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THE GREEDY STILL AT IT



AUGUST



OCTOBER

What was just frames of structures in August, now has corrugated iron sheets on them to make them look like houses. The Daily Star published the photo on the left in August and ran a story on people building houses on the edge of the Dhaka-Tangail highway in the hope of getting high compensation before work on the expansion of the highway began. A day after the report got published, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader visited the area and told the owners to remove the structures or face eviction. The owners evidently did not listen.

PHOTOS: MIRZA SHAKIL

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Sloppy prosecution irks tribunal again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday again criticised the prosecution in Subhan's case for not being properly prepared, making points that had already been made and thereby wasting the court's time.

The tribunal even raised questions about the language used by Prosecutor Zead Al Malum while placing arguments on legal aspects in the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan.

"You are not placing legal arguments the way it should be. If you want to place legal arguments, you have to use legal language," said a member of the tribunal.

Last week, both the war crimes tribunals expressed discontent over the lack of preparation and sloppiness on the part of the prosecution leading to several mistakes in the documents they had submitted.

The courts had asked them to do homework.

Yesterday was scheduled for the prosecution's closing arguments on legal aspects. When Zead Al Malum started his submission around 11:30am, Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah asked whether the prosecution wanted to hold Subhan responsible for his "superior status" in any particular charge.

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BLACK MONEY REPATRIATION

G20 endorses Modi demand

PTI, Brisbane

In a victory for India, the G20 yesterday endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong pitch for repatriation of black money at its summit, echoing the Indian government's line on the need for transparency and disclosure of tax information.

Modi while voicing India's support for a new global standard on automatic exchange of tax information, urged every jurisdiction, especially tax havens, to provide information for tax purposes in accordance with treaty obligations.

The new global standard will be instrumental in getting information relating to unaccounted money hoarded abroad and enable its eventual repatriation, Modi said, utilising the forum of G20, which

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Beheading image appears again

ISIS video shows murder of 'US man', Syrian soldiers; report claims masked executioner wounded in air-strike as Cameron wants him alive

AGENCIES

The ISIS militant group has released a video appearing to show the British terrorist known as "Jihadi John" standing over the severed head of US aid worker Peter Kassig.

Kassig is the one of five US and UK hostages to have been murdered in cold blood in Syria as part of a propaganda initiative by Isis.

The footage also showed what appeared to be the mass beheading of several captured Syrian soldiers.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said "these beheadings show once again what a

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Peter Kassig

'Jubo Dal' man beaten dead in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was beaten to death while another was injured at Ranirhat in Rangunia upazila of Chittagong last night.

The deceased was Mahbub Alam, 35, and the injured Md Amin, 37. Both were residents of the upazila's Islampur area.

Though police claimed the duo were known criminals, the local BNP said the deceased was an activist of their youth front -- Jubo Dal.

According to police, Mahbub and Amin -- who were accused in several

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Heavy vehicles race to get past each other on the narrow Kanchpur Bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Narayanganj yesterday. Some even undertake significantly raising the risk of accidents. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

WEST-RUSSIA DIVIDE OVER UKRAINE

Disgruntled, Putin quits G20 early

AGENCIES

Vladimir Putin yesterday quit the G20 summit in Brisbane early saying he needed to get back to work in Moscow after enduring hours of browbeating by a succession of Western leaders urging him to drop his support for secessionists in eastern Ukraine.

Western leaders piled huge pressure on the Russian president at the Group of 20 meeting in Brisbane, with host Tony Abbott calling on Putin to "atone" for the shooting down of Flight MH17 over rebel-held eastern Ukraine and Britain's David Cameron branding him a "bully".

Putin was also apparently rebuffed by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper when the Russian leader approached him.

"Well, I guess I'll shake your hand, but I only have one thing to say to you: you need

to get out of Ukraine," said Harper.

The West this week accused Russia of sending fresh military hardware into eastern Ukraine, fuelling fears of a return to all-out conflict. Russia denies its troops are on the ground in Ukraine.

Analysts said Putin's apparent anger at his treatment by his fellow leaders could worsen the crisis in Ukraine.

Putin, who prides himself on his stamina, cited the "need to sleep" and a long flight home as his reasons for leaving the summit before the final communique was issued.

Despite the baking heat in Brisbane, the chill in the air was unmistakable, with Western leaders threatening new sanctions if fighting in Ukraine intensifies.

Australian tabloid The Courier-Mail

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GRENADE BLAST

2 BGB men killed during training

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Two members of Border Guard Bangladesh were killed and four others injured when a grenade exploded accidentally during training in Khagrachhari cantonment yesterday.

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PRAYER TIMING November 17

Azhan	Jamaat
Fazr 5-05	5-40
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 3-45	4-00
Maghrib 5-21	5-24
Esha 7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

MAHJABIN 'MURDER'

Ex-MP, wife get bail, son on remand

STAR REPORT

The High Court yesterday granted a four-week anticipatory bail to former Awami League lawmaker Khan Tipu Sultan and his wife Jasmine Ara in a case filed for killing their daughter-in-law Shamarukh Mahjabin.

The bench of Justice Syed AB Mahmudul Huq and Justice Akram Hossain Chowdhury passed the order after hearing their bail petition.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed Mahjabin's husband Humayun Sultan on a three-day remand in connection with the murder case filed by her father Nurul Islam.

Fazlul Huq Khan Farid, a lawyer for the accused, told reporters that the HC granted the anticipatory bail, considering the statement of the first information report (FIR) where there was no specific allegation against his clients.

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Train 'floats' above tracks

100 passengers first to travel at 311 mph

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The first passengers have travelled at an incredible 311 mph on a hovering bullet train in Japan.

The maglev trains have been tested before between the cities of Uenohara and Fuefuki but now members of the public have been allowed on board for the first time.

The 27-mile trip went by in a flash for the 100 passengers as the train, which "floats" above tracks using magnetic levitation, hit speeds of 311 mph (500 kmh).

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