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## A Lesson Not Learnt

Only on Friday a woman died at Khilgaon level crossing in the capital when her rickshaw puller was too impatient to wait for the gate to open. The chaos at the crossing is still there. A human hauler stand is right next to the rail lines and vehicles keep indulging in illegal turns and ignoring traffic signals to get ahead or save a couple of seconds. It looks like it is another tragedy waiting.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



## Don't back war crimes suspects

Info minister urges journos

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday urged journalists not to disseminate news in favour of war crimes suspects.

"You can't make balance between democracy and military rule. In the same way, favouring the war criminals of 1971 in the name of news balancing is not democratic norms," he said.

The minister was addressing a reception

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## Cold could harm Boro seedlings

Met office forecasts fog for couple of days more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Crops, especially, Boro seedlings may suffer from cold injury in the chilling weather coupled with thick fog while potatoes from blight if farmers do not take extra caution, agronomists say.

The cold wave and dense fog would linger for another couple of days, according to the Met office.

"Covering Boro seedbeds with polythene sheets would save the crops from cold injury," Shamim Ahsan Bhuiyan, an official of Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), told The Daily Star. The country has experienced unusually foggy climate this winter, he added.

The biting cold sweeping across the northern region has continued to disrupt normal life. The elderly and children belonging to poor families are suffering immensely.

Three children died of pneumonia yesterday at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital, said Civil Surgeon Jahangir Alam Sarkar.

Most of the inhabitants in 95 chars in the Teesta and Dharla rivers are left jobless since nobody in this cold is hiring them to work in crop fields. They do not have money to buy food, let alone warm clothes.

Day labourer Shamsul Islam, 65, from Char Kalmati in the Teesta river under

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## Newsweek unveils final print edition

BBC ONLINE

The 80-year-old US current affairs magazine Newsweek on Monday revealed the image that will grace the cover of its last-ever print edition.

A black and white photo of the publication's Manhattan headquarters takes pride of place, with the strapline #lastprintissue.

The nod to Twitter is regarded as a backhanded compliment.

The death of the print edition was caused by falling advertising

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## Court alarmed at fake orders

SC registrar asked to probe latest forged papers

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Another forged High Court order has been brought to the notice of the court that immediately called for action against those involved upon an investigation.

The fake order dated March 11 imposed a stay on Madrasa Education Board's decision to nominate Akul Akher (Bachchu) as president of Narikelbaria Dakhil Madrasa at Ulipur in Kurigram.

Madrasa board's Legal Adviser Kazi Mynul Hassan received the order from the madrasa's Superintendent Rabiul Awal Sarker. Just by looking at the piece of paper, he doubted its authenticity as the names of the judges mentioned were wrongly spelled.

Two months later Mynul and Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Motahar Hossain Sazu approached an HC bench with the copy of the order to check whether it had ever been issued.

Examining records of the court, the bench of Justice Farid Ahmed and Justice Zafar Ahmed on June 14 confirmed that the order was a fake one and instructed the registrar of the Supreme Court to probe the matter and prosecute those involved.

The fake document submitted to the Madrasa board also contained false certification from the registrar office, said DAG Motahar.

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## Driver killed as cop pushes him off bus

Locals stage angry protests in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

While allegedly trying to extort a trucker, a highway police sergeant pushed him into the path of a bus which killed him at Fashitola of Bogra on Dhaka-Rangpur highway yesterday.

Sources said Sergeant Nikunjo Sarkar stopped the truck of Kaosar Ahmed, 22, at Fashitola and asked for the documents around 10:30am. At one point he allegedly demanded money from Kaosar which led to a scuffle.

The sergeant pushed Kaosar and he fell on the asphalt when a coach ran over him. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to a hospital.

Outraged by the incident, transport workers and locals barricaded the highway from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. They vandalised a police van and burned tires on the highway.

The blockade created a

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Children gather around Father Christmas at Dhaka Sonargaon Hotel yesterday on Christmas Day, the biggest festival of the Christians.

PHOTO: STAR

## Welcome to world of 'lifeloggers'

DAILY MAIL ONLINE

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## UN concerned about Myanmar Rohingyas

Calls for addressing rights abuses by authorities

REUTERS, United Nations

The UN General Assembly expressed serious concern on Monday over violence between Rohingya Muslims and Buddhists in Myanmar and called upon its government to address reports of human rights abuses by some authorities.

The 193-nation General Assembly approved by consensus a non-binding resolution, which Myanmar said last month

contained a "litany of sweeping allegations, accuracies of which have yet to be verified."

Outbreaks of violence between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and the Rohingyas have killed dozens and displaced thousands since June. Rights groups also have accused Myanmar security forces of killing, raping and arresting Rohingyas after the riots. Myanmar said it exercised "maximum restraint" to quell the violence.

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**PRAYER TIMING** December 26

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:30	6:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:27	5:30
Esha	7:00	7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

The Daily Star

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you think that still there is a hope for justice to the sensational murder case of journalist couple Sagar and Runi?

Yes (10%)  
No (90%)  
No Comments (1%)

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**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think the government would be able to recover the money swindled by Hall-Mark Group from Sonali Bank?

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