delhi High Court rules

will be taken to control the gathering and maintain order. Allegedly, on October 10, hundreds of people were detained by the police who tried to go to Jantar Mantar Road near Connaught Place to join the CJP's protest against electoral fraud. A few days later, preparations are underway for a new protest. On the other hand, the Congress-led opposition alliance 'India' is also holding a program on the same issue. It is believed that the separate movements of the two parties against the BJP-led central government are gradually coming closer. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which has been away

from the India alliance for most of its time, has said that it will participate in the CJP's protest. Deepke has urged the participants of the program to carry the national flag. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Nitin Wasudeo Sambre and Justice Sanjay Sharma of the Delhi High Court heard a petition in this regard on Thursday. The petition was filed by a licensed street vendor. He claimed that the rights of traders and vendors may be affected due to the protests. He requested the police to be directed to control the protests as per the Supreme Court's directions. The petitioner's lawyer said that if business is shut for another weekend in central Delhi during the festive season, traders and vendors will have to sit on the streets. "A protest has been called in the very heart of Central Park in Connaught Place. It seems we are being targeted. This is not a place for protests. Shops have already started closing. It is the Dussehra weekend. These protests must stop," he said. Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma, appearing for the authorities, said in court that steps have already been taken to control the activities of the CJP.

Leakers should be 'shot

US military operation 'Operation Midnight Hammer' during the 12-day war between Iran and Israel in June 2025 was published in media outlets such as the New York Times and CNN. The reports claimed, citing information from the US Defense Intelligence Agency, that the damage to Iran's nuclear facilities in the US attack was much less than Trump claimed and that Iran was able to move its enriched uranium elsewhere. Trump alleged that the leakers had put the lives of the military at risk and that he had to postpone the main bombing campaign by two days because the schedule was leaked. He called the leakers "heinous criminals" and demanded that they be imprisoned for life or shot. The Trump administration has already taken strong steps to find the source of the leaks, including conducting polygraph tests on White House and Pentagon officials and subpoenaing reporters from the New York Times, Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal. Former White House official Alyssa Farah Griffin even said in a 2024 podcast that Trump had called for the death penalty for leakers as early as 2020. Trump also reiterated that the ongoing war against Iran will end "very soon," claiming that Washington currently maintains "total control" over the Strait of Hormuz.

The Meghna Devours Hatiya

and a refuge for future generations. When the threat of losing land to river erosion looms, a family is simultaneously burdened with deep concerns over housing, livelihood, and social security. Nipu Khilji, a local resident, shared that river erosion is a long-standing grievance in Hatiya. Year after year, people keep losing their homes and property, living in perpetual

uncertainty. According to residents, immediate emergency measures alone are insufficient to ensure the safety of people in erosion-prone areas. What is required is a planned, long-term defense system that accounts for the natural flow and behavior of the river. Otherwise, the threat of fresh damage will recur every year. The impact of river erosion does not stop at the boundaries of homesteads. When agricultural lands, local roads, businesses, and transport networks are damaged, it directly hits daily life and the local economy. For families who lose their lands, building a new livelihood from scratch becomes an arduous task. In various areas of Hatiya, the erosion of the Meghna has been a major source of distress for a long time. Locals state that many families have already been forced to relocate due to the river. Thus, preventing erosion is no longer just a matter of bank protection; it is intimately tied to preserving settlements and safeguarding human life and livelihoods. However, reliable measurements and official government data are still needed to determine exactly how much land has been lost in Afazia, how many families are directly at risk, and the recent rate of erosion. Locals allege that without establishing effective and lasting defense mechanisms in vulnerable zones, reducing human suffering will be difficult. They demand an on-site inspection of the Afazia riverbank to assess the level of risk, followed by proper defense projects designed and implemented based on technical surveys. Without an expert technical evaluation, it is impossible to guarantee whether any permanent defense system will be effective. For this reason, locals demand that the Water Development Board and other relevant authorities swiftly assess the situation and bring high-risk areas under protection on a priority basis. Additionally, regular monitoring of erosion-prone zones, accurate documentation of losses, and early preparation mechanisms for vulnerable families are crucial. For the people of Hatiya, river erosion is no longer just a natural calamity—it is a daily battle for safety, survival, and a secure future. Once land sinks into the river's current, it cannot easily be reclaimed. Rebuilding a home, starting a livelihood anew, and returning to a normal life after losing one's ancestral homestead remains a lengthy struggle for many families. Residents of Afazia hope that relevant authorities will take proactive steps before the situation turns even more dire. They want erosion risks identified and defense measures put in place so that people do not have to live in constant dread of losing their homes time and again. Only one question remains: When will concrete and effective action be visible to save Hatiya's settlements and homesteads from the relentless erosion of the Meghna? Or will coastal residents be left waiting for fresh promises every time their land disappears into the river's current?

