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Rupashipara Upazila Parishad chairman Maching Marma said four or five youngsters sneaked into a farm house in the village at noon.

They grabbed a young woman, working in the farm house, and tried to violate her.

The chairman said the woman raised an alarming cry. Neighbours Aung and Hamu of the sparsely populated village rushed to the spot. The minor boy followed his father.

When the villagers were trying to free her from the grip of the goons, they overpowered themselves and brutally slaughtered the villagers with sharp knife. The brutes did not spare even the minor boy, he added.

In a melee, the woman managed to flee the scene.

On information, Lama-Ali Kadam Zonal Commander Lt Col Shaheed Mustafa, Lama upazila chairman Mohammad Ismail, Circle ASP Amjad Hossain and human rights activist Ruhul Amin rushed to the spot.

Police arrested Mohammad Musa for his suspected involvement in the murder.

Chairman Ismail said police are trying to unearth the truth. The arrested will be taken in front of the woman for identification.

The incident has created panic in the area.

Facebook

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body the Royal Institution, as saying.

"Why should someone be interested in what someone else has had for breakfast? It reminds me of a small child (saying): 'Look at me Mummy, I'm doing this', 'Look at me Mummy I'm doing that'."

"It's almost as if they're in some kind of identity crisis. In a sense it's keeping the brain in a sort of time warp," Greenfield added.

The academic suggested that some Facebook users feel the need to become "mini celebrities" who are watched and admired by others on a daily basis.

They do things that are "Facebook worthy" because the only way they can define themselves is by "people knowing about them".

"It's almost as if people are living in a world that's not a real world, but a world where what counts is what people think of you or (if they) can click on you," she added.

15 hours

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High humidity, scorching heat and water crisis made things worse for the local residents.

"There was not a single drop of usable water in my house to save a few bottles for drinking," said Nasima Khanam, a housewife from Kadamtala in Basabo.

As she could not prepare the lunch, she passed the entire day sharing the leftover breakfast with her daughter.

According to Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC), the power cut was enforced to install a new breaker at the Madartek sub-station.

However, the installation took five hours more than the expected time, DPDC officials said.

"The installation was supposed to be completed in eight hours, but it took longer than expected," said DPDC Deputy General Manager Akhtarur Rahman.

Rahman claimed they had announced the power cut earlier through loudspeakers in Basabo and Madartek neighborhoods.

However, locals of Basabo said they were not aware of any such announcement from the power distributors.

The DPDC officials said installation of the new breaker is meant to reduce power cuts in the area.

Reports of frequent power cuts also came throughout the day from areas adjacent to Mugdapara, Khilgaon and Goran.



PHOTO: PALAS KHAN

A fire brigade diver pulls out the body of a man who died in a motor boat capsizing in the Buriganga river in Keraniganj last night.

Two die in Buriganga boat capsizing

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could not be known immediately.

The Kamrangchiar-bound boat was coming from Mitford ghat around 8:15pm and the sand-laden cargo boats were heading for Sadarghat from Amin Bazar, police said.

Sandwiched by the cargo boats, the boat sank within moments, Monika Akhter, a passenger of the boat, told The Daily Star.

Though she managed to swim ashore, she could not save her husband's life as his legs got stuck in the boat's deck.

"I pulled my husband's hands for few seconds to pull him out of the capsized boat but finally had to release his hands," noted a weeping Monika.

Two divers' team started the rescue operation around 8:30pm at the spot, Deputy Assistant Director of Fire Service and Civil Defense

Dilip Kumar Ghosh said.

The teams managed to rescue the boat around midnight, but could not rescue anybody till 1:30am of today, he added.

Around 50 passengers were on board when it capsized and most of them managed to reach the bank swimming, mentioned Dilip.

Some boatmen rescued around 12 passengers alive, said Keraniganj police.

BSF told to hold fire

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excludes and adversely possessed land would be resolved before Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visits Dhaka on September 6-7.

The Indian home minister said headcounts at the 162 enclaves and exclaves have just been completed and the total population living in those is 51,000. Of them, 34,000 Indians and 17,000 Bangladeshis are living in Indian enclaves and exclaves. Many enclaves and exclaves are unpopulated.

Asked if the inhabitants would be given choice in taking citizenship, he said their fate will be decided by the two prime ministers when they meet in Dhaka.

Chidambaram said the issue of adversely possessed land has almost been resolved apart from one or two points that need to be worked out. He said the Joint Boundary Working Group is working on the undemarcated 6.5km of border.

