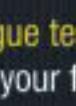
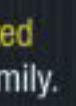




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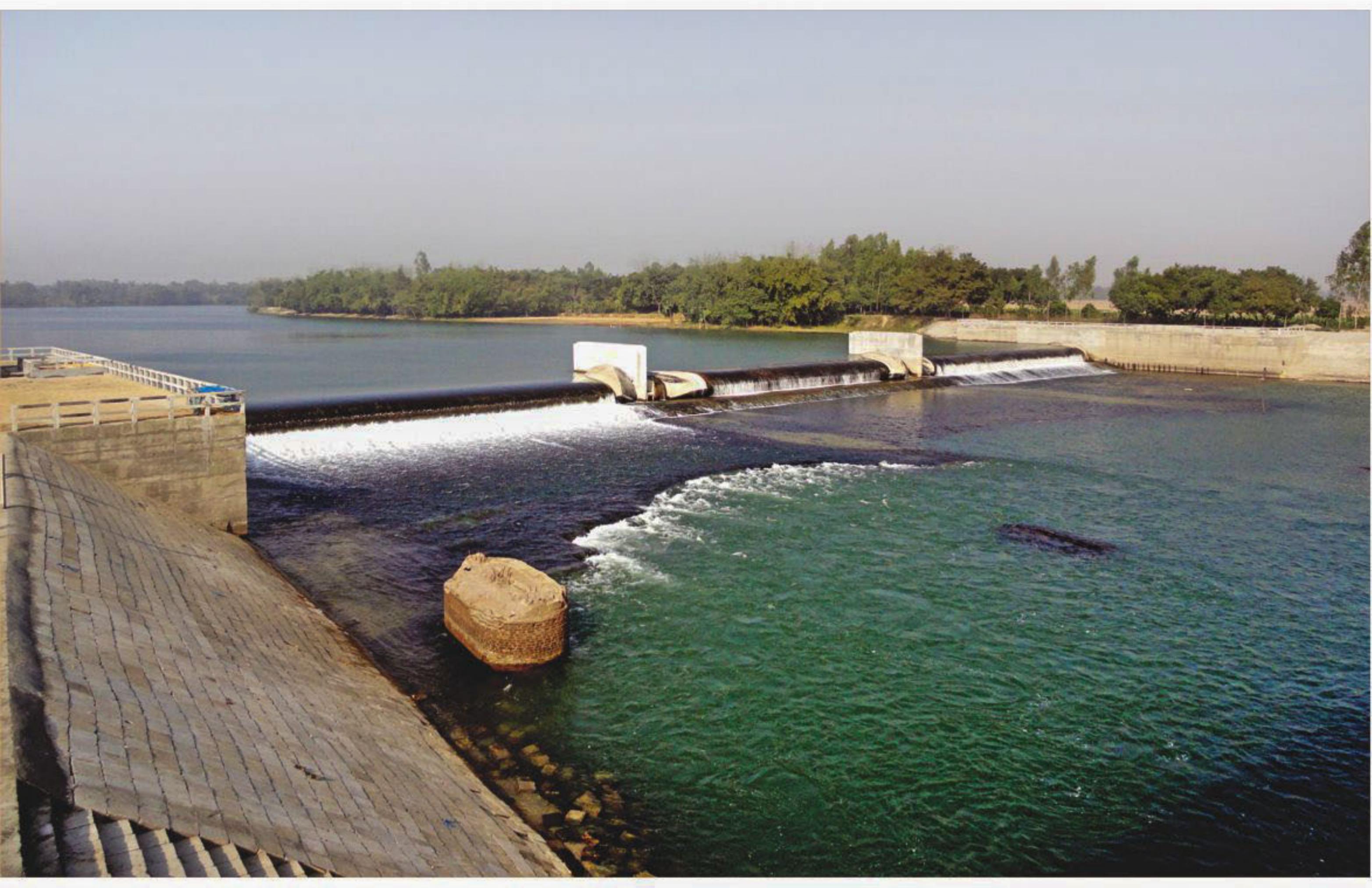
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STARChristmas  
celebrated

UNB, Dhaka

The Christian community of the country celebrated Christmas yesterday with pledges to work for peace and humanity following the ideals of Jesus Christ.

