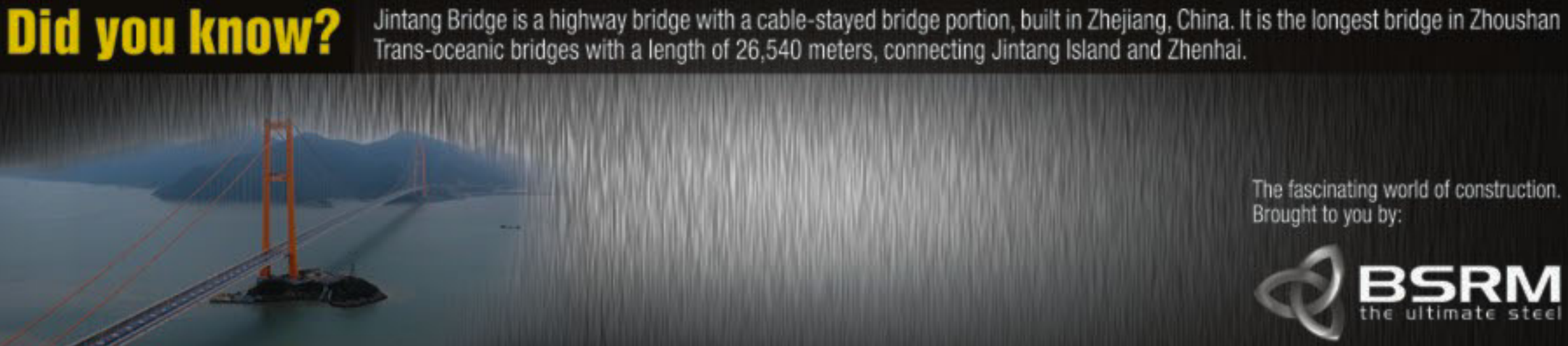


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Implement DAP, save Dhaka city

Environmentalists urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists yesterday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the alleged individuals responsible for forming propaganda against Dhaka's Detailed Area Plan (DAP) recently published as a gazette.

At a rally in front of the National Press Club, they also insisted on fast implementation of DAP, which was formulated to build a planned city and called for uprooting all land grabbers around the capital.

Green Voice, Juba Nagorik Odhikar Jote and Sheba jointly organised the rally.

"DAP was created to build a planned city but the land grabbers are spreading false rumours creating confusion among people to obstruct its implementation fearing it would end the source of their illegal income," said Mihir

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A year has gone by since construction work of the Tejgaon-Gulshan link road bridge began, diverting vehicles from the main road. The signboard, inset, shows the bridge was supposed to be complete on the 7th of this month.

PHOTO: STAR

Commuters suffer for delay in bridge work

TAWFIQUE ALI

Users of the capital's Gulshan-Tejgaon link road have to suffer the hazardous bumpy diversion for one more year, as the construction of a bridge on the route has been delayed further.

It will take until next June to complete the work that the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) initiated without relocating utility services.

Contractor Abul and Brothers NTL JV started building the bridge last July but the work got stalled till February due to revision of the design.

"We didn't think of relocating the utility services in the beginning because of fund constraint," said Sharifuddin, DCC executive engineer.

"But later it turned out that construction of the bridge would not be possible without relocating those utilities."

He attributed the delay also to the integration of the

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Army man held with phensidyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sirajganj police arrested an army major and his cousin from the west end of Bangabandhu Bridge on charge of carrying 780 bottles of phensidyl early yesterday.

Police said the arrestees were Major Reza Shah Mohammad Zillullah of Dhaka Engineering Corps, now posted to Combined Military Hospital, in Dhaka and his cousin Abu Sadat Mohammad Milon of Mirzapur Purbapara village in Rajshahi.

Sirajganj Superintendent

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UAE lifts ban on manual passports

Bangladeshi workers' hassle ends

PORIMOL PALMA

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has started accepting Bangladeshi manual passports again two weeks after imposing a restriction.

"The UAE authorities have started to allow manual passports along with machine-readable passports (MRP) from Sunday [July 11]," said Md Moniruzzaman, Bangladesh's Labour Counsellor in Abu Dhabi.

The country had stopped issuing visas on manual passports and started allowing only MRPs since the last week of June stating two types of passports confusing, said an official of Bangladesh high commission there.

Bangladeshi workers there had to face troubles during the time as the UAE authorities asked them to get MRPs when they went to renew their residence permits.

The recruiting agencies here had expressed concern, as thousands of workers seeking jobs in the UAE would also suffer unless the situation was addressed immediately.

Over such development, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni convened a meeting of 12 manpower-importing countries' envoys in Dhaka on July 4 and asked them to accept both kinds of passport.

She said Bangladesh had just started issuing

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Bus torched after death in accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Locals torched a bus after it killed a rickshaw puller and injured its passenger at Pallabi in the capital yesterday morning.