Shahara told the media that Bangladesh has sought India's cooperation in the search for two fugitive Bangabandhu killers--Majed and Moslehuddin.

Chidambaram said they may be in India and the Indian government will "leave no stone unturned to apprehend the convicts". He, however, said India needs more information and intelligence from Bangladesh in this regard.

About the Indian

Phensidyl factories along the border, the Bangladesh home minister said those factories have been closed. Phensidyl, a cough syrup, is banned in Bangladesh for its widespread abuse.

At the meeting, the two sides agreed to cooperate in the field of security and expressed their resolve to jointly combat the menace of insurgency, militancy and terrorism.

The 17-member Bangladesh team included State Minister for Home Shamsul Huq Tuku, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Tariq A Karim, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikdar, Land Secretary Mokhlesur Rahman, Inspector General of Police Hasan Mahmood Khandaker, Border Guard Bangladesh Director General Major Gen Anwar Hussain.

The Indian delegation included Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Rajeev Mitter, BSF Director General Raman Srivastava, Joint Secretaries Kamal Kanti Mittal, Shambhu Singh, Indian Deputy High Commissioner Sanjay Bhattacharyya and Inspector General (G) BSF SK Mishra, and External Affairs Ministry Director Deepak Mittal.

Before leaving Dhaka last night, the Indian minister met Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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A top law ministry official, requesting anonymity, told The Daily Star that they will implement the HC order after receiving a copy of it.

The court took up the issue after the media brought the incident to light a couple of days ago. According to news reports, police tried to label Abdul Kadar as a robber while his teachers and fellow students claimed his innocence.

In a suo motu rule Thursday morning, the HC

Extortionists

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Hospital with bullet wounds in the left leg.

He said a group of four to five youths shot at him in front of their house at Khorshed Ali Lane of East Jurain while he was going to a local shop around 4:00pm.

He alleged the group had been demanding toll for last five days over the phone. They called him in his cell phone just 5-6 minutes before the shooting.

Victim's father Mohammad Ali said they were preparing to file a case in this connection.

Officer-in-Charge of Kadamtali Police Station Md Shafiqul Islam confirmed the incident saying that it took place following previous enmity for an unknown reason.

However, police could not arrest anybody in this connection till filing this report at 9:00pm.

Watergate scam

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its historical significance.

But it will not be unsealed until the government has had a chance to appeal.

The political scandal prompted Nixon to resign in 1974.

Nixon, who died 17 years ago, was the only US president to resign.

He left office amid the fallout after a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington.

Nixon testified for two days in California in June 1975, 10 months after his resignation.

Judge Lamberth ruled that the historical interest in the 297-page transcript far outweighed the need to keep the records secret.

Watergate's "significance in American history cannot be overstated," Judge Lamberth wrote.

"The disclosure of President Nixon's grand jury testimony would likely enhance the existing historical record, foster scholarly discussion and improve the public's understanding of a significant historical event," he said.

Kutler, a professor from the University of Wisconsin, has written several books about Nixon and Watergate and has previously successfully sued to force the release of audio recordings Nixon secretly made in the Oval Office.

"Nixon knew when you testified before a grand jury you exposed yourself to perjury, so I'm betting he told the truth," Kutlersaid.

"Now, what did he tell the truth about? I don't know."

Delhi pledges

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November 19, 2009, confirmed the death sentence of 12 self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu. Of them, five were executed on January 28 last year and one -- Abdul Aziz Pasha -- died in Zimbabwe in June, 2001.

Six others -- Khandaker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haque Dalim, SHMB Nur Chowdhury, AM Rashed Chowdhury, Moslehuddin and Abdul Mazed -- are still at large.

Bangladesh home ministry officials said Moslehuddin and Abdul Mazed are hiding in this region, and sometimes may take refuge in India. But they do not have any specific information about it.

Dhaka has provided Delhi profiles with photographs of the two fugitives, but Delhi has asked for more information to track them down.

"We have given their photographs taken 40 years ago, and we don't have any biometric data which include finger print, hand-print and voice recognition. We are trying to collect those," Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder told The Daily Star yesterday.

In reply to a question, he said the fugitives are changing their hideouts frequently to evade arrest.

Messy affair in Malaysia

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Talking to The Daily Star at Kota Raya known as Bangla Town in Kuala Lumpur, he said he had come to Malaysia to work as a plantation worker in Pahang district.

