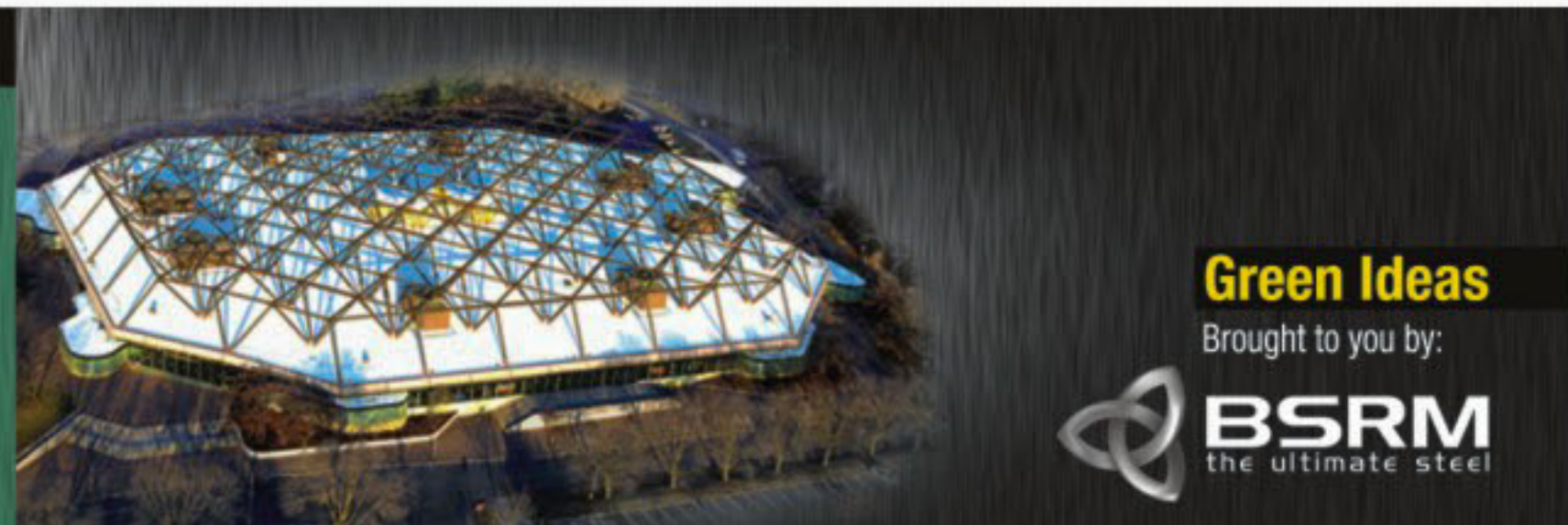


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5 drown in boat capsized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Locals yesterday recovered the bodies of five fishermen who had drowned after their trawler capsized in the Meghna Friday.

The deceased were identified as Prodip Chandra Das, 51, Ratan Chandra Das, 48, Ramesh Chandra Das, 44, Jagannath Chandra Das, 51, and Dinesh Chandra Das, 40. All of them hail from Rajegaon of

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Govt moves for dropping double murder case

Terms it 'politically motivated', filed for 'harassment'

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

The government has moved for withdrawal of a double murder case against four persons considering it "politically motivated" and filed for "harassment". The case was filed with Sutrapur Police Station in the capital eight years ago.

Towhid and Yunus, residents of Narendra Basak Lane in Sutrapur, were shot dead by a gang led by Awlad Hossain Dilip and Yusuf Reza around 9:00pm on February 10, 2002, case documents say.

The home ministry on February 11 last year decided to withdraw the case and asked the deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhaka in a letter to take steps in this regard.

Terming the case politically motivated, the letter said the government decided not to proceed with the case, as it thinks it unnecessary.

The DC on March 18 forwarded the letter to the Metropolitan Public Prosecutor (MPP) for taking steps to with

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina waves at a public meeting in Rangpur yesterday. Jatiya Party Chairman and local lawmaker HM Ershad is also present.

PHOTO: STAR

Mild cold wave grips North

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another spell of mild cold wave is sweeping across two divisions and four districts while a moderate one grips another district in the country bringing misery to the lives of the poor and the disadvantaged.

The current cold wave is expected to last another 24 hours while similar cold waves are expected to

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Addict kills boy

Stabs the 10-year-old's father in bid to rob him; criminals kill trader at Kamrangirchar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A drug addict allegedly drowned a boy in a water drum and stabbed the boy's father while trying to rob him in an apartment in the capital's Gendaria area yesterday.

Bibhuti Ranjan Das, 45, a raw-hide trader in Lalbagh, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with neck injuries while the body of his ten-year-old son Dipto Das Shuvo, a class-IV student, was sent to the hospital morgue for an autopsy.

The prime suspect, Shakil alias Sagar, 30, escaped the scene.

Sagar, who lives on the third floor of a six-storey building on KB Road, started banging Bibhuti's apartment door on the fourth floor in the same building at 12:30pm. But Bibhuti waited until Sagar broke a portion of the door.

Dipto Das Shuvo



Hijacked SHIP Engineer back home after 8 months of captivity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

"It's like rebirth," said ABM Giasuddin Azam Khan, the second engineer of a German tanker, on his return home.

He came back yesterday after being Somali pirates' hostage for around eight months.

He also said he was able to talk to the crew members of the hijacked Bangladeshi ship MV Jahan Moni, which was anchored close to their ship, and they are all well.

Like them, the crew of MV Jahan Moni would

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MUNICIPAL POLLS 2011

Campaign peaks in Rangpur

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Campaigns for the upcoming municipality polls are running in full swing in Rangpur division with ruling Awami League having to contend with its rebel candidates the most.

In almost all the 23 municipalities of the division rebel members of AL,

BNP and Jatiya Party lay claim to mayoral post. Given the fact, independent candidates need more than luck to win the elections in any of the municipalities here, said election observers.

In Badarganj, AL has one rebel candidate besides the grand alliance nominated aspirant. Both the candi-

dates are optimistic about winning despite the chances of splitting AL votes.

In Haragachh, three AL leaders -- two rebels -- are contesting the mayoral post.

In Kurigram, two candidates each of AL and BNP are vying to win the

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1,200 sued for Ctg clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Patiya police on Friday night filed two cases against 1,200 unnamed people in connection with a clash over the control of Baitul Ekram mosque.

Normalcy has now returned to the area, claimed Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Abul Hossain adding, a police camp has been set up to defuse tension.

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People gather at an Open Market Sale (OMS) point in the city's Lalbagh area to buy rice at subsidised price yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Khulna brick kiln fined for land grabbing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Department of Environment (DoE) team yesterday fined a brick kiln owner Tk 20 lakh and seized five lakh bricks for setting up an illegal brick kiln in Fultola upazila illegally occupying 25 acres of agricultural land and a homestead of poor local farmers.

The team led by Mohammed Munir Chowdhury, director (monitoring and enforcement) of DoE, also seized 40 maunds of coal, 50 thousand square feet of mud, five water pumps and some other machinery from the site.

With the help of police and fire brigade members, the squad pulled down the chimney, main structure of the brick kiln and workers' shed. Huge number of unbaked mud bricks was also destroyed.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that her government has achieved remarkable successes in the last two years?

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