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BEYOND wits

These people, all grown-ups and supposedly responsible citizens, cross Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital through a barbed-wire fence on the road divider. Just yards away, there are an underpass on one side and a footbridge on the other (not seen in the photo). But they still prefer, in what seems like a sense of fatalism, to take the risk of being crushed to death under the wheels of speeding vehicles. And, of course, they can get badly hurt if they get caught in the tangle of the sharp barbed wires. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



POLITICAL TURMOIL IN NEPAL, MALDIVES

Saarc summit uncertain

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The 18th Saarc summit scheduled for Kathmandu in May next year has become uncertain due to political turmoil in Nepal and the Maldives.

Nepal is yet to propose a date for the 18th summit of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) while it is to be the chair of Saarc after the

Maldives that hosted the 17th summit in November last year.

During the summit in Maldives, Nepal had unofficially proposed hosting the 18th summit before May 2013. But the Himalayan nation could not advance for it, mainly because of its internal political crisis.

Diplomatic sources said Nepal's

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JESSORE JOURNALIST

Cop closed for murder link

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Assistant Sub-Inspector Masudur Rahman, in-charge of Gorpara police outpost under Sharsha Police Station, was closed to Jessore police lines yesterday after the Rapid Action Battalion found his involvement in the killing of a journalist.

Jamal Uddin, 35, Kashipur correspondent of the Jessore-based daily Gramer Kagoj, was brutally murdered on the night of June 15 by a gang engaged in smuggling

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SOLUTION TO JAM

Rail holds the key

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Multi-lane commuter train service around the capital and metro are vital to resolving the perennial traffic chaos in the city, the director general of Bangladesh Railway said yesterday.

Plans for an efficient rail network have been taken up to bring about a

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SUNDARBANS 'ROBBERS'

2 killed in Rab 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Two alleged gang members of notorious Mortuza Bahini were killed in a "shootout" with the members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at Sharankhola range of the East Sundarbans in Bagerhat yesterday.

Rab-8 Deputy Commander Maj Sabbir Rahman Osmani said they led a drive in Narikel Baria area in the morning on information that the gang members of Mortuza Bahini were sticking around that place.

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It is the last thing the residents of Chongqing, a southwestern city in China, would have expected to see. The river Yangtze turned a bright shade of orange-red yesterday. The waterway where the Yangtze met the river Jialin provided a fascinating contrast as the red started to filter into the other river. Although the cause is yet to be determined, this is not the first time a river has turned red in China. Last December, the river Jian in the city of Luoyang turned red after becoming polluted by a powerful dye.

PHOTO: DAILYMAL ONLINE

HAQUE PAINT OWNER MURDER

House help killed him for money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A male servant had killed businessman Fazlul Haque at his Gulshan house on July 29, detectives claimed yesterday.

"House help Sabuj has admitted that he got in Fazlul's room on the second floor to steal money. He stabbed Fazlul in the throat with a knife when the house owner had sensed Sabuj's presence in the room," said Monirul Islam, deputy commissioner (DC) of the Detective Branch (south) of Police, at a press briefing in the Media Centre of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Md Sabuj, 20, was arrested on the day of the incident with seven other house helps. He was produced before the media yesterday but the journalists were not allowed to ask him anything.

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THE GIFT OF LIFE Grandmother gives birth to grandchild

DAILYMAL ONLINE

It is perhaps one of the greatest gifts a mother could give.

A woman in her 50s

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni that the Grameen Bank has now been functioning legally and more efficiently than ever before?

☒ Yes (4%)

☐ No (88%)

☐ No Comments (8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 402

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Dr Akbar Ali Khan that free and fair polls are not possible without dissolving the incumbent parliament?

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PRAYER TIMING September 9

	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

HALL-MARK SWINDLE

Close watch on scamsters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry has directed the law enforcement and immigration authorities to stay alert so that Tanvir Mahmud, managing director of Hall-Mark Group, and his wife Jasmine Islam, its chairperson, cannot leave the country.

Talking to The Daily Star, police and immigration officials said they received the directives two days ago.

The directives followed the unearthing of Tk 2,686-crore

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Stand down

BNP asks Muhith yet again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Once again urging the finance minister to resign, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said it was the moral responsibility of the prime minister to quit power over corruption allegations.

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