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BAHRAIN

A court handed life sentences to 14 defendants charged with killing a Pakistani man in March. Members of the Pakistani community in Manama were targeted during the spring's unrest. (*Gulf News*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

BANGLADESH

The International Crimes Tribunal indicted opposition leader Moulana Sayedee for crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War. Sayedee pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include rape, murder, arson, looting, and forcing Hindus to convert to Islam. (*Bangladesh Today*)

AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN

The Taliban released eight Pakistani aid workers who had been abducted from Pishin in July. This was the fourth kidnapping near Quetta in recent months. (*Pakistan Tribune*)

AFRICA

BOTSWANA/KENYA/RWANDA/SOUTH AFRICA/TANZANIA/UGANDA/ZIMBABWE

A new report warns the increased number of women choosing long-lasting contraceptive injections could be helping to spread HIV. Researchers followed 3800 couples in seven African countries worst hit by the AIDS epidemic. (*The Guardian*)

CAMEROON

A Commonwealth Expert Team arrived in Yaoundé October 3 to observe the October 9 presidential elections. The team, led by former Foreign Affairs Minister for the Bahamas Frederick Mitchell, will make recommendations for the future strengthening of the electoral process. (*All Africa*)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

BRAZIL

The environment ministry increased its measurement of the amount of Amazon rainforest destroyed between August 2009 and July 2010 to 2703 square miles. This is the lowest annual figure since tracking began two decades ago. (*Miami Herald*)

COLOMBIA

Three members of a Front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) unit died fighting the Colombian navy at the mouth of the San Juan river. Another six members are missing after the boat they were defending burned and sank. (*Latin American Herald Tribune*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

PHILIPPINES

President Aquino said the government's disaster response needs improvement, including stronger evacuation alerts and the development of a rehabilitation plan for victims of recent typhoons. (*The Philippine Star*)

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA/JAPAN/THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Nine defectors from the DPRK who have been under protective custody in Japan since September 13 are expected to fly to Seoul October 4. The group, which includes three children, will be sent to a state-operated temporary base for DPRK defectors. (*Yonhap News Agency*)

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM/BANGLADESH

The UK announced it will double aid to Bangladesh in next four years and continue to be the country's largest bilateral donor. The aid will prioritize education and technical skills development. (*Xinhua News*)

RUSSIA/INDIA

The Russian and Indian defense ministers are scheduled to meet in Moscow October 4 to discuss the intergovernmental commission on military-technical cooperation. (*RIA Novosti*)

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