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SENSELESS SHORTCUT

People go over the median on Hanif flyover near its eastern end at Kutubkhali in the capital as vehicles whizz by. Pedestrians jaywalking and vehicles travelling at speed is a recipe for disaster. However, no one seems to be stopping people from crossing the flyover with goods, cycles or even a new-born. The recently inaugurated flyover was designed to get vehicles in and out of the capital quickly and is supposed to be off-limits to pedestrians.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Secret burial for Nazi war criminal

AGENCIES

Nazi war criminal Erich Priebke, who died under house arrest in Rome last week, is to be buried in a secret location, his lawyer said on Saturday. On Wednesday, his coffin was seized by the Italian authorities and taken to a military base near Rome after a funeral was halted amid angry protests. Rome city authorities have banned any burial for

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Yet another death

Reckless bus driver rams into rickshaw from wrong side, kills college girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A girl was killed on her way to college when a bus coming from the wrong direction hit her rickshaw in the capital's Mugda yesterday. Marjana Jahan Munmun, 17, a student of Central Women's College in Tikatuli, was on the road in front of the stadium near Kamalapur when a bus of Turag Paribahan hit her rickshaw around 8:30am, said Officer-in-Charge Omar Faruk of Mugda Police Station.



Marjana Jahan

The bus ran her over as the impact toppled her to the ground, leaving her dead on the spot, the OC said. The accident occurred about 200 yards from her West Mugda residence, said Abdus Sattar, a sub-inspector of the police station. Locals gave a good beating to the bus driver, who was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police seized the bus, said Sattar, adding that a case had been filed with the police

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BDR CARNAGE

Verdict Oct 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The verdict of the killing case filed in connection with the carnage at BDR headquarters in 2009, one of the deadliest incidents in the country's history, will be delivered on October 30. After around 26 months' trial proceedings that started on August 24 in 2011, a Dhaka court yesterday fixed the date for delivering the judgment in the case for killing 74 people, including 57 senior and mid-ranking army officers. The prosecution demanded justice for crimes committed in such a heart-rending event, while defence lawyers sought acquittal of their clients on the charges. "Pray for me so that I can do justice,"

said Judge Md Akhtaruzzaman of Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in Dhaka which is dealing with the case, after concluding the proceedings. Wrapping up his closing submission, Anisul Huq, chief prosecutor of the case, reminded of the brutal killings during the bloody mutiny at Pilkhana on February 25-26. "Your judgement should send a message to the nation that such an incident cannot take place in this Bangla," Anisul told the court. During the 33-hour mutiny, disgruntled jawans of BDR, now Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), looted arms and ammunition, shot dead the army officers

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FILE PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

An army man unable to hold back tears after the BDR carnage in February 2009.

AL-JP MEET Polls likely by year end

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER

The government is planning to have the next parliamentary election in late December or early January fearing further delays could create political complications. The Election Commission will announce the polls schedule by the second week of November. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveiled the plan at the Gono Bhavan during a meeting with a 16-member delegation of Jatiya Party led by its Chairman HM Ershad. Sources said Hasina told the meeting that she would write to the president soon asking to dissolve the ninth parliament and the Election Commission to announce the polls schedule. After the two-hour meeting, Jatiya Party presidium member Ziauddin Ahmed

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PRAYER TIMING			October 21
Azhan	4-50	Jamaat	5-25
Fajr	12-45	1-15	
Zohr	4-00	4-15	
Asr	5-36	5-39	
Maghrib	7-15	7-45	
Esha	Source: Islamic Foundation		

BLAST KILLS 31 IN SYRIA

Clouds over peace talks

Rifts in opposition dim prospect

AFP, Damascus

Syrian peace talks could be held November 23, but not without "credible opposition" participation, top diplomats said yesterday, as a truck bomb in central Syria killed more than 30 people. After a meeting with UN-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, the pointman for international efforts to end Syria's nearly three-year civil war,

Arab League chief Nabil al-Arabi said the so-called Geneva 2 talks would be held November 23. But Brahimi, speaking to reporters in Cairo, cautioned that the meeting would not be convened without a "credible opposition representing an important segment of the Syrian people" opposed to President Bashar al-Assad. A truck bomb meanwhile struck in the government-controlled city of

Hama, killing at least 31 people, the day after a major assault involving a suicide car bomb killed 16 soldiers in a key Damascus suburb and kicked off several hours of fierce clashes. The mixed messages about the so-called Geneva meeting reflected concerns that the increasingly divided opposition would refuse to take part in talks with Assad's regime, which insists his resignation is not on the table.

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The glow-in-the-dark footpath.

PHOTO: SWNS.COM


The future of street lighting

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

Cambridge City Council in UK has covered an historic city pathway with ultraviolet particles which turn blue when the sun sets, in what could be the future of street lighting. The technology, called 'Starpath', absorbs light during

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the Dhaka Metropolitan Police to impose an indefinite ban on meetings, processions and rallies as BNP is preparing to hold an anti-government rally on October 25?

Yes

No

(30%)

(70%)

TOTAL VOTES: 278

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with the main opposition BNP that the PM's proposal on polls-time government is a "trick to confuse people"?

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