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# Flood strikes twice

Many who returned home after water subsided are forced to go back to shelters

STAR REPORT

For a second time this monsoon, heavy rainfall and rising river waters have inundated vast areas of the country's northern and northeastern regions.

Many, who had moved to shelters after the June flooding and recently returned to repair their homes, found their houses and properties submerged again.

"Our houses were damaged by flood only a few days ago. Then, the water receded and we came back home. But now our houses have been inundated again, so we are going back to the shelter," said Jobeda Bewa, 63, from Char Khuniagachh under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

## FLOOD IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS

The Dharla river was flowing two centimetres above the danger level at Shimulbari point in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila yesterday evening.

Around the same time, at Dowani point near the Teesta Barrage in Hatibandha upazila, the Teesta river had risen 33 cm above the danger mark.

The Teesta's water is rising due to incessant rains and hill waters from India, upstream from Bangladesh, said Abdul Quader, sub-divisional engineer of Lalmonirhat Water Development Board (WDB).

He said all the gates of the barrage have been opened due to the pressure of water upstream of the dam.

Hundreds of chars and low-lying areas, including 110 villages in 21 unions of Lalmonirhat along the Teesta and Dharla rivers, have been inundated due to rising water levels, he added.

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A man, along with his goats, looks for fodder on a raft made of banana trees in Companiganj upazila of Sylhet. Heavy rainfall and rising river waters have inundated vast areas of the country's northern and northeastern regions, causing immense sufferings to villagers and their cattle. Some of the areas were flooded for the second time this summer.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## REGENT HOSPITAL DGHS was directed to sign the deal

Says its letter to health ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) yesterday in a letter said it took the initiative to sign the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Regent Hospital after being directed by "higher authorities" in the health ministry.

DGHS also said it signed the MoU on condition that the Regent authorities renew the expired licences of their two branches.

The DGHS issued the letter, signed by its Assistant Director (Coordination) Dr Jahangir Kabir, to clarify its stance before media about the fraudulence of Regent Hospital owner Md Shahed and JKG Group.

As patients were reportedly being denied by hospitals due to the evolving Covid-19 situation and the number of confirmed cases continued

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## FAKE NOTES BEFORE EID Syndicates active again

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Once again, ahead of Eid-ul-Azha when huge sales of sacrificial animals take place across the country, counterfeit note forgery syndicates have targeted the cattle markets like they do every year.

This year, along with divisional cities, members of such syndicate members have planned to spread counterfeit notes in North Bengal and especially in the border districts, as these areas are largely not equipped with adequate monitoring systems to detect forged banknotes, said law enforcement officials.

Following arrests of several members of such syndicates from different districts in the last few weeks, law enforcers claimed to have learned about these illegal schemes.

"We have learned about the activities of around a dozen note forgery gangs and they remain active in spreading counterfeit notes ahead of Eid. Some of these members remain under our surveillance and we are hopeful of arresting them soon," Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of the police's Detective Branch, told The Daily Star recently.

Around 14 counterfeit note forgery syndicates remain active in these districts,

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

### 'War crimes issue to be settled with Bangladesh'

July 12, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### PM ATTENDS OFFICE AFTER RECOVERY

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today attends his office at the secretariat after six days. Bangabandhu was suddenly taken ill with pain in the abdomen on July 5. He resumed his work at the Gono Bhaban, his official residence, on July 10.

#### INDIRA FOR DURABLE PEACE

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi tells a press conference held in New Delhi today that she considers the controversy over the war crimes trial to be a bilateral matter between Bangladesh and Pakistan. She adds, "Bangladesh is primarily involved with the issue." Earlier commenting on ZA Bhutto's observation that if India hand over prisoners of war to Bangladesh for trial it would mar the chances of success of another summit, Indira Gandhi says, "There is nothing much India could do about it. The troops did surrender to a joint command and thus Bangladesh has a say in the matter."

