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VILLAGERS SET EXAMPLE

Just 20km away from Rajshahi city lies the village of Jhikrapara which has been a safe haven for some species of birds since the 80's. Egrets, *left*, weaver birds, *top centre*, cormorants, *sitting on the tree bottom right*, night heron, *top right*, and pond herons, *right middle*, flock to the village largely to breed. They usually arrive around April and stay until August-September. The villagers there are very aware of wildlife protection. Even though bird droppings almost ruin their homes and other establishments, they do not let anyone interfere with the wildlife. With the megaphones of the village mosque, they even warn tourists and bird watchers not to disturb the birds.



PHOTO: ANWAR ALI



MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION Minister hopeful of ending crisis

Plans to sit with students today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid protests against the new rules for admission at medical and dental colleges, Health Minister AFM Ruhul Haque will sit with the representatives of agitating students today at his secretariat office.

The students will meet the minister at 9:30am and the minister will brief the media about the meeting at 10:00am, Parikshit Chowdhury, public relations officer in the health ministry, told The Daily Star last night.

Earlier in the day at a Meet the Press programme, Ruhul said the government could not make a decision to resolve the issue as a case in this connection is sub-judice.

"The new admission procedure might be cancelled if they [protesters] discuss the issue [withdrawing the writ petition]," he told the programme hosted by Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) at its auditorium.

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Meghna bridges under repair

Dhaka-Ctg highway off-limits to vehicles for 7-hour every day till Sept 7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Vehicular movement on Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges on Dhaka-Chittagong highway will remain suspended for seven hours from 11:00pm every day till September 7 due to repair work that began last night.

The government has arranged an alternative route to divert around 30,000 vehicles plying the highway each day. The detour for the Dhaka-Chittagong traffic is Dhaka-Bhairab-Brahmanbaria-Moinamati-Chittagong.

This means people will have to travel an extra 90km.

Vehicles coming from Dhaka would be stopped at Kanchpur bridge from 11:00pm and diverted to Narsingdi while those from Chittagong would be stopped at Moinamati at 10:30pm and diverted toward Brahmanbaria to facilitate the repair.

Both the bridges are under threat due to damages to the hinge bearings, expansion joints and river-bed scouring.

The temporary repair work has begun three months after the government had assigned Bangladesh Army to do the job.

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DR NITAI KILLING His driver 'linked to robbery'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The driver of Narayan Chandra Dutta Nitai was among those who had planned the robbery at the doctor's Mohakhali residence in the capital on August 23, which led to Nitai's murder, the prime suspect arrested yesterday said.

Detective Branch of police arrested Masum Mintu, 24, at a house at Badam Bagicha in Sylhet.

Mintu was then produced at a press briefing at the media and community service centre where he admitted to stabbing Nitai, assistant professor of National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital, in the chest.

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Woman found dead at house

Husband's extra-marital affair seen as reason; youth's body recovered from pond

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was found dead at her Uttarkhan residence and the body of a youth was recovered at Madhya Badda, both in the capital in two separate incidents yesterday.

One of the victims is Khadiza Begum, 24, wife of garment worker Moyezuddin.

Khadiza's younger brother Akkas Molla, 15, went to see her at her house at 9:00pm Friday night, said his elder brother Joynal Molla.

Akkas knocked at the door repeatedly but no one opened it. At one stage, he managed to peep inside through a window and there he saw his sister, lying motionless on a bed, added Joynal.

Police were called and the door was broken open at 12:30am only to find she was dead.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy. According to the morgue sources, Khadiza had apparently been strangled, said Mohammad Yunus Ali, officer-in-charge of Uttarkhan

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2 workers die falling from 6th floor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two construction workers died yesterday after falling from the sixth floor of a seven-storey under-construction building in the city's Mirpur.

The dead are Fakhrul Islam, 27, and Mohammad Momin, 22. Both were from Sathia upazila of Pabna.

They were working on a scaffold attached to the sixth floor at Nasimbagh in Mirpur Section-2.

Suddenly, the platform

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PRAYER TIMING		September 2
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4:35	5:10
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:30	4:45
Maghrib	6:20	6:25
Esha	7:45	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation



Two teachers chat away in front of an empty SM Laboratory in Buet yesterday wearing sashes that say "Save Buet, remove VC". Students, teachers, and staff of university demand the resignation of the vice-chancellor and the pro-VC.

Resign by morning today

Agitators set deadline for Buet VC, deputy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) yesterday gave the VC and his deputy until 10:00am today to resign.

"We hope they [VC and Pro-VC] will resign within this time. If not, we will announce tougher programmes tomorrow [Sunday]," said Mahmudur Rahman Palash, a front-liner of the movement and student of civil engineering.

He said the students would gather on the campus at 10:00am and continue their agitation, which included human chain and burning of the effigies of the duo.

Palash was addressing a student meeting in front

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Notice

In pursuance of the decision of the 10th meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh (KIB) and as per constitution (Article-24(g) of Chapter-III, & Article-33(a) of Chapter-IV) the Council Session and Annual General Meeting will be held on 22 September 2012, Saturday at Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council's Auditorium at 10am and 3pm consequently.

All honorable councilors and members are kindly requested to attend the Council Session & Annual General Meeting accordingly in time.

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