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ICE crime

As a heatwave sweeps across the country over the past couple of weeks, demand for cold drinks and ice creams keeps soaring. Taking the advantage, some unscrupulous traders in Chittagong manufacture ice creams using hazardous chemicals in unhygienic conditions. Their unbranded products always sell well across the city, especially at bus terminals and slum areas. The factories run mostly in summer. The photos were shot at Bakolia in Chittagong on Sunday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



4 opposition MPs released on bail

Jamaat MP, 12 BNP leaders of Ctg get bail

STAR REPORT

Four of the five 18-party alliance lawmakers, who are the accused in an arson case, were released from jail last evening following a High Court bail.

Of them, BNP standing committee member MK Anwar and Joint Secretary General Mahbub Uddin Khokon walked out of Dhaka Central Jail around 6:30pm while Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President Oli Ahmed and Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) President Andalib

Rahman Partha from Kashimpur-2 Jail around 7:30pm.

The HC on Sunday granted the four and BNP's Student Affairs Secretary Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anne six-week advance interim bail so that they could attend the ongoing budget session of the parliament.

But Anne was not released as he was accused in another case filed with Dhanmondi Police Station on June 8 last year, said Forman Ali, senior superintendent of Kashimpur-2 Jail.

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PADMA BRIDGE PROJECT Malaysia submits concept proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government intends to sign the final agreement with Malaysia within a couple of months on the proposed Padma bridge project, said the communications minister yesterday after his meeting with a visiting delegation.

A 26-member delegation, led by Malaysian Prime Minister's Special Envoy Dato Seri S Samy Vellu, placed a concept proposal on the project to Communications Minister Obaidul Quader at the Bridges Division in the capital.

Repeatedly pressed by journalists for some specific aspects of the proposal, Quader said, "I do not want to disclose specifics of primary proposal right now, we will disclose those after final deal."

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Wasfia comes down safely to base camp

Other Everest conqueror Nishat reaches Kathmandu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was early in the morning, and the air was calm on the top of the world. Her clock struck 6:26am as Wasfia Nazreen topped the Everest braving hostile weather.

The sun was rising from the left and the sunlight was reflecting on the snow-covered tops of all the mountains around the Everest when she reached the peak after being rock-hit thrice on her shoulder



Nishat



Wasfia

on the way, Wasfia said.

"I just imagined how small the human beings are compared to all these," Wasfia, the second Bangladeshi woman to climb the Everest, told The Daily Star over the

phone after reaching the base camp yesterday morning.

She might start for Lukla airport today and reach Dhaka in the first week of next

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'CHT may go beyond control'

Santu for visible progress in CHT deal implementation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The situation in Chittagong Hill Tracts might go beyond control within the next five to six months if the government did not show "visible" progress in implementing the CHT peace accord, Santu Larma said yesterday.

The hills people do not want to hear promises anymore, they want deeds, he said.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma, was speaking at a press briefing after a meeting of the CHT peace accord implementation committee at the office of the deputy chief leader of parliament, Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, who is also the chairman of the implementation committee.

