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Youth 'commits' suicide

UNB, Habiganj
A youth committed suicide allegedly by taking poison at Mahalul village in the upazila on Thursday.
Jahangir Miah, 26, was rushed to the Sadar Hospital after he took pesticide. He died at the hospital hours after admission.

Young man 'commits' suicide

UNB, Rajbari
A youth allegedly committed suicide at Uttar Daulatdia in Gosalanda upazila Tuesday.
Locals said Motaleb, 18, hanged himself following a quarrel with his father and elder brother over a trivial matter. A UD case was filed with local police station.

Bodies of 2 minors recovered

UNB, Narayanganj
The bodies of two minor boys were recovered from a pond at Kuripara Tuesday, two days after they went missing.
Police said Shaheen, 7, son of Sattar Mia and Javed, 6, son Monir Hossain, were missing since they went out of their houses Sunday noon. Police said the two boys drowned in the pond as they went for swimming.

2 trucks sink in Kushiara

UNB, Sylhet
Two stone-laden trucks veered off a ferry at Fenchuganj ferryghat and sank in the Kushiara river early Thursday.
Witnesses said the two stationary trucks tumbled into the river when another truck hit them from behind at about 2am.

Poachers rule the Sundarbans

6 spotted deer killed in a day, death threat to forest guards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Six slaughtered spotted deer were recovered from Katka area under Swarankhola Range of the Sundarbans Monday night.
At least 25 spotted deer have been killed by poachers in the last one month, according to Swarankhola Range Officer SM Shoiab Khan.
Two dingi boats and nine nets were also recovered along with the six slaughtered deer, which suggests that the poachers, after killing the deer, fled away during an operation by forest guards, he said.
The operation was led by Shupati Forest Station Officer Mohammed Hafizur Rahman.
There are three organised gangs

of poachers in the Swarankhola Range, other sources said.
One of the gangs is led by Mizan of Burhiakhali village under Swarankhola upazil and the two others by Kanchan and Kahim Malliek of Blandaria upazila in Pirojpur district.
Shoiab said poachers frequently enter the Sundarbans with illegal arms. They kill deer and tigers indiscriminately in connivance with some local people and dishonest forest department employees.
The meat of the slaughtered deer was sold in auction for Tk 6,500 and the money would be deposited with the government department, he said.
Meanwhile, ringleader of noto-

rious terrorist gang 'Razzak Bhini' - Razzak Sarder in a letter to Shoaib threatened to loot arms from guards in the Swarankhola Range.
The handwritten letter said, "All rifles will be looted from forest guards if they stand in the way of dacoity and piracy in the Sundarbans".
Shoiab said the 'Razzak Bahini' comprises 40 armed men who, along with some Indian pirates, are committing heinous crimes in the Sundarbans for the last two years.
The threat has created panic among forest guards in all ranges in the Sundarbans, he said. All forest officials and guards have been put on high alert and they are determined to face the terrorists with courage, he said.

Push-in attempt by BSF foiled

BSS, Rangpur

Three push-in attempts by the Indian Broder Security Force (BSF) were foiled by BDR personnel with the help of villagers along the northern border of Bangladesh on Monday last.
Thirty-five Indians, most of them women and children, were brought to the border for pushing them into Bangladesh, official sources said.
Earlier, on the night of Sunday last, BSF personnel of Lalchandpur camp tried to push 23 people into Bangladesh through three barbed-wire fence gates along the Dinajpur

border between Khanpur and Sundara Border Out Posts (BOP), they said.
The attempt failed as members of the 14 Rifles Battalion and local people put up resistance, they said.
The push-in attempt is in violation of the understanding reached between BDR and BSF, they said.

Truck driver killed

BSS, Chittagong

A truck driver was killed by dacoits near Zia Complex in Rangunia thana in the early hours Thursday, police said.

Mystery shrouds death of minor maid in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mystery shrouds the death of a minor domestic help at the residence of a model girl in the city's posh Panchlaish residential area on Wednesday.
The model girl went out at about noon leaving domestic help Kohinoor Akter, 12, at the house.
She returned home at around 3pm and rang the doorbell. But there was no response from inside.
She along with the owner of her rented house peeped through the window and saw the girl hanging from a ceiling fan.
On information, police recovered the body at around 4pm.
Both the model girl and her domestic help hailed from Shwarpukuria under Durgapore upazila in Netrokona district.
A case has been filed, police said.

Split in PBCP, new party floated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) has been divided, at last.
Dissidents have floated a new party named 'PBCP Janajuddho (M-L)', headed by Tapan Mahmud.
A fax message sent to some local newspaper offices on Tuesday said that Tapan Mahmud has been made general secretary of the new party.
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PHOTO: EAM Asaduzzaman
Water from the upstream gushing through the Teesta Barrage at Dalia in Nilphamari. All the gates of the barrage have been opened due to pressure of water.