All institutions were destroyed by nepotism and corruption during the fascism era: President



News Desk Dhaka: President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has urged the people to come out of the vicious cycle of nepotism and corruption that had destroyed all the institutions of the country during the past fascism. He made the remarks at a program organized after visiting the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) in Gazipur on Thursday. During the visit, the President emphasized increasing private sector participation in the conservation of agricultural products, providing necessary incentives in agriculture, and increasing opportunities for agricultural scientists. Highlighting the current reality of the agricultural sector, the President said that agriculture in Bangladesh is no longer a profitable sector as it used to be. Due to insufficient income from agriculture, workers are leaving this profession day by day and moving to other professions. As a result, it has become difficult to find sufficient agricultural workers for cultivation in many places. He urged to make the agricultural sector profitable as soon as possible to resolve this crisis. Expressing deep concern about the marketing of agricultural products and ensuring fair prices, President Mirza Fakhrul said that a farmer is selling a kilogram of potatoes at the field level for just 10 taka, while consumers have to buy the same potatoes at the Dhaka market for 70 taka. Both the farmers and the consumers are being affected. He called for effective measures to reduce the violence of these middlemen and to ensure fair prices for the consumers. Emphasizing on environment-friendly and modern agriculture, the President suggested reducing the use of fertilizers and developing a technology-based agricultural system. At the same time, he directed the concerned ministry to take necessary steps to increase the facilities of agricultural scientists to further accelerate research in the agricultural sector and encourage the development of new technologies.

Dr. Yunus receives security following harassment; Bangladesh asks the US to take action



News Desk Dhaka: Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the former interim government, was subjected to untoward harassment at John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport in New York, USA. The Bangladesh Embassy in Washington and the Bangladesh Consulate in New York have formally requested the local US administration, the State Department, and the diplomatic police to take appropriate legal action against those involved in the incident. Meanwhile, following news of this untoward incident and acting on the direct instructions of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, the Bangladesh Consulate has arranged special protocol and security measures to ensure Dr. Muhammad Yunus's safe arrival in another U.S. state.

Dhaka is first or second in the list of most polluted cities in the world, it is a shame for the country: Prime Minister

News Desk Dhaka: Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has expressed serious concern over the continued air pollution in Dhaka. He said it is a



great shame for the country that Dhaka has been ranked first or second in the list of the most polluted cities in the world for many years. He called on every citizen to play a responsible role from their respective positions to change this alarming environmental situation. The Prime Minister made these remarks at a meeting on the progress review and implementation of activities held at the meeting room of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Thursday (October 15). Later, the Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Hasan Shiplu briefed journalists about the decision of the meeting. The meeting decided that all the 'mother trees' (ancient and original trees that propagate the lineage) of the country will be identified within the next 6 months and effective measures will be taken to preserve them. The Prime Minister also reiterated the grand plan to plant 250 million trees across the country. The head of government ordered to ensure regular maintenance and on-site supervision of the planted saplings to protect the environment. If other ministries fail to meet the set planting targets, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been asked to take the responsibility of filling the gap. At the same time, it was ordered to find ways to quickly increase afforestation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region. The Prime Minister emphasized on the need for government officials to not be limited to specific duties but to take additional initiatives for the benefit of the country. He said, the opportunity to perform professional duties does not come to everyone. If the environment is not protected, future generations will be severely affected. Therefore, instead of just doing the office from 9 am to 5 pm, we should utilize our capacity to make additional contributions for the country. Emphasizing the need to create opportunities for city dwellers to get closer to nature, the Prime Minister said that there is a need to increase the number of places to spend time in nature in brick and wood cities. For this, she urged the general public to be encouraged to create green spaces in residential and commercial buildings, including rooftop gardens, school gardens.

People of all religions will practice their respective faiths freely: Jamaat Amir



News Desk Dhaka: Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami will play a responsible role from its position as the main opposition party and a people-friendly organization in the National Parliament. Opposition Leader and Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Dr. Shafiqur Rahman stated this in a press release issued on Thursday night (October 15) on the occasion of the upcoming Sharadiya Durga Puja. In his statement, Dr. Shafiqur Rahman highlighted that Bangladesh is a beautiful harmony of diverse religious communities, where every citizen has the constitutional and social right to practice their religion freely. He instructed all party leaders and activists to extend full cooperation and fulfill their social responsibility toward the Hindu community and other religious groups.

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Ishwarganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Sajjad Roman set an example by immediately sending a police team to investigate the matter without delay. In this incident, he has been



widely praised for his humane and people-friendly policing in the area for listening carefully to the elderly and taking prompt action. Siraj Mia (70), son of the deceased Nawab Ali, a resident of Chatti village in Sohagi union of Ishwarganj upazila, came to the police station on Thursday morning. The old man complained that his sons and daughters were not looking for him. The police station's officer-in-charge, Sajjad Roman, listened attentively to everything the helpless old man had to say. Considering the matter from a humanitarian perspective, he immediately sent a mobile police team to the concerned area to go on-site and verify the family situation and ensure the safety and respect of the old man. On the instructions of OC Sajjad Roman, the officer in charge of the mobile team, ASI Sheikh Mohammad Monowar Hossain, went to the spot. He went to the spot and found that there was no negligence

in the family; rather, the two sons and four daughters were ensuring proper care and food for their father. However, due to mental changes due to old age, Siraj Mia sometimes got angry over trivial matters and chased his children with a stick. Later, the situation normalized with the intervention of police members and Siraj Mia was brought to the family in a calm environment. The old man's son Saiful Islam