Protesting against the death of rickshaw puller Yunus Miah, 23, locals also vandalised at least five other buses and put barricade on a Pallabi road for over one and a half hours from 7:30am.

Yunus hails from Sujannagar in Pabna. The injured woman, who was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, could not be identified.

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Jamaat trio might be shown held in JMB raid case

KAILASH SARKAR

Detained Jamaat leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid and Delwar Hossain Sayedee might soon be shown arrested in a case filed in connection with the recovery of nine grenades from a JMB den in the capital's Kadamtoli area on June 24.

A top official of the Detective Branch (DB) of police said they would seek a court order within a day or two to show the trio arrested in the case based on JMB chief Saidur Rahman's information.

According to the official, Saidur said Jamaat and JMB activists were collecting grenades and other explosives for subversive operations across the country to foil the trial process of war criminals.

"Saidur also said that Jamaat had provided financial support and other assistance for the destructive operations to keep the government and law enforcers busy with something else rather than the war crime trial," added the official.

Meanwhile, DB police yesterday brought detained acting JMB chief Bhagne Shahid from Bogra and the banned outfit's North Bengal chief Shafiqul Islam alias Jamai Rafiq from Gaibandha to the capital to interrogate them face-to-face with Saidur.

Sources said DB has already started interrogation to verify Jamaat's involvement in planning destructive operations.

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BNP to hold its first NEC meet soon

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The current national executive committee of the main opposition BNP is soon going to hold its maiden meeting to discuss the party's organisational affairs and the current political situation of the country.

Apart from the party's internal issues, the meeting is likely to discuss anti-government movement, arrest of a number of BNP and Jamaat leaders, trial of war criminals and the role of party's senior leaders in party activities, party leaders said.

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Malaria-proof mosquito engineered

BBC ONLINE

Scientists in the US have succeeded in genetically engineering a malaria-resistant mosquito.

The researchers, from the University of Arizona, introduced a gene that affected the insect's gut, meaning the malaria parasite could not develop.

They report the advance, which also reduced the insects' lifespan, in the journal

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Housewife killed for dowry

Husband arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Husband killed his teenage housewife for dowry yesterday morning in the city's Shyampur while locals of Hazaribagh beat a boy to death for his alleged involvement in a theft incident.

The housewife was identified as Sonia Akhter, 19, wife of grocery shop owner Nasir Uddin Shipon of West Jurain in Shyampur, and the boy as Shah Poran, 16, of Hazaribagh.

Shyampur police said neighbours caught Shipon while he was trying to flee after killing his wife at around 10:30am, beat him up and handed him over to police.

Shipon admitted that he strangled Sonia to death following a quarrel over dowry, said Liakat Ali, sub-inspector of Shyampur

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■ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে- দেশের সকল সরকারি হাসপাতালে লাল সবুজ মোড়কে ঔষধ সরবরাহ করা হয়েছে

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MURDER FOLLOW-UP

Kabir confesses killing Menoka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The youth who stabbed the Eden College student Menoka to death in the capital on Thursday confessed the murder before a Dhaka court yesterday saying he did it because the girl cheated on him, police said.

Meanwhile, police checked out the call lists of cell phones of the victim Mohsina Rabbani Menoka and accused Tariquzzaman Kabir, and SMSs [short message service] exchanged between them.

Checking the messages and call lists, Sub-inspector (SI) Abu Bakar of Mirpur Police Station said, "It appeared to us that there was an emotional attachment between Menoka and Kabir."

However, Menoka's family members turned down the police assumption and Kabir's statement that there was an affair between the victim and Kabir.

Lutfur Rabbani Badal, father of the victim told reporters that Kabir has made up the story of an emotional relationship with his daughter fearing punishment for the murder.

Kabir stabbed Menoka to death entering her living room at Moddha Paikpara in Mirpur on Thursday afternoon. Police arrested Kabir from there as he had refused to open the door, and

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Board of Directors of AB Bank Limited in an Emergency Meeting held on July 16, 2010 at 9:05 pm at the Gulshan Branch, Ventura Avenue, Plot No CWN (C) - 8/B, Road No - 34, Gulshan Model Town, Dhaka - 1212, approved the un-audited Financial Statements for the Half Year (January-June) ended 30th June, 2010

Financial Highlights of the Bank:

		Taka in Crore			
		AB Bank Ltd (Consolidated)		AB Bank Ltd	
		January-June		January-June	
		2010	2009	2010	2009
• Profit before Tax & Provision		468.04	257.53	422.10	254.84
• Profit after Tax (PAT)		225.62	154.34	196.30	151.64
• Net Asset Value (NAV)		1,244.35	808.52	1,209.07	808.52
• Net Asset Value Per Share (Tk)*		388.22	252.66	377.21	252.66
• Earnings Per Share (EPS)-(Tk)*		70.39	48.15	61.24	47.31
• Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)-(Tk)*		51.69	125.79	54.01	151.07

* Represents diluted value based on paid up capital as on 16th July, 2010

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Dhaka, 16th July, 2010.