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Mega project on ICT okayed

All govt offices at dist, upazila levels to be under same network

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday approved a Tk 1,333 crore project to bring 17,500 government offices at the district and upazila levels under an ICT network.

China will provide Tk 1,087 crore in loans for the project, titled "National ICT Infra-Network for Bangladesh Government Phase-II", according to a planning ministry statement.

A framework agreement and a loan agreement have already been signed in this connection, the statement said.

The approval for the project was given at an Ecne meeting held at the NEC conference room with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The project will cover Bangladesh Secretariat, Bangladesh Computer Council, 7 divisional and all district and 485 upazila level government offices, the planning ministry said.

The information and communication technology (ICT) network has been created under the ongoing "Bangla Gov Net" scheme with Korean assistance.

This network would be expanded to government offices at grassroots level through this project, also known as Info Sarker Project.

Under the project, 800 video conferencing systems will be installed at different offices, including the ministry, government departments and training centres.

It will help establish twelve training labs at different universities and set up a Wi-Fi network. Besides, 25,000

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Passengers panic as Islami Chhatra Shibir activists hurl brick chips at vehicles yesterday. Inset, a photojournalist, shot in police firing during a Shibir procession, is knocked to the ground in Rajshahi.

PHOTO: STAR/BANGLAR CHOKH



SHIBIR-COP CLASH 3 journos hurt in cop firing in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Three photojournalists received shotgun pellets while a policeman was injured by brickbats during a clash between law enforcers and Shibir activists in Rajshahi city last night.

The clash began at around 7:45 pm when police obstructed a pre-hartal procession of 30 Shibir activists near RDA market, said Ziaur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station.

Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, called a countrywide daylong hartal for today demanding the release of its leaders and activists.

The injured photojournalists were Gulbar Ali Jewel, of local daily Notun Probbat, Abdullah Iqbal, of the daily Jugantor and Mahfujur Rahman, of ATN News.

Locals said police fired 20 pellets to disperse the Shibir activists as they hurled three handmade

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2 brothers die for a cellphone

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two lives were lost yesterday just because of a mobile phone.

Two siblings died after falling into a septic tank at Doljor village of the district. The dead were Sohel Rana, 18, and Rubel Islam, 15, sons of Jasmot Ali.

Quoting family members, police said as Rubel had dropped his mobile phone in the toilet, he went to search for it in the

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Morsi rebuffs 48-hr army ultimatum

5 ministers resign deepening crisis; Obama tells Morsi voices of Egyptians must be heard

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's political crisis deepened yesterday as Islamist President Mohamed Morsi snubbed an army ultimatum threatening to intervene if he did not meet the demands of the people, and five ministers led a spate of government resignations.

The opposition too expressed concern that the military was poised to play a political role in the deeply divided country, even as the army hastened to damp down talk of an imminent "coup".

US President Barack Obama, whose government is a major military aid donor to Egypt, called Morsi to warn him that the

voices of all Egyptians must be heard, a White House official said yesterday.

An army statement, read out on television Monday, had given Morsi 48 hours to comply with its call, after millions of people took to the streets nationwide to demand the Islamist leader step down. Sixteen people died in protests on Sunday.

Early on Monday, protesters set the Brotherhood's headquarters ablaze before looting it.

"If the demands of the people are not met in this period... (the armed forces) will announce a future roadmap and measures to oversee its implementation," it said.

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Buet student hacked by fellow dies

SUBIR DAS and PROTIK CHAKROBORTY

Buet student Dwip succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in the capital in the early hours of yesterday, and his 84-day-long battle for life thus came to an end.



Arif Rayhan Dwip

Arif Rayhan Dwip, 23, a third year student of Mechanical Engineering Department of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and

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No asylum yet for US whistleblower Snowden withdraws request to Russia; Ecuador president regrets helping him

AGENCIES

Several countries yesterday spurned asylum requests from Edward Snowden, the former US spy agency contractor wanted for leaking secrets, despite an appeal from Venezuela for the world to protect him.

Snowden, who revealed the secret US electronic surveillance program Prism, has applied for political asylum in more than a dozen countries in his search for safety from the espionage charges in the United States.

