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Grabbers feast on Cox's Bazar

Landscape, tourism prospect of world's longest beach at stake

PINAKI ROY and ANISUR RAHMAN

Rampant encroachment on seashore, and construction of unplanned commercial structures ruin the landscape and threaten biodiversity of the world's longest beach of Cox's Bazar.

Different government bodies, armed forces, political high-ups and local influential people already illegally constructed hotels, rest houses, restaurants, coffee shops, and gift shops on and along the beach.

Many encroachers put up signboards saying they are the owners of the lands through purchase.

Wholesale unplanned constructions and putting up of signboards are turning the beautiful beach into an eyesore.

The Department of Environment (DoE), on December 7 last year, instructed the local administration to remove all illegal structures and stop construction of roads on the beach in seven days.

But the local authorities ignored the directive and have yet to take any action against those illegal structures.

"We are aware about encroachment there. Some people made structures with bamboo and straws on the beach. We have served them notices," said Giasuddin Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar.

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The longest sea beach in the world is littered with unplanned restaurants, hotels and other business establishments. Rampant beach grabbing goes on in Cox's Bazar with very influential people tussling with each other over this beautiful spot of Bangladesh.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

2 YEARS OF GOVT

The Daily Star-nielsen opinion survey TOMORROW
Look for The Daily Star-nielsen opinion survey, on the government's performance on completion of two years of its tenure, with tomorrow's issue

Trial on with Koko away

Singaporean sentenced for keeping Koko's laundered money

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

Trial of a money laundering case against former premier Khaleda Zia's son Arafat Rahman Koko and Ismail Hossain Saimon, son of former shipping minister late Akbar Hossain, began yesterday with deposition of the complainant.

Twenty-three cases are pending against Khaleda, her

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TIB submits questionnaire, replies to SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday submitted to the Supreme Court (SC) the questionnaire of its household survey and replies of the respondents a day after it was asked to do so.

A printed copy of the questionnaire was

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Trader stabbed to death in city

Security guard shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A trader was found stabbed to death in the city's Bangshal area and a security guard of a factory was shot injured allegedly by an extortionist gang at Gandaria yesterday.

The deceased, Bangshal resident Sajid Anam Masud, 32, son of Arju Miah, was a mineral water trader. No clue to the killer's identity has been found.



Sajid Anam Masud
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JS sovereign

Suranjit justifies summoning SC rep by JS body; legal experts say only constitution sovereign

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament is sovereign and everything including the judiciary is accountable to it, Suranjit Sengupta, a parliamentary panel chief, said yesterday.

The senior Awami League lawmaker also said it is parliament that elects and can impeach the country's president who appoints the chief justice and other judges in consultation with the prime minister.

The law ministry is accountable to the parliamentary

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