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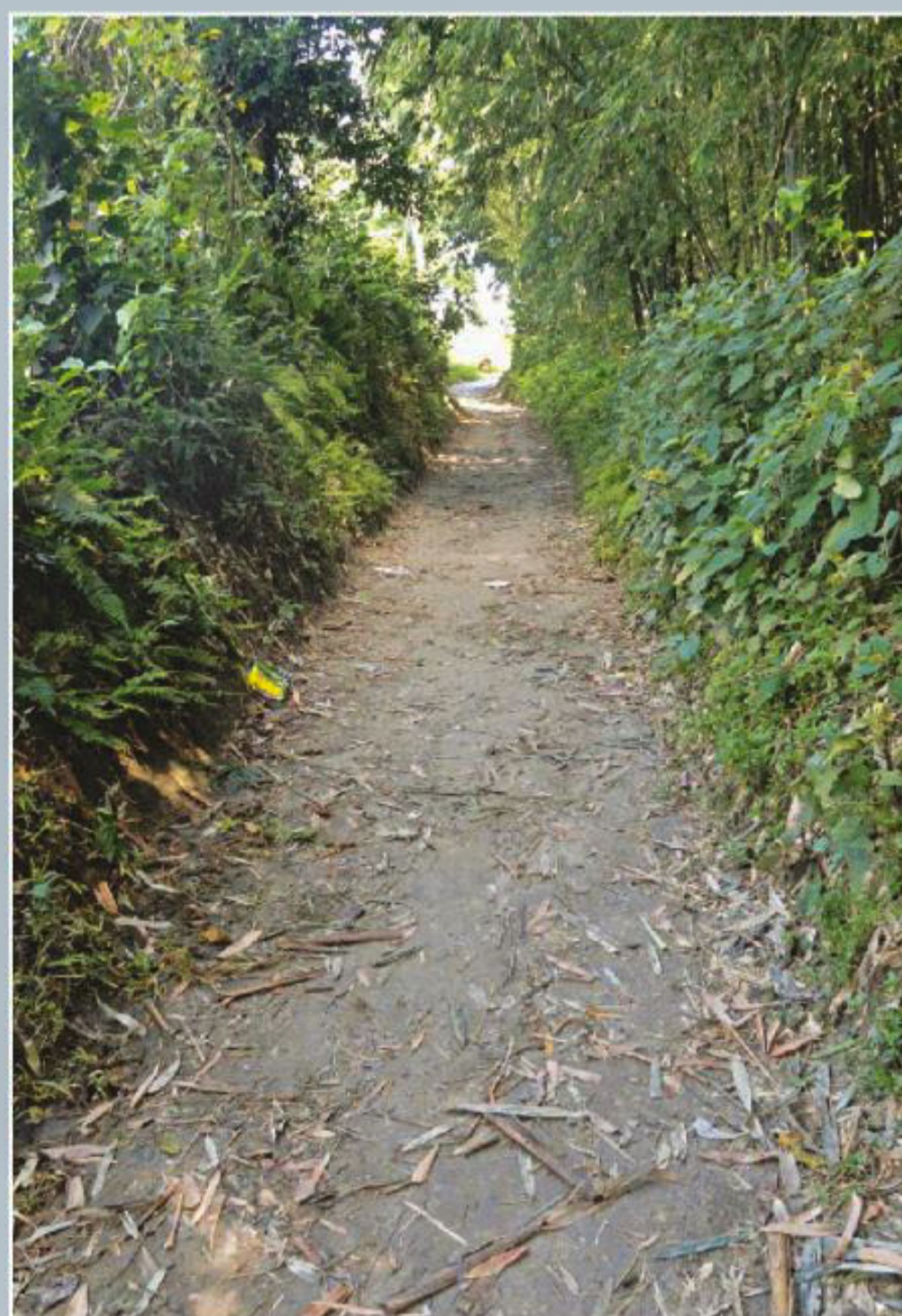
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PHENSIDYLE TRAFFICKING ALONG THE BORDER



The rather pretty walkway, *left*, through the bamboo bush at Chawratari in Mogholhat of Lalmonirhat is actually a path made by Phensidyle smugglers. They smuggle the contraband into Bangladesh from India, where the cough syrup is legal. Along the border, there are factories, *middle*, that cater the addicts of Bangladesh. The traffickers just walk to the factories and return with sack full of Phensidyle, *top right*, and addicts of Bangladesh walk to India to get their fixer cheaply.