#### TEESTA BRIDGE OPENS

Communication Minister M Mansur Ali today formally opens the Teesta Bridge, the third biggest railway bridge of the country, for railway traffic. The bridge was seriously damaged by the retreating Pakistan army in November last year. The 2,075 feet bridge was repaired jointly by the engineers of Bangladesh and India.

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## Rape accused killed in Noakhali 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

The prime accused in a gang rape case was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Noakhali early yesterday.

The dead, Akram Hosen, 25, was from Uttar Manikpur village in the district's Senbagh upazila.

Akram's family alleged that he was shot dead around 27 hours after his arrest. Law enforcers, however, denied the allegation.

OC Abdul Baten Mridha of Senbagh Police Station said Akram and his cohorts kidnapped a 19-year-old intellectually disabled woman from in front of her home in Uttar Manikpur village on June 6.

They took her to a nearby graveyard and gang-raped her.

Five days later, the victim's mother filed a case with the police station accusing 10 people in this

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## Scientists create noise-cancelling windows



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have developed a gadget that can reduce the intensity of noise pollution passing through an open window.

The system works in a similar way to noise-cancelling technology found in high-end headphones: a microphone captures the real-world noise and speakers emit sound waves to counter it.

Researchers from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore and the University of Southampton who came up with the device claim that it can be used within commercially available windows.

They say that while the cost of the window may increase, it would reduce the need for air

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## Five killed in siege at S African church

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Five people were killed in an attack on a church west of Johannesburg in the early hours of yesterday, South African police said, with some of the attackers taking hostages who were later freed.

Police arrested around 40 people and seized 40 firearms, including rifles, shotguns and handguns, related to the attack on the International Pentecost Holiness Church in Zuurbekom, police spokesman Vishnu Naidoo told the eNCA television station.

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### PRAYER TIMING JULY 12

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17  
JAMAAT 5-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Bangladeshi shot dead inside Indian territory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Bangladeshi man was "shot dead" and another injured allegedly by a group of villagers inside Indian territory near the Utma border in Sylhet's Companiganj upazila yesterday noon.

The dead, Babul Hossain, 20, was from Lamagram village in the upazila, BGB officials said, adding that injured Koyes Miah, 20, a resident of the same village, was on the run since the incident.

The incident occurred around 800 metres inside Indian border when the two crossed the border allegedly to steal pineapples from a Khasi village, said Lt Col Ahmed Yusuf Jamil, commanding officer of BGB 48 Battalion in Sylhet.

"Seeing them, the villagers opened fire on them, leaving one dead on the spot and another injured," he said, adding that they recovered the body in the afternoon and sent

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Children splash into Mahesh Khal in Agrabad residential area of Chattogram city. After days of rain last week, the canal swelled up. The children could not resist the temptation of cooling of the in the water as the weather was hot and humid in the afternoon.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Virus affects entire body

Doctors give first comprehensive review of Covid-19's effects

CNN ONLINE

Coronavirus damages not only the lungs, but the kidneys, liver, heart, brain and nervous system, skin and gastrointestinal tract, doctors said Friday in a review of reports about Covid-19 patients.

The team at the Columbia University Irving Medical

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## WE MOURN

Our respectable Chairman, Ms. Zebun Nesa (Mother of Honorable MD Mohd. Idris Shakur and Honorable DMD Mohammad Arshad) has died on 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020 at 12.10am due to old aged complicacy at the age of 75. We all employees of IDS Group mourn for her death and pray to Almighty Allah for her departed soul to rest in peace and grant Jannat ul Ferdaous for her. Moreover, her departure is irreparable loss for the family & IDS Group as a whole. We all express deep sympathy to the grieved family and hope Merciful Allah will assist them to overcome from this irrecoverable loss. We again, pray for her departed soul to rest in peace and for Jannat ul Ferdaous to Almighty Allah, Ameen.

**Family Member & IDS Group**