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Bangladesh's polluted Buriganga River, which receives wastewater dumped by textile manufacturers. Image credit: AP Photo/A.M. Ahad

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Today in luxury:

The dirty industry of fast fashion is causing an environmental "emergency"

The \$2.5 trillion fashion industry is the second-largest user of water globally, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), noting that producing one cotton shirt requires 2,700 liters of water "the amount a person drinks in 2.5 years." The agency also estimates that one in six people worldwide works in a job related to fashion, an industry whose supply chain has a reputation for unsafe conditions, child labor and other exploitative practices, especially for girls and women, according to Quartz.

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In Paris, few break free from comfort zone

The Paris fashion week which closed yesterday was a tiring ride with little that could move fashion forward. But the rise of overtly political statements, questioning the way women are represented (and, indeed, represent themselves) through clothing, added a spark of current events and deeper meaning to the proceedings, writes Business of Fashion.

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Brunello Cucinelli touts exclusivity, modernity as 2017 profits rise 13.4pc

Brunello Cucinelli has a dream, which he confessed to analysts on March 7 as the company that bears his name reported a 13.4 percent spike in net profits last year, reports WWD

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Haute skiwear brand Moncler opened Fashion Week in Milan with not one but eight fashion shows, including one that featured dogs modelling a canine collection of luxury puffa jackets. The embarrassment of goose-down outerwear had one show guest overheard remarking that the economic cycle must be at its peak, says the Financial Times.

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