

# Pedalling 15,000km

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China, Austria and Serbia," they told The Daily Star.

"We mostly tried to stick to flatlands but it was not always possible. We had to cross some pretty high mountains in France and of course Central Asia. We wanted to see the Alps, but could not because we lacked the fitness," said Luke.

Travelling on a bicycle is definitely a more interesting way to tour countries, they said.

"You get to see places that would not have been possible had you been a tourist because these are unconventional spots, not tourist attractions," they commented.

"You also get to meet

people who you would have otherwise not gotten to know had you been a regular tourist, because you are staying amidst the locals, not in posh hotels," they said.

This also meant finding lodging sometimes in the most unlikely of places, they said. "The worst was having to stay in this dilapidated building from the pre-Soviet area in Osh," said Luke.

"Tasting foods of so many different countries was definitely one experience - Pakistan, India and Bangladesh have especially delicious cuisines," remarked the duo.

However, neither could get their palates accustomed

to the cuisines of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. "They had a lot of meaty soups and we were not used to the tastes."

Nevertheless, both seemed to have thought their voyage into Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan worthwhile since their Twitter profile shows a picture of Lake Karakul described as "one of the highlights of the ride so far".

The duo heads off to the academy today to spend two weeks of quality time with the boys.

The Daily Star was one of the partners of this endeavour, along with The Daily Ittefaq, Click Ittefaq, G&R, Radio Shadhin, Arkay Group and Signage.

## Local AL occupies

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waterfall road, the academic building of Juri Dimukhi High school and construction work of a sluice gate at Dhalaichhara.

The prime minister will lay the foundation stone of Borolekha Police Station, Juri Upazila Health Complex, Borolekha Auditorium, two buildings of PC High School and academic building of Chandgram Fajil Madrasa. Besides, she will resume rail communications on Kulara-Shahbajpur railway.

Meanwhile, the ruling party to welcome its president tore down advertise-

ments on billboards in Borolekha and put up portraits of the prime minister and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

There were pictures of the finance minister and AL organising secretary describing what the party has achieved during its term.

The advertising agencies in fear refused to comment on the matter although they were suffering huge losses. Billboards in Sylhet cost from Tk 30,000 to Tk 1.25 lakh a year depending on the location.

However, an AL leader claimed that the billboards were "needed".

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Bogra

Meherunnessa, mother of AHM Akhtaruzzaman who is the president of Bogra Journalist Union, Bogra correspondent of BSS and also a senior reporter of The Daily Karatoa, died of old age complications in Rahman Nagar residence of Bogra town on Thursday.

She was 95.

She left behind two sons and a daughter.

She was buried at a graveyard of Bhai Paglar Majar in Bogra town on Thursday night.



PHOTO: STAR

Participants at the unveiling ceremony of a whitepaper styled "400 Days of Fundamentalist and Communal Violence of Hefajat-e-Islam and Jamaat-e-Islami", prepared by Gono Commission of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, in WVA auditorium in the capital yesterday. *Inset*, family members of four of the 39 people, who were killed in clashes in and outside the capital during the mayhem of Hefajat-Jamaat on May 5-6, according to the Gono Commission list.



## Prothom Alo celebrates

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based on which a five-minute documentary was screened portraying five people who succeed in beating the odds through their struggles to become role models.

Addressing the ceremony, Prothom Alo Editor Motiur Rahman said, "Let us live well. We expect Bangladesh to do well."

But everyone is concerned over whether

Bangladesh would do well and whether it would keep on track, he added.

He also said the country was passing through a serious crisis and it was everyone's expectation that a fair election participated by all would be held in a peaceful atmosphere.

The ceremony ended with renditions by two Rabindra Sangeet artists.

## Govt to appoint 10

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make the recommendations and that all things to this effect depended on the chief justice.

The HC now has 91 judges -- 83 regular and eight additional -- among whom six are dealing with war crimes cases at the International Crimes Tribunals, while the Appellate Division has nine.

Of the additional judges, six were appointed on June 14, 2012 and the remaining two on August 5 this year.

As per the constitution's Article 98, the president may appoint additional HC

judges for a period not exceeding two years.

Talking to The Daily Star recently, State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam said there was no constitutional provision barring regularisation of additional HC judges before completion of their two-year tenure.

He hoped that the regularisation would be completed within the present government's tenure.

According to the sources, the present Awami League-led government appointed 63 judges to the HC and 10 judges to the Appellate Division.

## Abu Sayeed blames Tuku

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Abed was leading a 12-member delegation of eminent citizens, including Dhaka University teachers Rubaet Ferdous and Kaberi Gayen, who visited the affected families.

Sayed, who also visited the families and was addressing a protest rally organised by Forum 71 in Bonogram Bazar, said Tuku, despite being present in a rally 10 kilometres away from the crime scene, failed to reach the spot on time.

"Even police did not rush to the spot immediately. So the criminals dared to loot and vandalise the Hindu residences continuously for around three hours," he said.

"Criminals easily move with the state minister for

home. How can police dare to arrest the criminals?" Police were yet to arrest the "real culprits" despite demands by people from all walks of life, said Sayeed.

The cases filed by police "under the directive of a quarter" accused some 3,000 unnamed only to aid the "business centring arrests". Moreover, a person, Binoy Kumar Sarkar, who died 12 years ago, was stated as an eyewitness, he added.

"If you (police) are not capable of arresting the real culprits, you may leave. But do not harass innocent people," said Sayeed.

He said extortionists had previously beaten a school headmaster of the locality before his pupils. Since the

crime and similar ones went unpunished, the perpetrators dared to go on plundering, he said.

Sayed urged Tuku and police to properly investigate the incident, and arrest the perpetrators and the masterminds. Otherwise the people of Bonogram would never forgive them, he said.

## AL, BNP

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said none of the political parties are protecting national interest and that is why issues such as border killing and implementation of Teesta water sharing treaty have been overlooked.

Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed, CPB general secretary, among others, spoke.

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