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Jessore admin goes digital

Sets up e-centre to provide quick service to people

RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

The deputy commissioner's office in Jessore has done something most government offices have been struggling to do -- introduction of a digital system to provide quick service to people.

Now people in Jessore don't need to look for a designated official to get a service and spend time in the DC office to get the job done. All they have to do is ask for the desired service at the slick e-centre on the office's ground floor.

Once an application is submitted, it is forwarded to the official concerned through a computer network.

"The applications are filed in paper. Then they are scanned into the computer and forwarded to the designated official," said Md Mustafizur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Jessore.

He said not just applications, all official documents are now scanned and converted into computer files.

A copy of every computer file is sent to the inbox of the designated official. All unresolved files are marked as "unopened mails".

"It is like checking your email. And you can do it anywhere, anytime," said Mustafizur.

A simple and attractive interface, with a convenient list of commands allows the officials to take necessary course of action.

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A man walks into the one-stop e-service centre in Jessore town and hands over a letter that needs to be sent to a department. The letter is then scanned and sent via computer network without the person having to find the office and figure out to whom the letter should be delivered. The programme has been designed for a hassle-free service to people.

PHOTO: STAR

Imam hurt as 2 groups trade fire over land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An imam was injured during a clash between armed men of two housing companies at Khilkhet in the capital yesterday, police and local said.

Hafiz Maulana Mohammad Junayed, imam of a mosque at Khilkhet, was hit by several stray bullets when he was taking his morning walk around 6:00am. He took primary treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The "gunfight" started after around 50 armed men of Pink City Housing went to break a wall of Bashundhara Residential Area, said Shamim Hossain, officer-in-charge of Khilkhet Police Station.

Police detained Sajju, a suspected cadre of Pink City, from the spot.

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WikiLeaks

AFTER 2009 BDR MUTINY

Hasina wanted better civil-military ties

STAR REPORT

In the wake of 2009 BDR mutiny, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asked for assistance from the US government to make sure "the [Bangladesh] military is really very careful" and accepting of the civilian authority, said a leaked diplomatic dispatch.

The premier made the request in a one-on-one "off-the-record" conversation on November 5, 2009 with the then US ambassador James F Moriarty, according to the cable sent to Washington four days later.

"The Ambassador commented that he still had concerns about civilian-military relations in Bangladesh and viewed the BDR Mutiny as a symptom of historically poor civilian-military relations," said the cable

posted on the whistleblower website WikiLeaks. PM Hasina had emphasised establishing a new structure to expedite progress in civil-military relationship, another cable sent to Washington on May 28 quoted PM's Adviser Gowher Rizvi as saying.

At a meeting with the then US State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain was without a scratch after a locomotive rammmed his sports utility vehicle at a level crossing in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat last night.

However, minister's assistant private secretary Shyamol, assistant sub-inspector Monir, local Awami League leader

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Minister's car collides with locomotive

Motahar unhurt, his aides injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain was without a scratch after a locomotive rammmed his sports utility vehicle at a level crossing in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat last night.

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Disaster management law on the cards

Aims to ensure effective mitigation of calamities

PORIMOL PALMA

The government is going to formulate a disaster management act with a provision to hold accountable the authorities responsible for reducing disaster risks and protecting lives and livelihoods of people.

Anyone found negligent in their duties in disaster management or involved in activities that contribute to disasters like waterlogging and flooding, will face punishments under the disaster management act.

The draft law will be placed before the cabinet for approval shortly, said Abdul Wadud, joint secretary of the food and

disaster management ministry.

"After cyclone Aila, the Water Development Board failed to repair the embankments damaged in the coastal areas for a long time," said Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque. "By implementing the act, we wish to hold the authorities concerned accountable," he told The Daily Star.

The draft was initiated about 13 years ago, but was not enacted due to the indifference of successive governments and complexities within the bureaucracy.

Officials of the disaster management ministry said, some quarters dug holes

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Major progress in human cell research

Cloning used to make stem cells

BBC ONLINE

A form of cloning has been used to create personalised embryonic stem cells in humans, say researchers.

Genetic material was taken from an adult skin cell and transferred into a human egg. This was grown to produce an early embryo.

The lead researcher at the New York Stem Cell Foundation Laboratory, Dr Dieter Egli told the BBC: "The cells we have made are not yet for therapeutic use. There is clearly more work to be done, this is early days."

"We see this as a step on that road, so now we do know that a human egg can turn an adult specialised cell, such as a skin cell, into a stem cell."

Writing in the journal Nature, Dr Egli said his group had also failed using traditional

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PRAYER TIMING		October 7
Fajr	4:45	5:20
Juma	12:30	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	5:53	5:56
Esha	7:30	8:00

Source: Islamic Foundation



A mobile court confiscates around 1.2 tonnes of hilsa at a wholesale market on Port Road, Barisal, yesterday. An 11-day ban on fishing and marketing of hilsa came into effect yesterday to protect the national fish.

PHOTO: STAR

Hilsa catching on despite ban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The administration and law enforcement agencies started drives against fishing in water bodies of costal area from yesterday to execute an 11-day fishing ban by the government for safe spawning of Hilsa and to boost Hilsa resources in Bangladesh.

A mobile court led by Raza Mia, Barisal Sadar upazila nirbahi officer, also seized 1.2 metric tonne of Hilsa after raiding different kitchen markets and fish-trading points in the city yesterday.

Moreover, Coast Guard Barisal contingent with its 250 members started round the clock patrolling on rivers and coast to execute the ban in Barisal region.

The ban has been enforced from October 6-16, five days before and after the Baro Purnima, at four points of the coastal area, said Azizul Huq, Barisal sadar upazila fishery officer.

"The ban has been slapped on netting, marketing, sales and transportation of Hilsa across the country," said

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Syria threatens missile attack on Israel

UN says 2,900 killed in regime crackdown

AGENCIES

Syrian President Bashar Assad has threatened to "set Middle East on fire", firing hundreds of rockets on Israel, if Nato decides to attack his country, Iranian Fars News Agency reported.

Assad conveyed this message to Turkish Foreign Minister, Ahmet

Davutoglu, who met the Syrian President to relay a US warning, Ynetnews quoted the Iranian news agency as saying.

"If a crazy measure is taken against Damascus, I will need not more than six hours to transfer hundreds of rockets and missiles to the Golan Heights to fire them at Tel

Aviv," the Syrian leader, who is facing a wave of protests against his regime for months, reportedly said.

Assad reportedly stressed that Syria will also call on Shia militant faction Hizbullah in Lebanon to launch a fierce rocket and missile attack on Israel, "one that Israeli

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Notice For Dispelling Of Confusion

It is hereby notified that, **Crossline Factory (Pvt.) Ltd.** has declared a holiday from 6th to 20th October 2011. It is clearly mentioned here that the company did not shut down or there is at all no plan to shut down the company. The holidays were declared for the shortage of orders from buyers. But for dispelling of confusion of workers and staffs the factory will reopen right from 7th October 2011.

It is also pointed out that, a prior notice was served on 12th Sept. 2011 to shift the factory from Mohakhali (rented premises) to its own premises at Vadam, Tongi, Gazipur. In the meantime a major portion of workers & staffs already joined in the new premises at Vadam, Tongi, Gazipur. The dues will be settled in due course of time abiding by the rules & regulations of the law of those who are not interested to join at Vadam in its own premises.

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