Flood situation in Nilphamari worsens as Teesta swells again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The Teesta swelled sharply last night after a fall in the morning.
The river was flowing 40 cms below the danger mark at 6 am but at 9 am it was flowing six cms above the mark, according to Water Development Board's flood control room in Rangpur.
Nine more villages have reeled under Teesta waters. These include Kaligonong, Chotokhata, Tepakharibari, West Chatnal, Doholpara and Pagolpara. The villagers have taken shelter on the Teesta embankment.
The Teesta rose due to onrush of water from the upstream areas, the control room said. All tributaries of

Teesta are also swelling.
The breach in the India-Bangladesh Joint dam at Kaliganj has been repaired by local people. But it is still vulnerable as a large portion of its main protection embankment has been damaged, it said.
A newly constructed spar between Doholpara and East Chatnai is threatened by strong water of the Teesta. About 100 houses in Doholpara have been washed away.
More than 25,000 people are marooned in different flood-hit areas of the district, officials, said.
The diarrhoea situation worsened yesterday with more people affected with the disease, they said.

One held for Tk 8 cr 'swindle' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

One person has been arrested in the city on charge of swindling some businessmen out of Tk eight crore.
Double Mooring police said they arrested one Quamruzzaman alias Chan Mia from Kadamtoli on Thursday for allegedly defrauding

35 businessmen in the port city and fleeing with the money in October last year.
One of the victims--Nurul Afer, who was cheated of Tk 1.20 crore, had filed a case with Kotoali police on December 30 last year.
Chan Mia was arrested when he reappeared in the area on Thursday.

Three 'abducted for ransom' in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Three young men including a college student were abducted allegedly for ransom from the town on Tuesday.
They are Abu Saeed Titu, 18, son of Golam Mostafa; Sajib, 17, son of Shamsul Huda and Jewell, 18, son of Sahidul Islam of the town.
Of them, Abu Sayed appeared at the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination this year.
The three were friends who

went out of their houses at about noon on Tuesday. They did not return home till 10 pm, according to a victims' families.
Tipu's father Golam Mostafa said an anonymous phone caller demanded Tk 5 lakh to get back his son alive.
A case was filed with Sadar police station.
Police said, BDR personnel and police launched a joint operation to rescue them, but they could not be traced till filing this report at about 7 pm on Wednesday.

One killed, 30 hurt in Barisal road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One person was killed and 30 people were injured as two night coaches fell into roadside ditches after one hit the other from behind at Kasemabad under Gourmadi police station in Barisal on Wednesday.
The dead was identified as bus helper Kismat Hossain, 26, who died on the spot, police said.
The injured include bus helper Zahirul Islam, Government BM College teacher Shahida Naznin, Md Shamim, Sultan, Baker Ali, Abdus Samad, Shahin, Abu Arshad, Ashraf Ali, Abu Naim, Jesmine, Awlad Hossain, Shah Alam, Zahid and Ali Hossain.
Twelve of them were admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. Four of them were in critical condition, hospital sources said.
The accident took place at about 4:30 am. Police with the help of local

people rescued the injured passengers and sent them to hospital.

Four held in Batiaghata double murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Four persons have been arrested in connection with the murders of Shurkhali Union Parisad (UP) Chairman Jahan Ali and BNP activist Ashraf Ali in Batiaghata upazila.
They are Babul Akhter, Muzaffar, Hiru and Shahidul.
They are among the FIR-named accused, police said.
Jahan Ali and Ashraf Ali were killed allegedly by cadres of Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) at Gaoghara bazaar on July 5.

Donations from President, PM for treatment of RU student

A RU CORRESPONDENT

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have donated Tk 5000 and Tk 20,000 respectively for treatment of kidney disease of a Rajshahi University student.
Vice chancellor Prof Fisul Islam Faruqui on Thursday handed over cheques for the amounts to Md Moslam Uddin, father of Md Anwar Hossain, 3rd year student of Geology and Mining, sources said.
The donations followed an appeal by Dr Shafiqul Islam, chairman of the department, through the VC.
Teachers and students of the university have so far collected Tk 3.20 lakh for the treatment.

Jubo Dal leader murdered

BSS, Rangpur

A Jubo Dal leader was killed by unidentified assailants at Bendabari Bazar under Pirganj upazila on Wednesday.
Sabuj, 30, convenor of Jub Dal Bendabri Union Committee, was stabbed by a gang, killing him on the spot.
Pirganj police recovered the body. Autopsy of the body was done at Rangapur Medical College Hospital (RMCH).
Police arrested two persons -- Serekul, and Lemon Mia in connection with the killing. Police produced them before a magistrate court.

Rag day celebrated at CUET

CU CORRESPONDENT

The 27th batch students of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) celebrated rag day with fanfare on the campus on Wednesday.
The students took out colourful processions on the campus and in the city on the occasion. The rally in the city, led by students welfare advisor Dr. Mohammed Saiful Islam, started from New Market and terminated in front of the press club.
A football match between teachers and outgoing students on the university playground was a great attraction for all.



PHOTO: STAR
The Gaibandha town protection embankment is threatened at David Company Para due to erosion by the Ghagot river.