Christmas, the biggest religious festival of the Christian community, is a celebration of rebirth, new beginning, forgiveness and peace, and renewing relationship with God and human beings.

Decoration of Christmas trees with colourful lights, special prayers, distribution of gifts among the children by Santa Claus and exchange of pleasantries were the main features of the day's festivities.

To ensure peaceful celebration of Christmas, security in the capital and many other places of the country

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'Malala of Bangla'  
blazes the trailABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND,  
Gazipur

She was dubbed the 'Malala of Bangla' by Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg at an international conference, and rightly so. Hailing from a village in Gazipur, what she has achieved does invite a comparison with the world's youngest Nobel laureate.

Born to humble parents, Shahida Akhter Shorna, 20, felt the societal pressure for early marriage like all the other girls in her village. Her elder sisters, all four of them, had given in without a protest when their time came. But Shorna did not: she made it crystal clear that completing her education was her first priority.

Her resistance, all too predictably, came with a mountain of obstacles: the jeers from her neighbours and the disapproving looks

Shahida Akhter Shorna

of her father who had abandoned her mother because she had failed to give birth to a male child.

Overcoming all odds, she's now a first year honours student at Bhawal Bodre Alam Government University College in Gazipur.

"I twice resisted my parents' attempts to marry me off early, and this came with so many snide comments from my relatives and neighbours," Shorna told The Daily Star.

However, it was her wholehearted campaign for girls' education in her village that put her on a par with Malala Yousafzai. Although there were no gun-toting Taliban insurgents patrolling her village, hers was no less challenging a task than Malala's.

"I realised that female children from

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Bangladeshi  
farmer shot  
dead by BSF

STAR REPORT

Members of Indian Border Security Force gunned down a Bangladeshi farmer and injured two others along Hariharnagar border in Jibannagar upazila of Chuadanga yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mashirul Rahman, 35, a resident of Hariharnagar and the injured were Jamal Uddin, 28, and Abdul Aziz, 25 of the same area, said a BGB press release.

Without any provocation, BSF personnel from Putikhalia camp opened fire at a group of farmers while they were working in a field around 4:00pm, leaving them injured, the press release said.

Locals with the help of

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Meet the  
world's  
8-year-old  
supermodel

AFP, Moscow

Kristina Pimenova has been dubbed "the most beautiful girl in the world" but her mother says the eight-year-old Russian supermodel is completely ignorant of her worldwide fame.

On catwalks since the

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Thousands flee  
deadly violence  
in Assam

Death toll rises to 78; violence  
spreads despite curfew

AGENCIES

More than 2,000 people have fled their homes in the restive Indian state of Assam after separatist rebels killed dozens of villagers, some of them children, an official said yesterday.

Residents sought shelter in makeshift camps set up by the state government following a series of coordinated attacks by armed rebels Tuesday that left at least 69 people dead, 18 of them children.

Another three people were killed on Wednesday when police shot at villagers who went to a police station to demand justice over the attacks.

In worst-affected Sonitpur district, six more bodies were recovered yesterday morning from Maital Basti under Zinzia police station bordering Arunachal Pradesh taking the overall toll to 78, a police spokesman told PTI.

"More than 2,000 villagers have sought shelter in relief camps. People are of course scared and worried about violence flaring up again," a state welfare official told AFP on condition of anonymity, reports AFP.

Fresh incidents of violence have been reported yesterday morning from Gossaigaon area in Kokrajhar where several houses of Bodos have been set ablaze despite the indefinite

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Do you think the idea of introducing toll at the capital's entry points to collect revenue for paying the public servants increased salary would be justified?

 Yes (15%)

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## TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the ACC Chairman Mohammad Baduuzzaman to claim that the AL lawmaker Enamul Haque neither amassed wealth illegally nor concealed wealth information?

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