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Fatal mobile talking

Girl run over by train
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female student of SSC programme under Open University was killed under the wheels of a running train at city's Moghbazar Wireless rail gate area yesterday.

The dead was identified as Sadia Hossain Nupur, 24, daughter of Nabi Hossain of Belkuchi in Sirajganj district.

Government Railway Police (GRP), Kamalapur recovered the body at around 1:45pm from the area and sent it to Dhaka Medical College (DMC) morgue for autopsy.

GRP sub-inspector
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Israel defiant

Netanyahu rejects Obama's Palestine border plan

BBC ONLINE

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected US President Barack Obama's call for peace with the Palestinians based on pre-1967 borders.

After tense talks at the White House on Friday, a defiant Netanyahu said Israel was prepared to compromise but there could be no peace "based on illusions".

Obama, who formally adopted the principle on Thursday, admitted there were "differences" between the views. But he said such differences were possible "between friends".

In his speech to the state department on Thursday, Obama stated overtly for the first time that the peace talks should be based on a future Palestinian state within the borders in place before the 1967 Middle East War.

"The borders of Israel and Palestine should be based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps, so that secure and recognised borders are established for both states," he said.



US President Barack Obama, right, meets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington DC Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

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2 pirates killed in gunfight

17 arms recovered in Sundarbans drive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Two pirates were killed in a gun battle with a joint team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and Coast Guard in the Sundarbans at Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat yesterday.

The identity of the pirates and the group they belonged to could not be known immediately.

The law enforcers recovered 17 fire-

arms including seven shutter guns, a single-barrel gun, nine one shooter guns, four sharp weapons, 42 bullets and 22 cartridges from the spot.

A joint team of Rab-8 and Coast Guard conducted a raid at Dimer Char of Sharankhola range of East Sundarbans in the morning, said Lt Bodruddoza, operation officer of Coast Guard (west zone).

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'DEAL' WITH CG Adviser Imam asks Khaleda to apologise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Adviser HT Imam yesterday blasted opposition leader Khaleda Zia for her remark that Awami League assumed power through a secret understanding with the last caretaker regime.

"She [Khaleda] will have to apologise to the

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Mamata keeps 9 ministries

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The chief minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, allocated portfolios to her newly sworn-in council of ministers on Friday retaining with her the charge of nine key ministries.

Thirty-six ministers from Trinamool Congress and two from Congress formed a new coalition government on Friday.

The ministries under CM's wing include home, land reforms, information and cultural affairs, health and family welfare, agriculture, hill affairs, minority affairs and madrasa education, personnel and administrative

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Mob kill 2 robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A mob beat two suspected robbers to death in Companyganj upazila of Noakhali Friday night.

They also vandalised a microbus used by the robbers.

On information, police rushed to the spot at about 10:30pm and arrested driver of the microbus Ilias and helper Rabbi.

Police said locals on

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Govt delays procurement for farmers' benefit

PORIMOL PALMA

The government is taking time to go for procurement of Boro rice to build a public stock as it considers market price of rice is still high, and public purchase of it for providing price incentives to farmers is not needed at this stage.

In the previous years, procurement of Boro rice for government stock used to start in mid or late April.

But this year the food ministry has not yet announced a procurement policy while Boro harvest is already more than halfway through, and will be over by the first week of next month.

Some experts support the government strategy, but others oppose it saying small and marginal farmers, who are forced to sell their produce during peak season to repay their loans for Boro cultivation, will face losses or make marginal gains that

will discourage them to grow rice.

"Rice price is still high, though it started declining. Paddy price is not yet at a level that farmers will face losses. If we see farmers are really deprived of fair prices, we shall surely procure rice," said Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury.

Coarse rice prices in the capital's markets now range from Tk 30 to 34 a kg, that of medium quality rice from Tk 35 to 40 and of fine rice from Tk 41

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Farmers in Tulsighat of Gaibandha take their produce home following a bumper harvest of boro paddy.

PHOTO: RAFIQ SHARKER

LOSING HOME



This collared scops owllet, which has an injured wing, was rescued from the Dhaka University campus last week. Known as Konthi Nim Pencha in Bangla, this nocturnal bird has become rarer in the capital as it nests in holes of old trees. Shrinking greenery, especially logging of old trees in the capital, has caused severe habitation loss to this species.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

যে কোন লাইসেন্স, রেজিস্ট্রেশন, পারমিট প্রদান বা নবায়নকালে এবং পানি, বিদ্যুৎ, টেলিফোন সংযোগ প্রদানকালে প্রাপ্ত সমুদয় অর্থের উপর উৎসে মূল্য সংযোজন কর (মুসক) কর্তন/আদায় বিষয়ে সাধারণ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

"সবাই মিলে দেব কর, দেশ হবে স্বনির্ভর"

১। মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইন, ১৯৯১ এর ২০১০-১১ অর্থবছর হতে সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি, স্বায়ত্তশাসিত ও স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক নিম্নলিখিত কার্যক্রম সম্পাদনকালে ১৫% হারে উৎসে মূল্য সংযোজন কর আদায়/কর্তন প্রবর্তন করা হয়েছেঃ

(ক) যে কোন লাইসেন্স, রেজিস্ট্রেশন, পারমিট প্রদান বা নবায়নকালে প্রাপ্ত সমুদয় অর্থের ওপর; যেমন-রুট পারমিট, আমদানি/রপ্তানি পারমিট, ড্রাইভিং লাইসেন্স, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, সিএন্ডএফ লাইসেন্স, গাড়ি রেজিস্ট্রেশন ইত্যাদি।

(খ) প্রদত্ত লাইসেন্স, রেজিস্ট্রেশন, পারমিটে উল্লিখিত শর্তের আওতায় রাজস্ব বন্টন (revenue sharing), রয়্যালিটি, কমিশন, চার্জ, ফি বা অন্য কোনোভাবে প্রাপ্ত সমুদয় অর্থের ওপর বা প্রাপ্ত বা প্রাপ্য পণ্য এর ওপর।

(গ) পানি, বিদ্যুৎ, গ্যাস এবং টেলিফোন সংযোগ প্রদানকালে সংশ্লিষ্ট সংযোগ প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান উক্তরূপ সুবিধা গ্রহণকারী ব্যক্তির/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে প্রাপ্ত সমুদয় অর্থের ওপর।

২। উৎসে কর্তন/আদায়ে ব্যর্থ হলে যে দিন কর্তন/আদায় করার কথা ছিল, তার পরদিন হতে কর্তনযোগ্য পরিমাণের অনাদায়ী অর্থ ও তার উপর ২% হারে সুদ কর্তনকারীকে সরকারি ট্রেজারীতে জমা করতে হবে।

৩। কর্তন বা জমা প্রদানে ব্যর্থতার জন্য কর্তন বা জমা প্রদানের দায়িত্বে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তি এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ২৫ হাজার টাকা পর্যন্ত ব্যক্তিগত অর্থদণ্ডে দণ্ডিত হবেন।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you support BNP's mid-term elections demand?

Yes (41.3%)
No (57.3%)
No Comments (1.4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 627

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at the Prime Minister's adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique's statement that Limon who was shot and maimed by Rab and his father are members of a criminal gang?

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PRAYER TIMING May 22

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

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