He did not get any pay for the first eight months and then was confined in a room for a month along with other workers, he said. Some of them somehow managed to collect their passports and found jobs elsewhere. However, every year they had to go to the agent for fresh work permit paying around Malaysian ringgit (RM) 2,000.

"We thought we would get our work permit. Now the agent says the immigration department is not going to renew it. We do not know what to do now. We are totally confused," he said.

Mantu Kumar Biswas, labour councillor of Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, said the workers who were recruited through outsourcing agents are facing such problems.

Those who have submitted their passports to the immigration department must have a receipt with them, proving that they are documented migrants, he added.

The problem, however, is many such workers do not have that document either, said Goutam Roy, editor of Malaysia-based Bangla weekly Probashi Kantho that extensively covers migrant issues.

There is a strong presence of brokers in Malaysia, he said. If any broker takes

money and passports from workers but does not go to the immigration department, there is no question of those workers getting work permit.

In such cases, if these workers are not registered as irregular workers, they will be in deep water, Roy observed.

**WORK PERMIT OKAY, EMPLOYERS NOT**  
There are a large number of workers who have work permit but are unable to proceed with the process, as they don't find any employers.

Plantation worker Khalilur Rahman is one such example. Since his arrival in Malaysia in 2008, his outsourcing company Meghnaton provides him neither job nor work permit. Meghnaton rather asked him along with others to find out jobs on their own.

"I was looking for a job. Sometimes I got a job with normal or low pay, while sometimes I was unpaid," he said. However, every year he gets his work permit renewed through brokers.

The last time he renewed his work permit through a broker was in June by paying RM 1,500 [1RM= Tk 25]. But now the Malaysian government has set a rule that regular workers must bring their employers with them to get registered.

This has become a problem for the regular workers like Khalilur, as his original employer Meghnaton now refuses to get him registered and many others like him.

"I am a regular worker but cannot be registered as regular. Should I now burn

my passport and get registered as irregular?" he asked. He added it is not possible for him to spend another RM 2,000 to get another work permit after being registered as irregular.

Harun Al Rashid, coordinator of regional migrants' rights body Caram Asia, said Meghnaton is a blacklisted outsourcing company in Malaysia and that could be the reason why it is not helping the migrants like Khalilur.

There are a number of blacklisted outsourcing companies, whose workers might be in trouble to get themselves registered, he noted.

Goutam Roy said around one lakh Bangladeshis would face such problems.

Asked about the issue, labour counsellor Mantu Kumar Biswas said this is really a problem and they are trying hard to solve it.

Speaking anonymously, a broker said the only option for the migrants with work permit and without employer is they should get registered as irregular workers.

**EMPLOYERS UNAVAILABLE**  
Many undocumented migrants told The Daily Star they have found it too difficult to get employers who would agree to own them and get them registered as their workers though they have worked under them.

Mantu Kumar Biswas said the workers must get registered even if they don't find any employers. In that case, the Malaysian government will find employers for them once registration is over.

Dengue catches DCC napping

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the environment clean and destroying mosquito breeding grounds, has done nothing significant yet in this regard. As always, the reasons remain the same lack of proper monitoring and inadequate manpower.

About 20 per cent of the equipment used by the DCC remains out of order all year round and this immensely hampers its anti-mosquito drives, said officials of the city corporation.

On Thursday, the DCC faced the music of its advisory committee on waste management and mosquito for its inadequate drives.

Contacted, Brig Gen Nasir Uddin, DCC's chief health officer, said that DCC has only 660 people to carryout drives whereas it needs at least 7,000 employees for the huge task. However, as per routine, the DCC has been spraying pesticide in different localities of the city.

"In the mean time, families and communities should come forward to eliminate mosquito habitats. Every one should be alert so that water does not accumulate in flower vases, tubes, tyres, coconut shells etc. inside or outside the

house," he said.

A total of 119 dengue patients were admitted to Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital from June 14 to July 28. Most of them came from the city's Mogh bazar, Mohamadpur, Dhanmondi, Rampura, Jatrabari, Khilgaon and Bashab areas.

Senior medical officer of the hospital Tayeba Zohora said patients are coming with either Dengue Classical (in which case people suffer from high fever, headache, spinal ache or retro orbital pain) or Dengue Haemorrhagic (in which case people experience gum bleeding, rashes etc). However, this year they have not yet got any case of shock syndrome in which a patient's blood pressure drastically falls and takes a severe turn.

The severity of dengue has reduced significantly over the last decade as management and diagnosis systems have improved. In 2000, a dengue outbreak killed 93 people. But in the last four years, death in dengue fever has been contained to a great extent, showed a DGHS record.

