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# A man steps forward

Male student to install sanitary pad vending machines on Chittagong University campus

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More often than not, we see only the change happening around us in the city. But sometimes, there are silent revolutions happening outside our own hub by people away from the limelight of capital.

One such man, Tausif Ahmed Rabby, has taken the initiative to make menstrual hygiene more accessible for the girls of Chittagong University.

While Dhaka University already installed sanitary napkin vending machines on its campus in December, Tausif's dreams are taking a little while longer to materialise even though he had thought of it back in October of last year.

The CU student took the initiative to install eight sanitary napkin vending machines on campus in a bid to break the social taboo and make menstrual hygiene more accessible for around 10,000 female students of the university.

An MBA student, Tausif will be supervising the whole project, while a voluntary team of students will monitor, refill, and collect money from the vending machines as well as sort out any problems, if found.

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Valerie A Taylor, founder and coordinator of the CRP, shares a light moment with a differently-abled boy during the Annual Sponsored Walk at the Gulshan-2 lake park in the capital yesterday. Differently-abled children, along with their guardians, took part in the event, organised by the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, to enhance awareness about disability and raise funds for treatment and rehabilitation of the underprivileged patients.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Condemned war criminal Subhan dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Convicted war criminal and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday afternoon.

The 86-year old former lawmaker from Pabna was admitted to the hospital on January 24 with age-related complications.

He died around 1:30pm yesterday, said Mahbubul Islam, jailer of Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj.

The International Crimes Tribunal on February 18 in 2015 sentenced him to death for committing crimes against humanity, including mass killing, murder, and confinement and torture of pro-liberation people during the 1971 Liberation War.

Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Subhan, who led the

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## Mother, 2 kids murdered at home in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police last night recovered the bodies of a woman and her two children from their flat in a five-storey building in the capital's Dakshinkhan area.

They suspected that the trio were murdered a couple of days ago as their bodies were decomposed.

The dead are Munni Begum, 37, her son Farhan Uddin, 12, and daughter Layeeva Bhuiyan, 3.

Police suspected that Munni's husband Raquib Uddin Bhuiyan, an official of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited (BTCL), committed the killings as he had been missing for a couple of days. The motive for the murders was not clear.

Nabid Kamal Shaibal, deputy commissioner (Uttara division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they recovered the bodies from the flat on the third floor of the building after receiving information from locals.

A police official, who was present during the recovery of the bodies, said Munni's head was smashed with a blunt object. A hammer was recovered from near her body. Her children might have been choked to death.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

## 'Build a society free from exploitation'



Bangabandhu is offering prayers at the graveyard of Shaheed Sgt. Zahurul Haque (February 15, 1972).

FEBRUARY 15, 1972  
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU SPEAKS TO THE NATION

In a broadcast to the nation on the occasion of the National Martyrs' Day, Bangabandhu says that the language movement was not only a movement centred around the language issue, it was also a movement aimed at the establishment of the rights of the people of Bangladesh. It was the movement for liberation, he adds.

The prime minister tells the nation, "Today we have earned freedom but we shall not be able to enjoy the fruits of our

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## PVT HOSPITAL Pharmacist found dead at director's room

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A pharmacist was found hanging from a window bar in a director's room of a private hospital in the capital's Matuail area yesterday.

Mobarak Karim, 33, worked at Proactive Medical College Hospital, another private hospital in Narayanganj.

"On information, police recovered the body after breaking the door of the director's room of Friendship Specialised Hospital and Digital Diagnostic Centre in Matuail around 11:00am," Siddiqur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Demra Police Station, told The Daily Star.

Mobarak's body was found hanging with a towel from the window bar. His feet were on the floor. The body bore injuries to

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## Russian soldier rolls out tanks for love



AFP, Moscow

A Russian soldier has pulled out all the stops to propose to his girlfriend, with his fellow officers manoeuvring 16 tanks to surround the couple in a heart shape.

The high-octane romantic stunt was filmed in a video published by the defence ministry yesterday, on Valentine's Day.

As snow fell, the T-72B3 tanks rolled into position on the Alabino training ground outside Moscow.

Lieutenant Denis Kazantsev led his long-term partner Alexandra Kopytova into the centre as she held her hands over her eyes, the defence ministry's TV channel Zvezda reported.

Kazantsev, a platoon commander, went down on bended knee, holding a bunch of red roses.

"We've been together a very long time. We've stood the test of time and distance. Marry me!" he said as his girlfriend nodded silently. He then put a ring on her finger.

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## RAPE OF GIRL Man lands in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A middle-aged man landed in jail yesterday in a case over raping a differently-abled girl in Sirajganj's Kamarkhand upazila six days ago.

The accused is Sultan Mahmud, 55, a shopkeeper from Paikosha village in the same upazila.

Quoting the case statement, OC Habibul Islam of Kamarkhand Police Station said the 14-year-old victim was playing near her home in Paikosha village in the morning of February 9. At one stage, Sultan called

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 15

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:25	12:45	4:30	5:57	7:15
JAMAAT 6:00	1:15	4:45	6:01	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Former UP member killed in B'baria

UNB, Brahmanbaria

A former union parishad member was killed in an attack reportedly by his rival at Prato Bazar in the district's Sarail upazila on Thursday night.

The victim was identified as Abu Bakar Siddique, 55, former member of Sadar Union Parishad.

Quoting locals, OC Shahadat Hossain Titu of Sarail Police Station said Shah Alam member and Abu Bakar had been at loggerheads since Shah Alam's two brothers were assaulted by some supporters of Abu Bakar before the Eid-ul-Azha last year.

Around 8:00pm on Thursday, supporters of Shah Alam swooped on Abu Bakar and stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him badly injured.

Later, he was taken to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Additional policemen were deployed in the area to avert any further trouble.



A motor boat being pulled to the shore after the vessel, carrying about 30 tourists, capsized in Kaptai Lake of Rangamati yesterday. Five of the tourists drowned in the lake in the accident.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Senate votes to curb Trump's war powers on Iran

AFP, Washington

The US Senate voted Thursday to rein in President Donald Trump from attacking Iran, sharply rebuking his foreign policy despite a week earlier acquitting him in his impeachment trial.

Eight senators of Trump's Republican Party, which enjoys a majority, bucked their leadership to join Democrats in a resolution that bars any military action against Iran without an explicit vote from Congress.

"The Senate just sent a clear shot across the bow -- a bipartisan majority of senators don't want the president waging war without congressional approval," Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer said after the vote.

The resolution will head to the Democratic-led House of Representatives, which passed a similar text last month.

But much like an earlier attempt by Congress to end US support for Saudi Arabia's devastating offensive in Yemen, Trump is nearly certain to issue a veto, with lawmakers lacking the two-thirds majority to overturn it.

Moments before the vote, a rocket slammed into an Iraqi base housing US troops in the first attack on the site since a December 27 barrage killed a US contractor, according to Iraqi and US security sources. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The contractor's death set off an escalating crisis in which Trump ordered a drone strike at the Baghdad airport that killed Qassem Soleimani, Iran's most powerful general.

Democratic Senator Tim Kaine introduced the resolution after Soleimani's death, concerned that the United States was rushing into another Middle East war without debate.

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