said that due to his age, his father sometimes behaves mentally unbalanced and gets angry excessively. He has also been treated for this. In a family of poverty, the two brothers had bought 4 kathas of land in his father's name. But when his mental instability increased, his father often said that he would donate or sell the land to a madrasa-mosque and went to the police station to demand justice. Earlier, the police had called him in the same way during the last month of Ramadan. However, today they are grateful for the sincerity of the OC and the responsible behavior of the police. Locals said that where ordinary people hesitate to go to the police station and reach out to the officers, the OC listened directly to the elderly Siraj Mia and sent immediate help. His compassionate attitude towards the elderly and helpless and quick effective action has increased the public's trust in the police many times over.

Two Bangladeshis beheaded in Mecca for 'immoral acts' in mosque



News Desk USA: Saudi Arabia has executed two Bangladeshi nationals for engaging in immoral activities at a mosque in Mecca. The convicts are Nazrul Islam Abdul Bashir and Siti Akhtar. Their sentences were formally carried out in the Mecca region after investigation and court proceedings after they were detained by security forces. The Saudi Interior Ministry said they were executed in the country's

Mecca region on Wednesday (October 14). The two Bangladeshis who were executed are Nazrul Islam Abdul Bashir and Siti Akhtar. A report by Azel News. According to a statement from the Saudi Interior Ministry, security authorities arrested them on charges of engaging in immoral activities inside the mosque. After an investigation, formal charges were filed against them. The case was later sent to Next 2nd page....

103 flights from Bangladesh to Saudi Arabia disrupted



News Desk Dhaka: Due to disruptions in operations at various airports in Saudi Arabia, 103 flights operating on direct and transit routes with Bangladesh have been disrupted. Some of these flights have been canceled and some have been postponed. 15,779 passengers on these flights have been affected. The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) announced this information in a press release issued at 2 pm on Thursday (October 15). According to the airline, out of 103 flights, 42 were direct and 61 were transit. As of Wednesday, 100 flights were affected. There were 15,393 affected passengers. The number of flights affected and affected passengers has increased with the new information from the airline. Among the direct flights, Biman Bangladesh Airlines has 17 flights, US-Bangla Airlines has 10 flights, Saudia Airlines has 8 flights, and Riyadh Air has 7 flights. On the other hand, among the transit flights, 22 flights of IndiGo, 14 of Emirates, 7 of Salam Air, 8 of Qatar Airways, 6 of Flydubai, 3 of Air India and 1 of Egypt Air have been affected.



Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Pabna in May. The goal was to generate electricity from nuclear reactions by September. But a safety valve malfunction posed a major challenge. Next 2nd page....

The Meghna Devours Hatiya Settlement: People's Last Refuge Under Threat

Mamun Rafi From Bangladesh: Once a vital source of livelihood and promise, the Meghna River has now become a name of panic for the people of Hatiya. Every day, coastal residents spend their time in uncertainty, gazing at the river. The residents of the Afazia area under Char Ishwar Union in Hatiya—an island upazila of Noakhali—are constantly consumed by the fear of when the land next to their homesteads will collapse and their long-familiar address will vanish into thin air. As riverbank erosion gradually eats away the soil, human settlements and nearby lands face severe risks. Locals fear that without swift and effective preventive measures, the erosion of the Meghna will spread further, heavily impacting people's lives and livelihoods. Concerns among local residents are growing over



the Meghna's erosion in the Afazia area of Char Ishwar Union. According to them, as land washes away in various bank areas, an overwhelming uncertainty looms over their homes and property. Their anxiety heightens during high tides and whenever the river's water level rises. After struggling against river erosion for years, the fear of losing their homesteads is nothing new to these coastal people. Yet, watching the land erode before their own eyes, seeing familiar territory shrink away, and living every day under future uncertainty has made their lives unbearable. Locals worry that if the erosion continues, newer areas will fall into jeopardy. Therefore, before the situation worsens any further, they demand that vulnerable spots be identified and necessary action taken immediately. For the people of Hatiya, land is not merely a financial asset—it is their home, livelihood, family memories, Next 2nd page....

Leakers should be 'shot': Trump



News Desk USA: US President Donald Trump has said that those who leak government secrets to the media should be "shot dead" as an exemplary punishment, according to a report by Al Jazeera on Thursday (October 15). Speaking to supporters at a campaign rally in Bullhead City, Arizona, ahead of the upcoming November 3 midterm elections, Trump said he believed whistleblowers should be "shot dead." He was referring to the death penalty in the past for leaking the timetable for an attack on a country. Trump expressed strong anger towards the media, especially after information about the Next 2nd page....

Rooppur power plant may be connected to national grid in November

News Desk Dhaka: Bangladesh is on the verge of becoming the 33rd country to produce nuclear power. The first unit of the Rooppur reactor is currently undergoing tests. The regulatory body says that if the next steps are successfully completed, experimental production will begin in November. Experts say the government should give utmost importance to power generation in the huge investment hub. Fuel uranium was introduced into the reactor of the first unit of the