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PRAYER TIMING			May 29
Azhan	Jamaat		
Fajr	4-05	4-40	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-43	6-47	
Esha	8-05	8-35	
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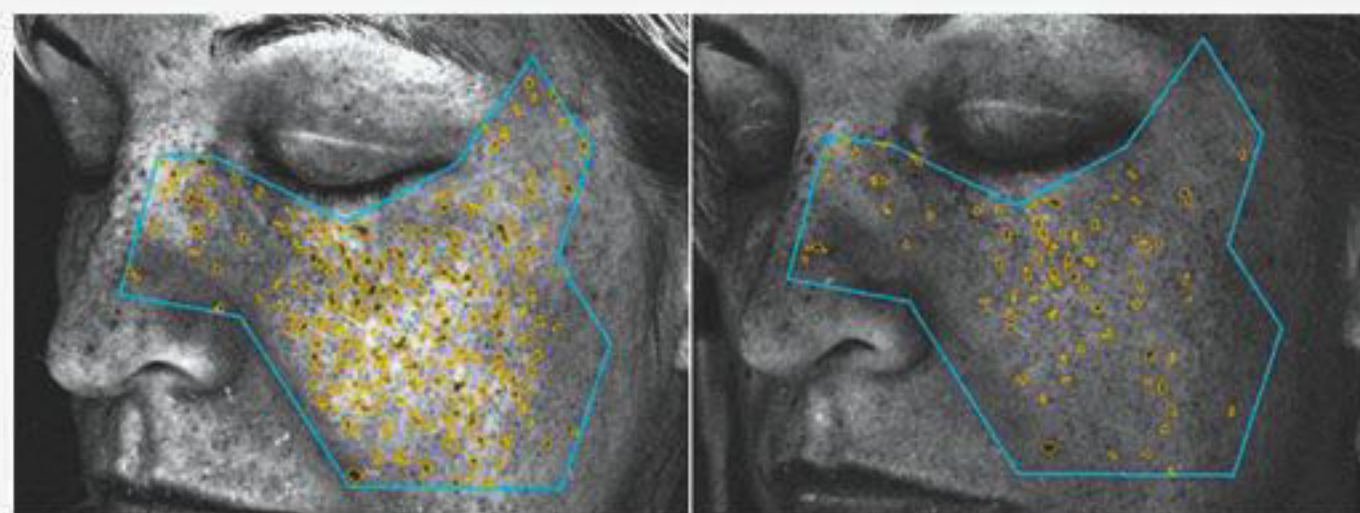
Space drink

Reverses signs of ageing

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A fruit drink developed by Nasa to protect astronauts from radiation can rejuvenate the skin.

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The effect of AS10 on pigmentation: before on the left and after on the right.



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Libya sends back 200 workers

Says visas fake; manpower office rejects it

PORIMOL PALMA

The Libyan authorities have deported around 200 Bangladeshi job seekers in the last few days, saying their work visas were fake, but the manpower bureau in Dhaka has rejected the allegation.

The deportation starting from May 22 to 26 prompted the authorities in Dhaka not to allow the job seekers to go to Libya for now.

"There could be over 190 job seekers deported. But I don't see any reason

behind it (deportation) because their visas were issued by the Libyan embassy in Dhaka. We have even re-checked those," said Begum Shamsunnahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET).

Contacted on Sunday, she said, "When recruiting agencies submitted their passports with visas seeking emigration clearance from us, we sent a list of those visas to the Libyan embassy for

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PM flies to Qatar today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave for Doha today for a two-day official visit to Qatar to attend the three-day 9th US-Islamic World forum.

The forum, convened by the Brookings Project on US Relations with the Islamic World, in partnership with the State of Qatar, will take place in Doha from May 29 to 31.

The theme for this year's forum is, "New

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Suranjit sees 'third force' behind many incidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"An invisible power or a third force" might be involved in all the recent sensational incidents, hinted minister without portfolio Suranjit Sengupta yesterday.

"The murder of journalist couple Sagar-Runi and Saudi embassy official and the disappearance of Ilias Ali have been

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Fair polls impossible under partisan govt

Observe speakers at roundtable; press 2 top parties for talks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil society members and political analysts fear a political debacle unless the two major parties settle the issue of caretaker government through dialogues on an urgent basis.

A fair and acceptable election is not possible under the partisan government and interim arrangements should be in

place to hold the next national polls, observed most of the speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

The roundtable titled "What is the way to overcome the ongoing political crisis?" organised by Sushashoner Janney Nagorik (Sujan) was held at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

These observations came at a time

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Unipay2u director held for swindling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a director of Unipay2u Bangladesh, a controversial multi-level marketing (MLM) company, from Uttara in the capital on charges of swindling people.

Maj (ret'd) Khondoker Mukit Al Mahmud, a director of the MLM company, was arrested at about 1:00 am after some aggrieved investors of Unipay2u caught him in front of his Uttara residence, said Shihab Uddin, sub-inspector at Mohammadpur Police Station.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court placed Mukit on a nine-day remand after police produced him before the court and sought 22-day remand for him in connection with three cases filed for fraud and swindling people.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP's decision not to join the budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad is justified?

☒ Yes (65.6%)

☐ No (32.5%)

☐ No Comments (1.8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 544

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the Election Commission will be able to hold the next general election in a neutral manner even if there is no caretaker government?

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