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Rab's new wing to probe its HR violation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid widespread criticism of extra-judicial killings, Rapid Action Battalion has formed a new wing to investigate allegations of human rights violations brought

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Narsingdi by-poll today

STAR REPORT

People of Narsingdi municipality will vote today to elect their new mayor.

The post became vacant after the municipality's mayor Lokman Hossain had been gunned down inside the district

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Real-estate developers put up signboards on government land in Kauarchar of Kuakata beach in Patuakhali in an attempt to occupy the land and sell it off to oblivious buyers.

PHOTO: STAR

KUAKATA BEACH HC bans pvt structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Declaring the construction of private structures on sea beaches and shores illegal, the High Court yesterday directed the government to draw up a master plan to turn Kuakata sea beach into an ideal tourist destination.

In its verdict on a writ petition, the court ordered the government to immediately remove all the structures built by any individual or company within the demarcated area of Kuakata beach in Patuakhali.

The court delivered the verdict after hearing the petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).

It also asked the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to protect and preserve the beach and to remain alert so that no private citizen or organisation can destroy its environment by building structures.

The republic owns all the sea beaches and shores, and as per the constitution, it is an obligation of the government to protect and preserve those, the court observed.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim directed the Patuakhali district administration to make

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP's rejection of the president's proposal of forming a search committee to form the next Election Commission is justified?

Yes (57.5%)
No (41.3%)
No Comments (1.2%)

TOTAL VOTES: 680

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad that people don't want to see the rule of the two parties anymore?

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-36	5-40
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Cop killed in gunfight with criminals

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A police officer was killed and six others were injured during a gunfight between law enforcers and criminals in Moheshkhali upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Paresh Kumar Karbari Tripura, 50, a sub-inspector of Moheshkhali Police Station, while the injured are a police constable and five locals.

A team of police led by Paresh went to Kaliachhara village around 8:00am following information that criminal Jonab Ali and his 31 associates were hiding in a hilly region of the village to avoid arrest, police said.

Earlier, a murder case was filed against Jonab and his accomplices on charge of killing Kala Banu, a housewife of the village. Kala Banu died being hit by a bullet during a shootout between Jonab's gang and his rivals on December 27 last year.

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Birthday of Zia today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 76th birth anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Ziaur Rahman was born on this day in 1936 at Bagbari village under Gabtoli upazila in Bogra.

The main opposition BNP has chalked out 15-day programme including

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ACCUSED IN 10 GRAFT CASES Ex-DMCH director lands in jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Brig Gen (ret'd) Bazle Qader to jail upon his surrender in 10 graft cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The ex-director and six DMCH staff with the help of a Public Works Department official and 10 drug store owners allegedly had misappropriated

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over Tk 6.68 crore through drug purchase.

The accused along with his lawyer Abu Taleb Sikder yesterday appeared before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Shamima Parvin and sought bail in the cases.

During the hearing on bail petitions, the lawyer argued that on December 7 last year his client surrendered to the High Court and sought anticipatory bail in the cases. The HC granted him bail for a period of six weeks and asked him to

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