

# NEWS IN brief

## Tea garden worker found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A worker of Haji Nagor tea garden was found dead in the garden in Rajnagar upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday. The body of Monua Kol, 35, son of Ramnaraon Kol of the upazila, bore several marks which suggest that he was beaten by sticks, said police.

## 8 lakh banned steroid pills seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members recovered eight lakh pieces of banned Dexamethasone Tablets, a type of steroid pills which have been smuggled from India, from Harikhali in Sharsha upazila of Jessore yesterday. Sensing presence of BGB members, the smugglers fled away leaving behind the pills worth Tk 1 crore and a motorbike. A case was filed.

## Work for museum on '71 inaugurated

A CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday laid the foundation stone of Liberation War Museum in Banglabazar area of Bhola Sadar upazila. Articles, books and pictures on the Liberation War will especially be displayed in the museum. Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed and Abdul Momin Tulu, Bhola District Council administrator, were present among others. The district council is funding the project.

## 150 blood donors honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Quantum Foundation yesterday honoured over 150 blood donors who have donated blood for 25 to 50 times. University Grants Commission Chairman Prof AK Azad Chowdhury handed over the awards in the Jatiya Press Club. Honorary Director of Quantum Blood Donation Programme and Professor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Dr ABM Yunus and Ashfaqur Rahman Adnan and Mehedi Hasan, a thalassaemia patient spoke at the event while Quantum Foundation Chief Coordinator Madam Nahar Al Bukhari in the chair.

## IDLC Finance, LEADS sign MoU

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Selim RF Hussain, CEO and managing director of IDLC Finance Ltd; and Romina Dewan, executive director of Livelihood Education And Development Services (LEADS), signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the capital's IDLC Gulshan office on March 2 to conduct the second phase of the Environment Awareness Campaign for School Children. ASM Kabir, chairman of LEADS, and other officials from both of the organisations were also present, says a press release.



Only 25-30 years ago, the Begbota River flowing through Jhenidah sadar upazila was used as a sailing route for commercial boats. But due to a lack of water and conservation efforts like dredging, the river is now in the throes of death. Instead of being a source of fresh water, it has become a poisonous reservoir that cannot sustain aquatic life including fish anymore. The photo was taken near Naldanga Bazar on Thursday.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

## SI closed for 'torturing' 2nd wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A police official was closed on Thursday night following an allegation of torturing his second wife in Kawnia area of Barisal city.

He was sent to Barisal Police Lines following the order issued by Barisal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shoibal Kanti Chowdhury based on a written complaint from the victim, said BMP Deputy Commissioner Zillur Rahman.

Sub-inspector Md Abdul Warres, 40, of Kawnia Police Station locks the door keeping his spouse Habiba Aktar Marufa inside the house before going to office on a regular basis, alleged Marufa while talking to The Daily Star.

Due to assault on Marufa, she once was hospitalised, she said.

On information from neighbours and Marufa's mother Mahmuda Bagum, Bangladesh Women

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## 18 BNP, Jamaat, Shibir activists detained in Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Police in separate drives detained 18 activists of BNP-Jamaat-Shibir in Chittagong city and three upazilas of the district on Thursday and yesterday. Naimul Hasan, additional superintendent of police (special branch) of Chittagong, said police held 13 activists in overnight raids at various places in Mirsari, Sitakunda, Hathazari and Satkania upazilas to prevent possible acts of sabotage during the nationwide blockade and hartals enforced by the BNP-led alliance.

Police also detained four hartal supporters in the city yesterday.

# Bleak future haunting firebomb victim

### Trucker Abu Bakar shares story at Sammilito Sangskritik Jote's token hunger strike condemning violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Since he woke up in hospital after being burnt in a firebomb attack about two months ago, the first few questions that crossed Abu Bakar Siddique's mind were about the future of his son, who was the top student in the classroom and would be appearing at the SSC examinations in a couple of weeks.

The trucker still does not know the answers, and the future seems bleak.

"Will I be able to drive the truck again? Can my son appear at the SSC exams without impediments and get

good grades?" Bakar asked himself, lying in the bed at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with 40 percent burns to his body.

In the last 51 days, the wounds have healed a great deal, but doctors said he would not be able to sit behind the wheel until 18 months later.

"My body still burns," said Bakar who lives in Puthia upazila of Rajshahi and regularly visits doctors.

He came under attack a few kilometers from the Sirajganj end of Bangabandhu Bridge on the night of January 10 when he was driving a goods-laden truck towards Dhaka

from Rajshahi.

Bakar shared his story at a token hunger strike Sammilito Sangskritik Jote organised at the capital's Central Shaheed Minar, condemning the petrol bomb attacks, sabotage and terrorism going on unabated since the BNP-led 20-party alliance enforced an indefinite blockade on January 6.

