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Strong domestic demand will propel the economy

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REMEMBERING JIBANANANDA

The nation pays tribute to the celebrated poet on his 60th death anniversary

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REST IN PEACE, RENÉ

The Swiss photographer, known for iconic portraits of Che and Picasso, dies at 81



NINE DAYS AGO AT DMCH

DEATH

shrouded in questions

EMRAN HOSSAIN

Bruises, cuts and blisters on Asma's body have led her family and neighbours to believe that she was tortured to death at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The shocking account of injury marks, given by the women who washed her body before the burial, brings to light telltale signs of torture.

The body bore bruises of different sizes. A few spots in her legs were so badly grazed that flesh showed up. There were a deep cut in the back of her head and blisters in parts of the bottom.

On October 12, Asma, 25, along with her younger sister Sumi was caught by DMCH security personnel while they were sneaking away with her newborn. Asma had undergone a caesarean section the day before. While she was forced to stay back at the hospital, Sumi was charged with baby stealing.

Asma died the next day. Later, in different media reports, the DMCH authorities were quoted as saying that renal failure and anaemia, among other medical conditions, caused her death. No postmortem was done on the body.

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Asma was strong, healthy

EMRAN HOSSAIN

Asma had worked from dawn to dusk even on the day of Eid-ul-Azha when she was merely five days away from a caesarean section that she would undergo at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital on October 11.

Running from door to door on the eid day, she collected quite a pile of meat given away by affluent people in Tongi's Arizpur.

Born to parents who are given to begging, she worked as a cleaner at a local insurance company as well as stitching bags for grocery shops.

She was in perfect shape even during the final stages of her pregnancy, said Shilpi, caretaker of the impoverished Boubazar

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NATORE ACCIDENT

Only sister left to mourn 6 deaths

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU and BULBUL AHMED

No one and nothing could soothe Anwara Begum. Her loss is unspeakable. The only sister of seven brothers, she lost her six brothers in Monday's road accident in Natore.

The other brother, who narrowly

escaped death, is now in a hospital with injuries.

"My six dearest brothers went into eternal sleep... How can I forget those sweet memories?" Anwara, aged about 50, wailed as she struggled for words.

The six brothers, all day labourers, lived in a small village called Shidhuli in Gurudaspur of Natore. They are Atahar,

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Anwara Begum

ROAD ACCIDENTS TOO FREQUENT

Thanks to lax law enforcement

WASIM BIN HABIB, HELEMUL ALAM and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Reckless driving and risky overtaking manoeuvres continue on the highways with impunity, thanks to lax enforcement of traffic · rules, constantly putting users' lives at stake.

Every year, several thousand lives are cut short in accidents on the roads and highways mainly due to these ill practices, but the authorities are doing little to check the menace. Road safety laws are there but not much effective due to lenient punishment for culprits and lengthy legal process.

Monday's tragedy in Natore once again brought forth the issue, as at least 33 people perished when a speeding bus overtook a · truck and collided head-on with another bus

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Rab men

DEATHS

Feb

Apr

May

Jun

Aug

Sep

107

SOURCE: THE DAILY STAR REPORTS

In 2014

209

HRW asks govt over attack on Limon STAR REPORT

Prosecute

Bangladesh government should prosecute the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members responsible for the 2011 attack on Limon Hossain that caused him to lose a leg, Human Rights Watch (HRW) has said.

The authorities have finally dropped politicallymotivated charges against Limon, but have not taken action against his attackers, said the New York-based rights body in a report posted on its website.

HRW has also urged the government to order an

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PASSENGER SCREENING AT AIRPORTS

Measures limited to 3 countries

STAR REPORT

The authorities yesterday decided to screen passengers coming only from the three Ebola-affected African countries at all international airports.

The decision came at the national technical committee meeting on Ebola a day after Nigeria was declared free of the deadly virus.

"We'll only screen passengers from those countries from where there is a chance of transmission of Ebola virus," said Dr Be-Nazir Ahmed, member secretary of the interministerial monitoring committee dealing with Ebola

Now the passengers whose journeys have begun or included a transit in one of the African countries -- Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone -- will be screened, meaning their temperatures will be recorded and they will be asked if they have any symptom of having been infected by the virus.

The deadly virus since its outbreak has killed 4,546 | Association told the BBC

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FIGHTING IN SYRIA Another 'British-

Bangladeshi'

jihadist killed AGENCIES

A third "British-Bangladeshi" jihadist from Portsmouth has reportedly been killed fighting in Syria, according to religious authorities in the city.

Manunur Roshid, 24, was known to be one of a group of six men from Portsmouth who went to Syria in 2013, writes The Guardian Reports of his death follow that of Ifthekar Jaman, 23, last December and Muhammad Hamidur Rahman, 25.

A former leader of Portsmouth Bangladesh

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Bodies of several victims in Monday's road crash in Natore being taken to a graveyard in Sidhuli village of Natore for burial. Of the 33 dead, 12 belonged to the village. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

CONDITION OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

39% good

20% poor

December 2013 survey by Highways Development and Maintenance Department of RHD

Good infrastructure key to higher growth

WB stresses upgrading road network, links poor road condition to accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It will not be possible for Bangladesh to achieve seven percent GDP growth without upgrading the road network and other infrastructure, according to a World Bank report.

If Bangladesh wants to get out of the sixpercent growth trap, it has to implement quickly key projects like Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Mymensingh highways, Zahid Hussain, lead economist at the WB's Dhaka

office, said at the launching of Bangladesh Development Update yesterday.

He also stressed the need for quick implementation of other protects such as upgrading of Dhaka-Chittagong railway line into double track, Dhaka Metro Rail, the Padma Bridge project and two power plants at Bibiyana.

Mentioning the sorry state of highways and roads, the WB report said the main

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