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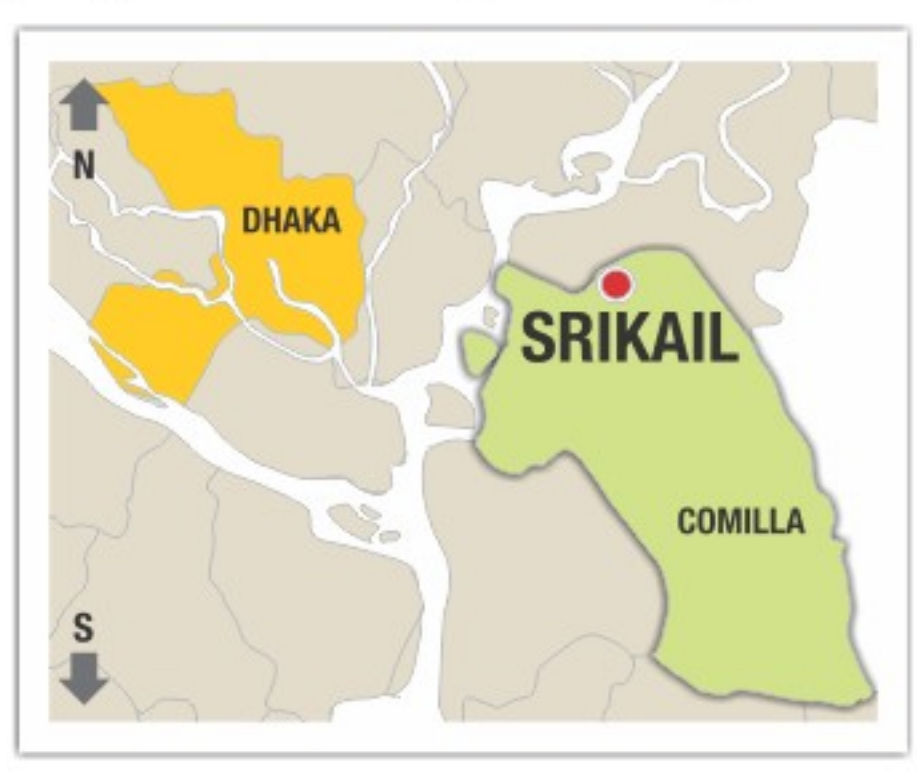
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Gas found in Comilla

Reserve seems medium in size; Bapex plans to supply gas from early next year

SHARIER KHAN

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company (Bapex) hit a natural gas reservoir at Srikail in Comilla yesterday, seven years after a failed attempt in the area.



Bapex Managing Director Mortuza Ahmad Faruque believes the reservoir might be medium in size but bigger than the Sangu and Semutang gas fields.

He said they had found a gas flow at the rate of 15 to 16 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) with a pressure of 1,900 pounds per square inch (psi) during a test run in an exploratory well in Srikail in the morning.

The Bapex chief expects the gas pressure would reach up to 2,700 psi
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The Sundarban Express derailed near Gazipur Railway Station yesterday disrupting railway communication between Dhaka and the west and Mymensingh for almost six hours.

PHOTO: STAR

Train derails in Gazipur

One killed, 20 injured
A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The Sundarban Express heading for Khulna yesterday morning derailed at Dhirasram of Gazipur district leaving one person dead and injuring 20 others.

Railway authorities, witnesses and police said the train locomotive along with two carriages derailed as it reached the outer signal area of Gazipur Railway Station around 9:30am. The locomotive rolled onto its side and the following carriage climbed on to it.

Gazipur police, railway police and Gazipur fire fighters rushed to the spot and rescued the victims.

Ruhul Amin Helal, 28, son of Abdur Gafur of Charbhanga in Bhanga upazila of Pabna, died when he fell from the train and was crushed under it. At least 20 others including the train driver and his assistant were injured.
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PHOTO: STAR

Relatives holding Rabiul's photo mourn at his Ladua home in Faridganj of Chandpur yesterday. He was killed by robbers in Cape Town, South Africa.

Robbers kill Bangladeshi in Cape Town

STAR REPORT

One Bangladeshi youth was killed and another injured in South Africa's Cape Town as robbers stormed their shop and opened fire early on Thursday.

Four armed men entered the shop and opened fire on the owner, Lieutenant Andrea Cloete was quoted by a South African online news site ioL (Independent Online).

The gunmen took an undisclosed amount of money and airtime and fled, added Cloete.

Dead Rabiul and injured Mizan are from Ladua village under Faridganj
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Buet slips into session jam

Protesters 'not to negotiate', VC 'not to quit'

WASIM BIN HABIB and PALASH RAHMAN

The deadlock between the anti-VC agitators and the administration might plunge Buet into a severe session jam causing irreparable loss to the academic lives of around 10,000 students.

Already lagging behind by three to six months mainly due to unscheduled closures, students say another six months to one year of their academic calendar will be

wasted if the situation remains unchanged.

Yesterday, teachers, students and staff continued their sit-in in front of the Buet administrative building for the third consecutive day to press home their 16-point demand including removal of the VC and his deputy.

The Buet Teachers Association, which spearheads the demonstrations, has once again ruled out discussion with the
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Driver of Mockbul's son found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police early yesterday recovered the body of a driver from a car owned by a former lawmaker's Uttara.

The dead Md Hanif Sikdar, 37, of Patuakhali Sadar upazila was the driver of Mojibul Islam Panna, director of Sandhani Life Insurance Company Ltd. Mojibul is son of former Awami League legislator Mockbul
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