The 30-year-old is in legal limbo in the transit area of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, unable to fly on to a hoped-for destination in Latin America because he has no legal travel documents and no Russian visa to leave the airport.

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Kishoreganj by-polls today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

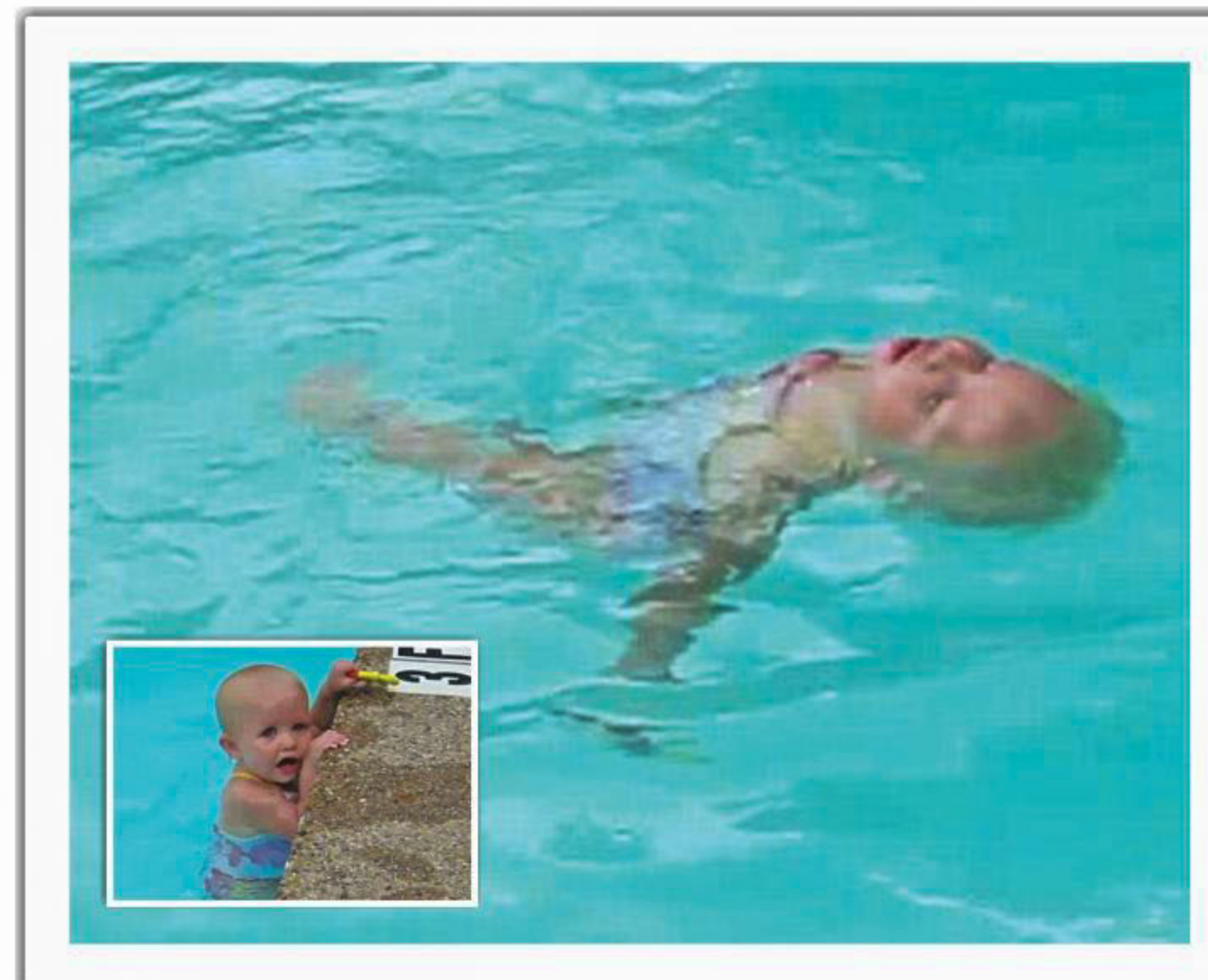
Voters of Itna, Mithamoin and Astagram upazilas will cast their ballots at the Kishoreganj-4 by-election today, with the BNP boycotting the polls.

