



It's same old story

Kids left with no choice but to carry cartons of biscuit for School Feeding Programme

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Primary school children in Kalapara upazila are forced to carry cartons of biscuit weighing up to 7.5 kg each for several kilometres for distribution under School Feeding Programme of the World Food Programme (WFP) in the cyclone Sidr-affected areas.

The SFP aims to make the schools more attractive to children. Every month 60.79 tonnes of biscuit are allocated for 291 primary schools in Kalapara. An international NGO, Muslim Aid, is engaged in distributing these protein-rich biscuits in the schools.

But instead of doing this, the NGO men drop the cartons at the main road and ask the school teachers to SEE PAGE 7 COL 1



A teacher puts a heavy biscuit carton on the head of a student of Kalapara Primary School in Patuakhali to carry to the school. The photo was taken near Anantapara Bridge of Kalapara when the biscuits, meant for the students and provided by the state, were being taken to the school.

Twitter hack hits 250,000

BBC ONLINE

A quarter of a million Twitter users have had their accounts hacked in the latest of a string of high-profile internet security breaches.

Twitter's information security director Bob Lord yesterday said about 250,000 users' passwords had been stolen, as well as usernames, emails and other data.

Affected users have had passwords invalidated and have been sent emails informing them.

Lord said the attack "was not the work of

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Of boat, culture

Star brings festival back to **Odommo Chattagram**

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

With the title of a popular folk song of Chittagong "Tora Kon Kon Zabi Aar Sampanat (Who of you will board my boat?)", a week-long festival featuring boat technology and culture of Chittagong and Bengal begins today.

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The gala jointly organised by The Daily Star and Alliance Française de Chittagong is a sequel to last year's The Daily Star-Odommo Chattagram Festival. It aims at promoting rich history, culture, heritage and prospects of Chittagong.

The programmes will be held at different venues SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

Journos slate police raid at Sangram office

UNB, Dhaka

Journalist leaders yesterday deplored a police raid on the daily Sangram office in the capital's Moghbazar.

Some members of Detective Branch of police raided the office on Friday noon and searched different rooms including the newsroom without any prior permission, said the leaders in a joint statement.

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rams tempo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, MANIKGANJ

A bus rammed a three-wheeler and killed seven people at Ghior upazila of Manikganj on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday.

The bus heading for Dhaka hit the three-wheeler, known as tempo, at Pachuria of Ghior around 11:30am killing five women passengers on the spot and injuring nine others, said Ashraf-ul-Islam, officer-in-charge of Ghior Police Station.

A man and a woman succumbed to their injuries at Manikganj Sadar Hospital, he said.

Four injured had to be moved to Dhaka Medical College Hospital later on as they were in critical condi-

The deceased were identified as Johra Begum, 70, wife of late Rafij Uddin, Jahanara, 60, wife of Abdur Rahman, SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

7 killed as bus Legal mandate must for river commission

Observe environmentalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed river commission must have a legal mandate as the single authority to protect the country's rivers that are dying due to grabbing and pollution, said

environmentalists at a discussion yester-

They demanded a public hearing on the draft law of the commission that will have effective control over river SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



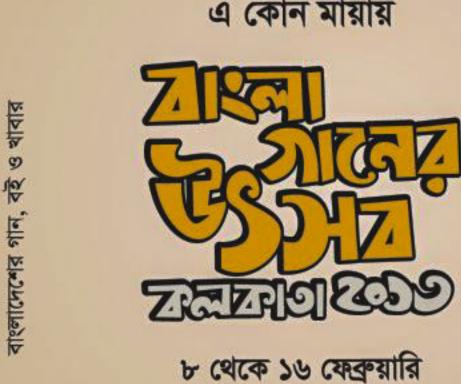


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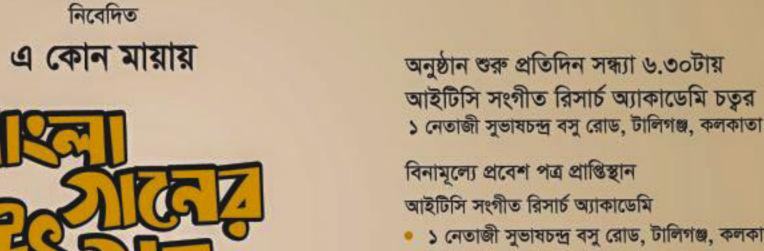
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