"I am sure my son would have done better in the examinations had I not come under attack," Bakar said, adding that his son, Humayun Kabir, who studied science, dreamed to be a

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## Two arrested with 32,000 Yaba pills in Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two drug peddlers with 32,000 Yaba tablets in separate areas in Chittagong city on Thursday night.

The arrested -- Mohammad Sayed Akber, 41, and Nurul Abser, 36, -- hail from Cox's Bazar district.

Acting on a tip off, a team of Rab-7 raided Lalapukur area in the city at 11:30pm and seized 4,000 Yaba tablets from their possessions.

On their information, Rab found another 28,000 Yaba pills in Shulakbahar.



This culvert has virtually lost its use because of rapid land development on both sides replacing vast wetlands along the Dhaka-Mawa Highway, just outside the capital. The photo was taken yesterday in Keain of Munshiganj that testifies to how unplanned urbanisation is wiping out the swamps, which are an integral part to maintain the environmental balance.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## সম্মানিত গ্রাহক সঠিক নিয়ন্ত্রন ও সচেতনতাই আপনার মোবাইলের যথাযথ ব্যবহার নিশ্চিত করতে পারে

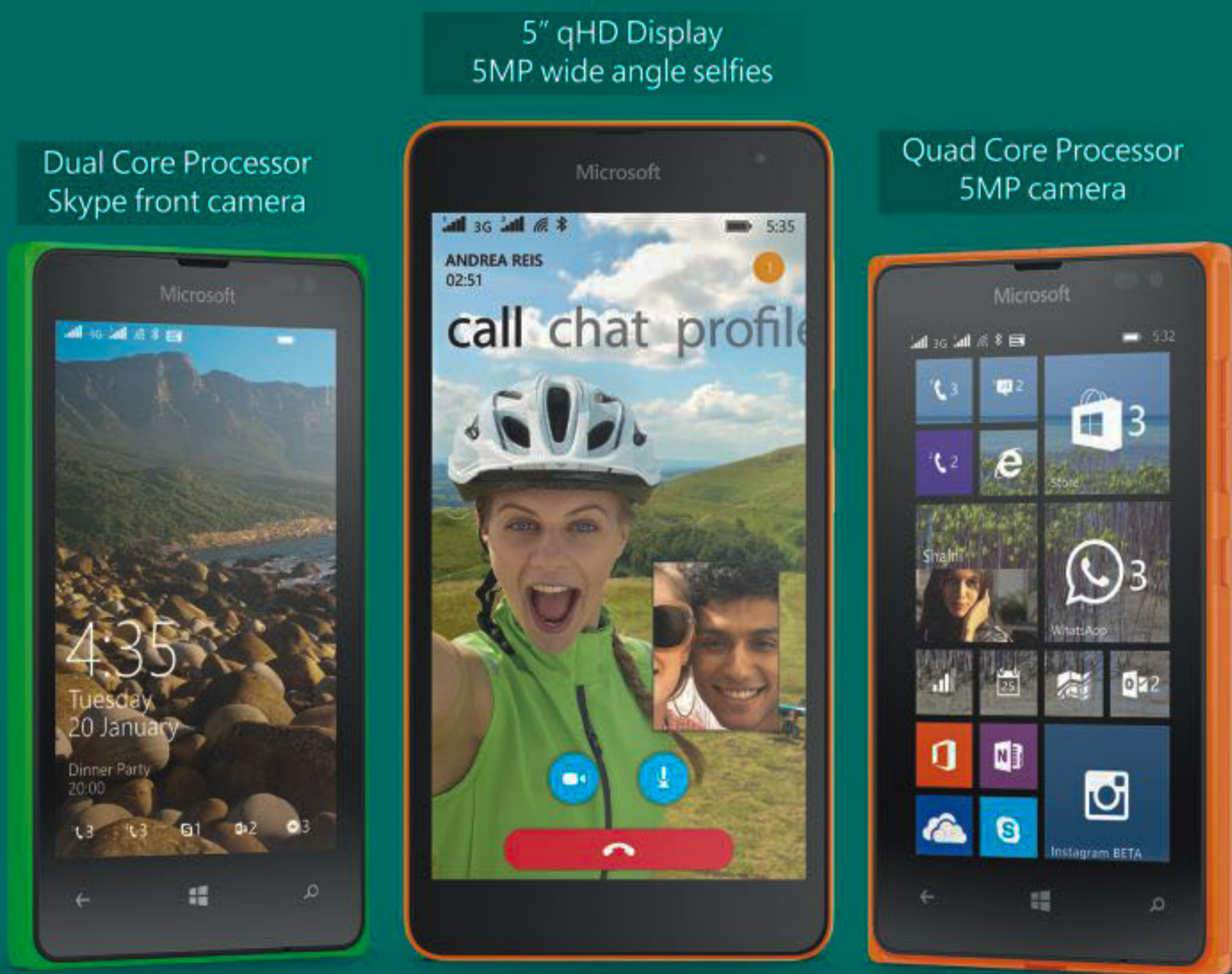
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