Voting begins at 8:00am, and will continue till 4:00pm without any break. A total of 2,79,719 voters are on the voter list.

104 out of the total 118 polling centres in the constituency have been declared vulnerable, said an election official.

The parliamentary seat fell vacant after the

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Water babe

Toddler swims across pool in one breath

MAIL ONLINE

At just 16 months old, this baby is unlikely to have been walking for long, let alone mastered any other physical activities.

But the incredible footage posted on youtube.com shows the tiny toddler swimming the entire length of the pool in one breath and looking completely comfortable in the water.

The infant even jumps in without

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Prosecutors may face trial

Warns SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury threatened the prosecutors that they might face execution in future on the last day of his deposition at the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

He said this at one stage of argument between him and a prosecutor. The argument occurred when SQ Chowdhury had begun giving deposition against the prosecution witnesses and the prosecutor raised objection.

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ডেঙ্গুতে আতঙ্ক নয়, চাই সচেতনতা

ডেঙ্গু জ্বর একটি ভাইরাসজনিত রোগ, যার বাহক এডিস মশা। আসুন জেনে নিই কিভাবে এডিস মশা ধ্বংস করে ডেঙ্গু রোগ প্রতিরোধ করা যায়।

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ডেঙ্গু প্রতিরোধে করণীয়

- * বাড়ির ভিতরে, বাহিরে, ছাদে বা আনাচে কানাচে পড়ে থাকা পরিত্যক্ত পাত্রসমূহ ডাস্টবিনে ফেলে দিন এবং বাড়ির আশপাশের ঝোঁপঝাড় ডোবালালা পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন।
- * ব্যবহারযোগ্য পাত্রসমূহে কোনভাবেই যেন একনাগাড়ে ৫ দিনের বেশী পানি জমে না থাকে সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- * অব্যবহৃত গাড়ির টায়ার, নির্মাণ কাজে ব্যবহৃত চৌবাচ্চা, পরিত্যক্ত টিনের কৌটা, প্লাস্টিকের বোতল, ক্যান, গাছের কোটর, দইয়ের হাড়ি, ডাবের খোসা, ফুলের টব, ফ্রিজ-এয়ারকুলারের ট্রে ইত্যাদিতে ৫ দিনের বেশী যেন পানি জমে না থাকে সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- * আপনার বাড়িতে অথবা আশেপাশে কেউ ডেঙ্গুরোগে আক্রান্ত হলে চিকিৎসকের পরামর্শ নিন এবং নিকটস্থ সিটি করপোরেশনের অফিসে সংবাদ দিন।

ডেঙ্গু জ্বরের লক্ষণ

- * শরীরের তাপমাত্রা হঠাৎ করে ১০৪-১০৫ ডিগ্রি পর্যন্ত বৃদ্ধি পায়।
- * মাথা ব্যথা, মাংসপেশী, চোখের পেছনে, পেটে ব্যথা এবং হাড়ে বিশেষ করে মেরুদণ্ডে ব্যথা।
- * অরুচি, বমি বমি ভাব ও বমি।
- * চামড়ার নীচে রক্তক্ষরণ, চোখে রক্ত জমাট বাঁধা।
- * লালচে/কালো রঙের পায়খানা, দাতের মাড়ি, নাক, মুখ ও পায়খানার রাস্তা দিয়ে রক্তপাত।
- * মারাত্মক (হেমোরাজিক) ডেঙ্গু জ্বরের ক্ষেত্রে শরীরের অন্তর্গত বিভিন্ন অঙ্গপ্রত্যঙ্গ হতে রক্তক্ষরণ এবং পেটে ও ফুসফুসে পানি জমতে পারে।
- * শরীরে হামের মতো দানা দেখা দিতে পারে।
- * রক্তচাপ হ্রাস, নাড়ীর গতি দ্রুত হওয়া, হৃৎকট করা, শরীর ঠান্ডা হয়ে যাওয়া, শ্বাসকষ্ট বা অজ্ঞান হয়ে পড়া।

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- * প্যারাসিটামল ব্যবহার করা যেতে পারে। কোন অবস্থাতেই এসপিরিন জাতীয় ঔষধ খাওয়ানো যাবে না।
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