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Djokovic wins Wimbledon

AGENCIES

Djokovic celebrated victory in typically eccentric style, kneeling on the Centre Court turf and munching on a few blades of grass just as he had done three years ago.

Defeat for 32-year-old Federer, who won the most recent of his 17 Grand Slam titles at the All England Club in 2012.

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Nightmare road

Commuters suffer for potholes, prolonged construction work on Mirpur's Purabi-Kalshi road

HELEMUL ALAM

A ride through the 1.3km stretch of road between Purabi and Kalshi in Mirpur is nothing short of a nightmare for commuters, thanks to innumerable potholes, appalling waterlogging and traffic mismanagement on the road.

To add to the woes of the commuters, the construction work of a culvert near Sangbadik Colony has shrunk the road to such an extent that only one vehicle can pass the point at a time, triggering a total chaos in traffic movement. A five-minute ride on this thoroughfare that connects with Mirpur-Airport Road Flyover can take up to half an hour.

The new 90-foot-long culvert, which replaces a 40-foot one, is part of a project to expand the 60-foot-wide road to 120 feet to ease traffic. But the authorities responsible for implementing the project have not taken any alternative measure so that at least two vehicles could pass through the point from both directions.

The situation became so unbearable following the torrential rain over the last two days that hundreds of vehicles remained trapped on the road in knee-deep water for most part of the day and many of those went out of order in the stagnant water and due to hidden potholes.

Even worse, once a car gets stuck, it cannot turn back due to a road divider that has no opening anywhere near the stretch leading to the culvert construction site.

The work of widening the road along with storm sewers

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Ongoing work for the construction of a culvert has narrowed down the Kalshi-Purabi road in Mirpur almost to half of what it actually is. Whatever portion is now left for traffic is also in bad shape, with potholes and an overflow of dirty water from manholes in places.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Law enforcers blamed for failing to act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have utterly failed to protect the members of the International Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission from coming under attack by Bangalee settlers on Saturday.

Rangamati MP Ushatan Talukder and several socio-cultural and rights organisations yesterday criticised the law enforcers for their failure and squarely blamed a vested quarter for the attack.

"The administration and the law enforcement agencies should have been more active in protecting the members of the visiting [ICHT] delegation," said Ushatan Talukder.

Saturday's attack left three delegation members, a driver and a policeman injured in Rangamati, forcing the commission to cancel its visit midway.

The commission's visit was scheduled to review, in light of the 1997 peace

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Last gas-fired power project gets nod

Ghorashal-5 overhaul at double the cost

STAR REPORT

The cabinet committee on purchase yesterday approved the construction of the government's "last" gas-fired 400-megawatt power project, South Bibiyana, by a Spanish-Korean joint venture.

The committee also approved the overhaul of two-decade-old Ghorashal 210-MW fifth power unit at a cost double the actual requirement.

The South Bibiyana would be built in place of the cancelled Bibiyana-1 power project with local company Summit.

This is the first time the Power Development Board (PDB) is financing for the South Bibiyana from its 'Maintenance and Development Fund'.

This fund was opened in mid-2011 as per a directive of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission and is powered by monthly deposit from a part of PDB's power sales.

The fund currently has around Tk 1,800 crore.

Spanish-Korean joint venture Isolux Ingenieria and Samsung C&T bagged the 400-MW project by beating two other bidders and making an offer of \$288.28 million.

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Decision on Shakib today

SPORTS REPORTER

There are a number of issues on the table but what kind of action the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is going to take against all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan will be the top of the agenda when the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) board of directors meet today at its Mirpur headquarters.

BCB president Nazmul Hassan Papon already slammed Shakib for the all-rounder's latest controversy and made it clear that he will not hesitate to take a stern action. Now everybody is curious as to which level of



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Numerous rickshaws stuck in a long tailback on Dhanmondi Road-1 in the capital yesterday. In Ramadan, the month leading to Eid-ul-Fitr, Dhaka streets see a rise in the number of rickshaws. Many poor people from outlying districts come to the city to make some bucks by pulling rickshaws ahead of the festival.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

New law to limit NGO activities

Says HRW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Watch yesterday called upon international donors to publicly express concern over the draft Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act, 2014, saying it would severely restrict the already "beleaguered NGOs".

"The draft law can easily be misused to limit perfectly legitimate activities of NGOs (nongovernmental organisations) and to attack its critics," HRW Deputy Asia Director Phil Robertson said.

The draft law, approved by the cabinet early in June, and which will now be presented to the parliamentary standing committee for consideration, has also been criticised by national NGOs.

According to the report on the proposed law, the NGO Affairs Bureau under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) will have approval authority over foreign-funded projects, and to "inspect, monitor and assess the NGO activities" and close groups and

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Is yeti real?

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

An Oxford scientist has discovered the world's first verified DNA evidence that the "yeti" exists -- albeit not quite in the monstrous, manlike form of legend.

Two hair samples taken from remote regions of the Himalayas have been found to show a 100 percent genetic match to a prehistoric polar-bear-like creature that existed more than 40,000 years ago.

The extraordinary find suggests there are bears roaming the mountain range that have not been seen since the Pleistocene period, which experts say may well be "the biological foundation of the yeti legend".

Bryan Sykes, a geneticist from Oxford University, said that his research was proof enough to start planning an expedition to the Himalayas to capture

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

ONLINE POLL

Do you think cricketer Shakib should face suspension for leaving the country to play in the Caribbean Premier League without Bangladesh Cricket Board's permission?

Yes (62%)
No (38%)

TOTAL VOTES: 377

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with the Human Rights Watch that the draft law proposed by Bangladesh government on NGOs to impose draconian restrictions should be withdrawn?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

Rape on rise in city

10 victims taken to DMCH in 17 days

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and JAMIL MAHMUD

Rape incidents have increased alarmingly in the city in recent times while the law enforcing agencies have failed to take any significant action in arresting the culprits.

Human rights activists have expressed concern over the rise of such incidents in the capital.

At least 10 rape victims were admitted to the One-stop Crisis Centre (OCC) at Dhaka Medical College Hospital over the last 17 days, said sources at the OCC.

A 17-year-old girl was kidnapped and raped inside a private car on Thursday in Uttara, only two days after a 19-year-old girl from Mirpur was gang-raped inside a microbus by three people.

On June 20, barely 12 days before the Mirpur girl incident, two minor working girls were raped by a bus driver and his three associates in Kamalapur.

Bilkis Begum, coordinator at the OCC, said the number of rape incidents

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3 of a family burnt in acid throwing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSHITIA

Three members, including two women, of a family suffered burn injuries when criminals threw acid on them in Gopalpur village of Kushtia Sadar upazila on Saturday night.

They are Saleha Khatun, 45, Sonia Khatun, 20, and Titumir Hossain, 13. Saleha is a sister of Ayub Ali and Sonia and Titumir are his children.

Police said there had been a longstanding conflict between two Awami League leaders -- Swapan Biswas and Golam

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
8	7	6-54	
9	8	3-45	6-54
10	9	3-46	6-53

PRAYER TIMING July 7

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 3-50	3-55
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-54	7-04
Esha 8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

IN REMEMBRANCE



With fond memories we remember today Monday, 7th July 2014 Late Begum Fazilatun Nessa on her 10th death anniversary. We feel her absence in every step of the way. Relatives, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to remember her in their prayers. On the occasion of her 10th Death Anniversary Qur'an Khatam, Prayer and Feeding the destitutes has been organized.

Abeda & Najmul Huq, Roushan & Golam Kibria, Monisha & Mahmudul Huq, & Grand Children.