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8 drown in boat capsized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Eight people including three of a family were killed when a boat capsized during a storm in the Meghna river in Narsingdi sadar upazila Friday night.

The dead are Hasan Miah, 50, his wife Setara Begum, 45, and

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HIJACKED JAHAN MONI

Hostages to be freed by tomorrow

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh-flagged ship MV Jahan Moni, which was hijacked along with 26 Bangladeshis by Somali pirates in the Arabian Sea off the coast of India on December 5, will be

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PRAYER TIMING March 13

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:05 5:40
Zohr	12:45 1:15
Asr	4:30 4:45
Maghrib	6:12 6:15
Esha	7:30 8:00

Source: Islamic Foundation

Proteas turn it around

SPORTS DESK

A World Cup Group B match is almost guaranteed to provide excitement and drama, and after Friday's nail-biter in Chittagong between Bangladesh and England, South Africa and India were involved in another thriller at Nagpur yesterday.

After a spectacular Steyn-induced collapse despite a sparkling century from Sachin Tendulkar, South Africa prevailed over India in the last over by three wickets with two balls to spare.

Zaheer Khan bowled an excellent penultimate over, conceding only four runs, leaving South Africa to score 13 from the last over bowled by Ashish Nehra.

The first ball went off Robin Peterson's inside edge past a lunging Mahendra Singh Dhoni to the fine leg



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Sachin Tendulkar thanks the heavens as reaches his hundred in 92 balls against South Africa at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Rejoinder, our reply

In a rejoinder to The Daily Star report headlined "GB chair's strange email", Grameen Bank Chairman Muzammel Huq yesterday said, "The article is unhelpful and misleading. A speculative article based on someone's personal email list seems malafide. I circulated a link to an opinion piece written by Nayeemul Islam Khan to people on my mailing list, as information on what else is being said about Dr Yunus and Grameen Bank. However, I neither endorsed the article nor dismissed it. As Chairman

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EXPATRIATES IN LIBYA

Govt seeks WB help for repatriation

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government has sought World Bank (WB) assistance in bringing Bangladeshi expatriates back from Libya.

The Economic Relations Division (ERD) last week wrote to the WB seeking its cooperation in the form of a loan or grant, said sources in finance ministry.

The WB, in response, verbally assured Bangladesh of a loan of \$ 25-30 million, the sources added.

About 50,000 to 60,000 Bangladeshis work in Libya and hence it requires a huge amount of money to repatriate them, said a finance ministry official.

Bangladesh is already having trouble with the national budget due to its subsidy for food and fuel, said the official, adding that if the government has to bring home all the expatriates on its own, it would put further pressure on the budget, which led the country to seek WB cooperation.

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Biman to bring back 300 today

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The first flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying 300 expatriates, who fled the Libyan unrest and were stranded in Egypt, would arrive in Dhaka this afternoon.

A DC-10 aircraft will fly from the Alexandria Airport in Egypt at 6:15am (local time) and reach Dhaka at 5:15pm, the

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Ansar man shot dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gunmen killed an Ansar member when a team of police and Ansar signalled them to stop their motorcycle in the city's Sutrapur area last night.

The dead, Anisur Rahman, 35, received a single bullet in the chest at around 10:30pm and died on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

As a member of Battalion-9, he had been aiding Sutrapur police in busting crimes for the last one year.

Sub-inspector Ashrafal Alam of the police station, who was leading the team comprised of two policemen and three Ansar members, told The Daily Star, "As Anis

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Grameen Bank that Sajeeb Wajed Joy's letter contains inaccurate facts about the bank and Prof Muhammad Yunus?

Yes (79.2%)

No (19.2%)

No Comments (1.6%)

TOTAL VOTES : 552

TODAY'S POLL

Despite the famous win against England on Friday, are you satisfied with Bangladesh cricket team's performance in the ongoing cricket world cup?

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