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Million years on rock record

Jaflong hosts Eocene Sylhet Limestone from ancient age, waits for country's first geo museum



DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Jaflong, a popular tourist destination, is rightly revered as the Daughter of Nature for its natural splendour.

In the midst of that breath-taking beauty, there lies a live museum of rock record from a very ancient age on geological time scale.

Those are not the regular rocks rolling down the streams from hills of Meghalaya. Formed at least 27 million years before the first human ancestor appeared on earth, they are pieces of geological history.

The bed of rocks, right at the eastern bank of the river Dauki, is commonly referred as the Eocene Sylhet Limestone, which has been an important subject of geological research and study for decades.

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A group of businessmen recently put up a signboard mentioning that a High Court writ allowed them to extract mineral resources from a protected land of geo-heritage in Sylhet whereas the writ has not allowed them to do anything of this sort. The court only asked the government for the reason for cancelling a lease.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Man 'murdered' 6yrs ago shows up in court

N'ganj court summons 8 DB, CID cops

UNB, Narayanganj

A Narayanganj court has summoned eight police officials to appear before it after a man, allegedly abducted and murdered six years ago, appeared before another local court during the trial of a case on Wednesday.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Aftabuzzaman passed the order on Friday. The man named Mamun appeared before the Narayanganj court Wednesday noon.

His father Abul Kalam had filed a case with Fatullah Model Police Station on May 9, 2016 stating that Mamun was "abducted" on May 10, 2014.

Six people were accused in the case and they all were also imprisoned for different terms.

Allegations of torture of the accused in the name of interrogation during remand were also made against the policemen.

Eight DB and CID officers, who probed the case at various stages, have been asked to appear before the court within seven working days along with the investigation report, said Narayanganj CID Police Superintendent Harun-Ur-Rashid.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

China won't change stance

October 4, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

UN OFFICIALS DISCUSS FOOD WITH BANGABANDHU UN officials now on a visit in Dhaka -- Sir Robert Jackson, Urquhart and Lansky -- have an hourlong discussion on relief operations in Bangladesh with Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhaban today. Robert Jackson communicates to the prime minister greetings from the UN secretary general. The visiting team of UN officials is learnt to have discussed prospects of UNROD's operation in Bangladesh, besides the current relief effort. They also discuss the food and transport situation of the country.

'NO PREJUDICE AGAINST BANGABANDHU'

China claims in the UN General Assembly today that it cherishes friendly sentiments for the people of "East Bengal" and it has no prejudice against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. However, it makes it clear that it would not retreat from its earlier stance against the admission of Bangladesh into the UN.

HIGH-LEVEL MEET REVIEWS TEA PRODUCTION Bangabandhu today presides over a high-level conference which reviews various aspects of tea such as production, plantation and export.

KHAS LAND FOR LANDLESS PEASANTS

Land administration and revenue minister Abdur Rab Serniabat today says that the government has decided to distribute two and

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20 more die, 1,182 infected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty people were reported dead from Covid-19 in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, according to a press release from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With this, the total number of deaths rose to 5,325, while the death rate stood at 1.45 percent.

Another 1,182 cases were recorded in the same 24 hours, taking the total number of positive cases to 3,67,565, said the release.

Against a number of 9,554 tests in the 24 hours, the positivity rate was 12.37 percent, while the overall positivity rate stood at 18.57 percent.

At least 1,442 Covid-19 patients recovered in the same 24 hours.

With this, the total number of recoveries rose to 2,80,069, while the recovery rate stood at 76.20 percent.

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Hubble finds Supernova 5b times brighter than sun



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

An exploding supernova in a galaxy 70 million light-years away has been recorded by the Hubble Space Telescope.

The rare event outshone the entire host galaxy, coming from a white dwarf star that gathered material from its companion star.

A white dwarf is a degenerating star that is reaching the end of its life cycle. When it has depleted its nuclear fuel, the star expels its outer material, reaching temperatures exceeding 100,000 Kelvin.

When the white dwarf reaches a critical mass, its

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Flood in Sirajganj worsens

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Palma

The overall flood situation in Sirajganj deteriorated yesterday as flood water from the swelling Jamuna and other rivers inundated new areas in the district.

KM Rafiqul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of Water Development Board in Sirajganj, said the Jamuna was flowing 21cm above the danger level at Kazipur point in the morning.

"Water level in the local rivers is increasing slowly and this trend will continue

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 4

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:45 12:45 4:15 5:53 7:30
JAMAAT 5:20 1:15 4:30 5:56 8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Arms factory busted in Ukhia: Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Rapid Action Battalion claimed to have busted a firearms-making factory in a remote hilly area of Ukhia upazila in Cox's Bazar and arrested two firearms makers in this connection.

The arrestees are: Abu Majid alias Kana Majid and Robi Alam of Moheshkhali upazila, said Major Mehedi Hasan, deputy commanding officer of Rab-15, yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab-15 launched a drive in Madhurchhara, which is adjacent to Kutupalong Rohingya camp, on Friday afternoon and arrested Majid and Robi, said Major Mehedi.

Later, the Rab team recovered two guns, two bullets and several equipment used for manufacturing firearms from a hut set up by the arrestees, he claimed.

The duo had been making and supplying firearms for Rohingya robbers for a long time, claimed the Rab official.



Unable to tolerate the pain, 30-year-old Akiab sitting on the floor in front of Chattogram Medical College Hospital holding his abdomen. A slow patient registration process at the hospital makes many like Akiab suffer. He received medical attention half an hour after reaching the hospital.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

India's virus deaths pass 100,000

AFP, New Delhi

Deaths from the novel coronavirus in India passed 100,000 yesterday, official data showed as the pandemic continued to rage across the world's second most populous country.

A total of 100,842 people have now died, health ministry figures showed, giving India the third-highest death toll in the world behind the United States and Brazil.

In terms of infections, India has recorded 6.47 million cases and is on course to overtake the US as the country with the most infections in the coming weeks.

India's population of 1.3 billion is, however, around four times larger than that of the United States, which has seen more than twice as many deaths, raising doubts about India's official numbers.

"We do not know the reliability of death rates in India," virologist T Jacob John told AFP.

"India does not have a public health surveillance system, documenting real-time all disease events and deaths," he said.

Even though India is carrying out around one million tests per day, as a percentage of the population its testing rate is much lower than many other countries.

The United States, for example, has tested more than five times as many people as India proportionately, according to tracking website Worldometer.

That India's real numbers might be much worse than the official data suggest is borne out by a string of studies measuring antibodies to the virus among the population.

On Tuesday, India's lead pandemic agency released a survey suggesting that more than 60 million people -- 10 times the official figure -- could have contracted the virus.

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