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TROUBLE OVER trash dump

Bogura municipality and an NGO keep polluting environment despite DoE objection

MOSTAFA SHABUI, Bogura

A garbage dump, created on around five bighas of land of an NGO in Bogura, is facing DoE censure for not having an environmental clearance certificate.

The municipality and the NGO called Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS) are indiscriminately dumping hazardous waste at the site, violating the environmental protection law, DoE officials say.

Adjacent to the dumpsite is one of the worst polluted rivers in Bogura -- the Korotoa. Photos taken by this correspondent show large amounts of garbage floating on the river.

The waste also spills out of the dumpsite and onto the Bogura-Rangpur highway.

Located in the Baghopara area of Bogura Sadar upazila, the garbage dump is also creating a public health hazard for nearby residents and travellers for the last five years.

"This is not a formal dumping station for the municipality and TMSS. We urged them to shift it to another safer place," said Md Ashrafuzzaman, director at the Rajshahi divisional office of Department of Environment (DoE).

"They cannot pollute the environment and river," he told The Daily Star.

According to the Bogura municipality sources, at least 120 trucks with the capacity of 250-300 tonnes dump garbage at the Baghopara site every day.

"The municipality and TMSS are dumping all sorts of garbage -- including medical and industrial waste -- on the

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A large amount of garbage floating on the Korotoa river as Bogura City Corporation and an NGO named Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS) dump waste right beside the river. Around 4,000 people in the area were suffering badly for this unplanned and illegal dumping.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUI

Freedom fighter killed at village arbitration

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A valiant freedom fighter was killed allegedly by his neighbours during a village arbitration over a trifling matter in Basail upazila of Tangail on Friday evening.

The dead is Abdul Latif Khan, 68, of Motora village in the upazila's Habla union.

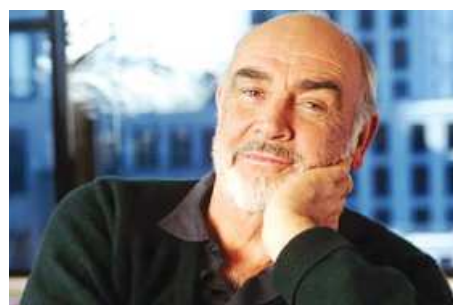
Locals and witnesses said a dispute was going on between Latif and his neighbor Abu Khan over fish cultivation on two ponds.

An arbitration was arranged at the house of a local union parishad member on Friday for settling the issue.

Shajahan Khan, member of ward-4 of Habla union, said both the parties engaged into an altercation during the arbitration and several people received injuries.

Latif was declared dead after he was taken to Tangail General Hospital, he said.

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Sean Connery passes away

AFP, London

Legendary actor Sean Connery, best known for playing fictional spy James Bond, has died at the age of 90, leading to an outpouring of tributes for one of Britain's best-loved screen heroes.

Sir Sean's son Jason told the BBC that his father died peacefully in his sleep overnight while in the Bahamas, having been "unwell for some time".

The Scottish actor, who was knighted in 2000, won numerous awards during his decades-spanning career, including an Oscar, three Golden Globes and two Bafta awards.

"He was and shall always be remembered as the original James Bond," said the movie franchise's producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli.

"He revolutionised the world with his gritty and witty portrayal of the sexy and charismatic secret agent."

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

9 Amendments Passed



American Chargé d'Affaires Daniel O. Newberry calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on November 1, 1972.

October 31 & November 1, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

SURANJIT, LARMA STAGE WALK-OUT

The Gonoparishad adopts 16 articles with nine minor amendments moved by the members of the ruling party on October 31, 1972. Of the 25 amendments taken up for consideration nine are accepted, five are ruled out and six are not moved and four are moved and rejected by the House. Suranjit Sengupta, NAP (Mujaffar) and Manobendra Narayan Larma, an independent member from Chittagong Hill Tracts stage a walk-out. Suranjit Sengupta walks-out because his first amendment to article 1 was ruled out by the Speaker. Larma while objecting to the amendment to article 6 moved by Abdur Razzaak Bhuiyan says that Chakma

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UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

Malaysia mulls temp work permits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia is considering issuing temporary work permits to overcome a shortage of expatriate workers in its oil palm and rubber industries, Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has said.

