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No high rises along Cox's Bazar coast

PM directs authorities

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned not to build high-rise establishments along the sea in Cox's Bazar.

"We will not allow construction of high-rise structures along the sea as it will harm the natural beauty of Cox's Bazar," she said.

Speaking at a programme at her office in the capital, Hasina said tourism parks should be developed without spoiling the natural beauty of the region.

The programme was organised to present the master plans of three special tourism parks, to be built in Cox's Bazar, before the PM.

The Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) has been tasked with setting up the Sonadia Eco-Tourism Park in Moheshkhali upazila and NAF and Sabrang Tourism Parks in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar.

The aim of the master plans is to develop tourism-friendly zones protecting ecological balance and biodiversity, national heritage, culture, and tradition.

Hasina directed the authorities concerned to set up structures in the tourism parks by ensuring that those would be tolerant to disasters such as earthquake, cyclone, and tidal surge.



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Men climbing metal rails with spikes on the Dhaka-Aricha highway central reservation just to avoid having to use the nearby footbridge at Savar Bazar yesterday. Jaywalking puts all road users at risk.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Star wins bronze at SA Digital Media Awards 2019

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star has won bronze prize in "Best in Social Media Engagement" category of the prestigious South Asian Digital Media Awards 2019.

WAN-IFRA, world association of newspapers and news publishers, gave the award in Delhi on Tuesday.

The Daily Star was awarded for its "Bangladesh in World Cup" campaign which was a joint initiative with Polar Ice Cream.

The campaign was designated to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2018 and provided readers with a platform to showcase their love for Team Bangladesh.

Tajdin Hassan, head of marketing at The Daily Star, said the accolade earned from WAN-IFRA was a worthy remuneration for the campaign.

Quazi Almach Hasan, senior brand manager of Polar, said it was a privilege to get the award. "Our

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RELIGIOUS, EDN INSTITUTIONS Structures close to city rivers to be relocated

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday said the government would take up a project to relocate religious and educational establishments built within the boundaries of the rivers in and around the capital.

"We don't want to evict religious structures. We have discussed with the government whether it would be possible to build these structures in a planned way," he said at a meeting in this regard.

Khalid said the government wanted to free the rivers surrounding the capital to make the city livable.

The state minister was speaking at the meeting with officials of religious affairs ministry, Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and two Dhaka city corporations.

He said 113 religious and educational establishments were built along the Buriganga, Turag, Balu, Shitalakkhya and Dhaleshwari rivers.

Of the establishments, 77 are mosques, madrasas, orphanages, and shrines, five graveyards and places for washing dead bodies, an Eidgah, 14 schools and colleges, and 13 temples, bathing places and crematoriums.

"We are yet to make any move against those structures which are related to religious sentiment. A discussion is underway in this regard," the state minister added.

Khalid assured that these structures

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Excess land will go to landless peasants



Bangabandhu is seen excavating soil with a spade in the WAPDA embankment at Ramgati, Noakhali on February 20, 1972.

FEBRUARY 20, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU VISITS NOAKHALI AND BHOLA

Bangabandhu today visits Ramgati in Noakhali and Shantirhat in Bhola. This is the prime minister's second visit to the rural areas of Bangladesh after his assumption of office.

WORK FOR AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION

Bangabandhu addresses a huge gathering at Baggotola near Ramgati on the banks of River Meghna, where he does earthwork on the damaged embankment to initiate and inspire voluntary reconstruction at a national level.

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'CROSSFIRE THREAT' 7 cops sued for extorting money from businessman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIG

Seven policemen, including two officers-in-charge of two police stations in Chattogram, were sued yesterday for taking Tk 23 lakh from a businessman by "threatening to kill him in crossfire".

Yasin, 55, owner of M/S Yasin Enterprise in Chattogram city, filed a case with the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohiuddin Murad.

The man, a resident of Khulshi, accused Khandokar Ataur Rahman, former OC of Bayezid Bostami Police Station; Pritan Sarkar, incumbent OC of the police station; Sub-inspector Aftab; assistant sub-inspectors Ibrahim and Mitun Nath; and constables Rahman and Saiful of the police station.

Mentionable, Ataur joined Chandgaon Police Station as OC in January this year.

"Taking the case

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SpaceX to send four tourists into deep orbit



AFP, Washington

SpaceX announced a new partnership Tuesday to send four tourists deeper into orbit than any private citizen before them, in a mission that could take place by 2022 and easily cost more than \$100 million.

The company signed the deal with Space Adventures, which is based in Washington and served as an intermediary to send eight space tourists to the International Space Station (ISS) via Russian Soyuz rockets.

The first of these was Dennis Tito, who paid \$20 million for an eight hour stay on the ISS back in 2001. The last to go was Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte, in 2009.

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UPDF man 'shot dead' in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) claimed that one of their activists was shot dead by unidentified criminals at Banduk Bhanga union in Sadar upazila of Rangamati yesterday.

The dead is 30-year-old Suman Chakma alias October, read a statement of Rangamati unit UPDF organiser Sochol Chakma.

Suman, along with another UPDF member Akarshan Chakma, went to Sarikkhong Boalkhali area in the upazila for

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MONEY LAUNDERING Global watchdog to put Myanmar on watchlist

REUTERS, Jakarta

Myanmar is set to be placed on a watchlist by a global finance watchdog this week, amid concerns of money-laundering by transnational drug traffickers and weak regulation of its financial system, two sources familiar with deliberations said.

A decision to put Myanmar on the "grey list" by the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) would mean the inter-governmental body had found "strategic deficiencies" in the country's ability to counter money-laundering and terrorism financing.

While being on the list does not carry any sanctions, it could curtail the growth of financial, investment and trade flows to and from the Southeast Asian nation, a high-level official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters.

Kyaw Win Thein, the head of Myanmar's Financial Intelligence Unit who is attending the FATF meeting in Paris this week, told Reuters that Myanmar "is not on the grey list so far". Its fate will be decided at a plenary meeting on Thursday, he said.

The FATF typically announces its decisions on Friday at the end of its Paris plenary meetings.

Kyaw added that Myanmar's government has developed

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In loving memory of Late Captain Syed Ali Asghar Rizvi (22 April 1944 - 20 February 2017)

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His love, laughter and generosity Will be dearly missed by all.

Milad Mehfil will be held at The Rizvi's Residence after Magrib prayers Friday, 21st February, 2020.

His loving wife SALMA, sons ZAKI & RAZI and Grandchildren AFRAZ, ARIANA & ALAZNE