A total of 5,541 cases of dengue infection were recorded in 2000, which

reduced to 474 in 2009 and 409 in 2010.

At the moment, DCC is only providing 9 per cent of the manpower required for the drives.

"Unless it hires additional manpower and provides them with the necessary equipment, we may be on the verge of another dengue outbreak like the one we faced in the year 2000," said Sadeque Rahman Saeed, a resident of Lalmatia who saw no DCC men fogging in his area.

Four children killed in Indonesia landslide

AFP, Jakarta

Four children were killed and two more injured in a landslide in a village in Indonesia's South Sumatra province, an official said yesterday.

"The children were playing under a steep slope when the landslide occurred on Friday," disaster management agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said.

Nugroho said that one of the children who died was seven years old, while the other three were ten years old.

"The landslide was triggered by heavy rainfall," he said.

Saarc Summit

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paid courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, when he apprised her of the preparations taken for the 17th summit of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc).

The Maldives was exploring the possibility of operating cargo ships between Chittagong and a city in southern Maldives, Zaki informed the foreign minister, an initiative which she lauded.

She urged Zaki that the Maldives should consider importing items from Bangladesh such as, toiletries, home textiles, vegetables and pharmaceutical products.

She also talked about the possibility of a promising synergy of the two countries in the rich sector of tourism.

The president of the Maldives may be visiting Bangladesh sometime next year, Zaki informed the foreign minister.

Bogra strike

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night. It was called after a transport worker from Bogra was assaulted by workers of Sirajganj over using bypasses.

The withdrawal decision came at a meeting between transports owners and workers, and Bogra and Sirajganj district administration.

Announcing the strike on Friday night, Bogra motor owners and workers demanded that Bangladesh Road Transport Authority make the Sirajganj-based transport owners and workers comply with the BRTA decisions regarding the use of bypasses in Bogra.

Recently, BRTA issued instructions that long-distance buses have to use the second bypass and short-distance buses the first bypass.

On Friday, when some Sirajganj-bound buses tried to take the first bypass in violation of the BRTA order, Bogra district transport workers stopped those.

In retaliation, a section of Sirajganj bus workers assaulted Belal, a driver of Shah Fateh Ali Paribahan of Bogra, in Sirajganj on the day.

Transport workers said long-distance buses often choose the first bypass to take passengers of short distance.

Meanwhile, Bogra motor owners and workers demanded immediate punishment to the attackers of Belal.

Yesterday's strike began at 6:00am.

Unaware of the strike, Hanif, 35, started his journey from Dhaka. He said he has been waiting at Bogra Bus Terminal since the morning for a Joypruhar bus.

Shahela and her seven-year-old son went to the bus terminal from Sariakandi upazila of Bogra by a pick-up van before the strike began.

At the bus terminal, she was waiting for a Dinajpur-bound bus. She said she was stuck there as she could not even return to Sariakandi because of the strike.

Make it public

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India," he said while addressing a discussion on 'Human Rights Convention' at the National Press Club.

Labour Party arranged the discussion with its acting chairman Mustafizur Rahman in the chair.

Citing the present government's failures, Fakhrul mentioned continued killing of innocent Bangladeshis by the Indian Border Security Force at the border, maritime boundary, Tipaimukh Dam, huge trade deficit, and the sharing of the waters of the Ganges and the Teesta with India.

He said Bangladesh has continued giving India whatever it wanted but in return getting nothing.

"We want good relation with India too. But it will have to be done on the basis of equity, protecting the interest of our people," the BNP leader said.

He alleged that the unresolved issues with India could not be solved due to the government's weak kneed foreign policy.

Fakhrul said that extrajudicial killing and torture under police custody have increased tenfold in the recent days. "The government will be forced to quit through mass movement to free the nation from their torture and repression," he said.

Govt moves

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office and the Anti-Corruption Commission to discuss the proposed law.

Officials say the draft will be sent to the ministries concerned for their opinion.

According to the draft, there will be a central authority for sending and receiving assistance requests for taking legal action against criminals concerned. The office of the attorney general will serve as the central authority but it can vest the authority in any government official or any law officer.

Bangladesh will also be able to authorise officials of a foreign country to search for and seize evidence provided the foreign country meets some conditions. According to the draft, even electronic data can be searched, stored and used as evidence in court.

However, Bangladesh can reject such request if it thinks it will threaten its sovereignty, security, internal order or go against public interest.

The government has recently amended anti-money laundering law and terror-financing act.