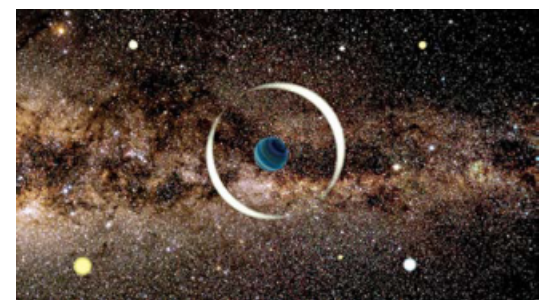
If implemented, this initiative is likely to enable many undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers to secure jobs in those sectors.

The Malaysian premier on Friday said his government was seeking ways to solve the problem of shortage of foreign workers in those two sectors, especially after the country closed its borders to curb the spread of Covid-19, reports Bernama, the country's national news agency.

The proposal is to give one- or two-year work

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Rogue planet found floating through our galaxy



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Astronomers have found a "rogue" planet floating through our galaxy, untethered to any sun.

The "free-floating" world is slightly smaller than Earth, making it the smallest such planet ever to be found.

But it could be one of many such rogue planets in the Milky Way, and scientists have suggested they may even outnumber the stars in our galaxy.

Such planets are impossible to see using traditional techniques: since by definition they do not orbit around a sun and so cannot be spotted by the dimming they cause when passing in front of stars, and they do not give off any radiation.

Instead, the scientists took advantage of

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Man held for hurting religious sentiments

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police yesterday arrested a young man for hurting religious sentiments on a Facebook post in Dinajpur's Kaharol Upazila of Dinajpur.

The arrestee is Sujan Chandra Barman, 25, was arrested around 1:30am.

Md Ariful Islam, a sub-inspector (SI) of Kaharol Police Station, had earlier filed a case accusing Sujan under Digital Security Act (DSA), said Monoj Kumar, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Kaharol Police Station.

Police produced Sujan before a court on Saturday afternoon.

Sujan's father however claimed his son was innocent.

Meanwhile, a 17-year old girl, accused in a case filed under the DSA, was sent to jail after she was produced before a children's court on Thursday.

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Kashmir shuts down over land law

Saudi angers India with independent Kashmir banknote

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Kashmir was hit by its biggest general strike yesterday since losing its semi-autonomous status last year, with local anger brewing over a new measure allowing outsiders to buy land in the disputed territory.

The Himalayan region has been divided and disputed between India and Pakistan for more than 70 years and has seen decades of unrest that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 1

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



As the construction work of elevated expressway is about to begin, the authorities concerned put up safety fences beside rail lines to avert unwanted entries and accidents. The photo was taken in the capital's Nakhhalpara area yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

7.0 MAGNITUDE QUAKE IN TURKEY

28 killed as rescue ops on

AFP, Bayrakli

Rescuers raced against the clock yesterday to save people buried under rubble as hundreds spent a terrified night in tents after a powerful earthquake claimed 28 lives in Turkey and Greece.

The 7.0 magnitude quake killed 26 people and injured more than 800 in Turkey after striking on Friday afternoon near the west coast town of Seferihisar in Izmir province.

Also killing two teenagers on their way home from school in Greece, it caused a mini-tsunami on the Aegean island of Samos and a sea surge that turned streets into rushing rivers in one Turkish coastal town.

In Bayrakli, Turkish families and friends looked on in agony, exhaustion and hope as workers painstakingly went through the rubble of two completely flattened buildings.

Just five minutes across town, worried crowds watched as a black bag was taken away from another collapsed building in the early hours of yesterday.

"Let me see who it is!" one man shouted.

In small green spaces close to the damaged buildings, tents were put up for survivors and frightened families.

Throughout the night, hot soup and water were available for those waiting outside as the temperature fell.

Residents said Bayrakli, with a population of more than 300,000, was a fast-developing district with new buildings popping up on the outskirts of the Aegean resort city of Izmir.

The smashing of concrete, heavy machinery and dust filled the air except for the moments when everything stopped in the hope of hearing a longed-for call for help from a survivor.

Hope grew that more survivors could be found

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