PHOTO: STAR

MANPOWER EXPORT
Cabinet okays changes to MoU with KL
Proposed Saarc motor vehicle deal gets nod
BSS, Dhaka

The cabinet yesterday approved a draft for amending the existing memorandum of understanding with Malaysia under which Bangladesh exports manpower to the Southeast Asian country. The amendment will allow Bangladesh to send workers to Sarawak State of Malaysia. Currently Bangladesh exports man

Peacekeepers in Liberia safe

Protective measures taken for 550 Bangladeshis on UN mission in the Ebola-hit country

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The authorities claim to have taken protective measures to ensure safety of 550 Bangladeshi UN peacekeepers in Liberia who run the risk of being infected with the deadly Ebola virus.

"Since our troops are working in the middle of people among whom many have already become infected with Ebola, there is a threat," a top army official who visited the African country as part of a high-powered medical team recently told The Daily Star yesterday.

"But as we've taken enough precautionary measures, none of our troops has so far been infected," said the official who wished to remain anonymous.

The five-member team led by a major general was in Liberia from October 26 to November 1.

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RU TEACHER MURDER

Probe focuses on Jamaat-linked radical Islamists

ANWAR ALI and MA SAYEED, Rajshahi

A secret group of radical Islamists with close links to Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir orchestrated the gruesome murder of Rajshahi University Prof AKM Shafiul Islam, investigators told The Daily Star yesterday.

Two hours after the murder on Saturday, a so-called militant outfit Ansar Al Islam Bangladesh-2 claimed responsibility for the murder on its Facebook page.

"We've gathered important information from the Facebook page of Ansar al Islam Bangladesh-2. We've looked into the materials and profiles of those who liked and

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World running out of chocolate

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The world is running out of chocolate and even bumper cocoa crops cannot keep up with soaring demand from Asia, the biggest international confectionery manufacturer has warned.

The Switzerland-based Barry Callebaut Group has joined a host of industry experts in expressing concerns about "a potential cocoa shortage by 2020", which has contributed to cocoa prices rising a staggering 25 per cent in the past year.

Barry Callebaut revealed that it sold more than 1.7 million tonnes of chocolate in 2013/14 - a year-on-year increase of more than 11.8 per cent - and

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Yes (28%)
No (72%)

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Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30



The Liberation War has been over for 43 years now, but the name of Pakistan Para in Alipur of Faridpur town still remains unchanged, reminding locals of oppression by then Pakistani rulers. The Faridpur municipality is yet to fix a name for the area. The photo was taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: STAR

LAND BOUNDARY DEAL
Mamata sets condition for implementation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday made conditional her government's nod to implementation of the land boundary agreement with Bangladesh.

Talking to reporters, she said while her government wants a solution to the long-standing problem of exchange of enclaves adversely held by India and

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ENVIRONMENTAL FUGITIVES

Interpol launches most-wanted list

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Suspects wanted for crimes including poaching rhino, trafficking ivory and illegally chopping down forests feature on the first ever Most Wanted-style appeal to catch environmental criminals.

Interpol's public appeal hopes to catch nine fugitives suspected of environmental crimes costing hundreds of millions of dollars, in a move to catapult the issue to the forefront of international law enforcement.

Stefano Carvelli, the head of Interpol's fugitive investigative support unit, said that

the offences were only the tip of the iceberg of an environmental crime wave, which agency reports have estimated to be worth \$70bn-\$213bn annually.

"If we talk about illegal logging, we have many pending cases," he said. "We also have many serious biodiversity cases. The problem is very big, I can feel it. These are crimes with many, many different parameters."

One fugitive, Ahmed Kamran, 29, is charged with smuggling over 100 live animals -- including giraffes and impalas -- from Tanzania's Kilimanjaro airport to

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Naogaon AL man, brother murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A Swetchhasebak League leader and his brother were hacked to death allegedly by their rivals in Naogaon Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The dead are Ohidul Islam, 45, vice-president of Sadar upazila unit of the volunteers' front of the ruling Awami League, and his brother Shahinul Islam, 40. The duo hailed from the Chakprachi village in the upazila.

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সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সরকার ১০/- (দশ) ও ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যমানের বাংলাদেশ প্রাইজবন্ডের সকল কার্যক্রম আগামী ৩১ জানুয়ারী, ২০১৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ হতে চূড়ান্তভাবে বন্ধ ঘোষণা করেছেন।

এমতাবস্থায়, আগামী ৩১ জানুয়ারী, ২০১৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখের পূর্বে সুবিধাজনক সময়ে পূর্বের ন্যায় ১০/- (দশ) ও ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যমানের বাংলাদেশ প্রাইজবন্ড নগদায়ন অথবা ১০/- (দশ) ও ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রাইজবন্ডের বদলে সমমূল্যের ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রাইজবন্ড বিনিময় করে নেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। উক্ত সময়ের পর ১০/- (দশ) ও ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যমানের বাংলাদেশ প্রাইজবন্ডের কোন দাবী (নগদায়ন বা বিনিময়) গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

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