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Rain worsens flooding

8 north and northeastern districts affected

STAR REPORT
Heavy rain in Bangladesh and India over the last three days has worsened the flood situation in Bangladesh with thousands marooned in the north and northeast.

Many houses and cropland have gone under water and communication has also been snapped in some parts.

Several rivers were flowing above the danger level yesterday. With rain likely in next three days, the situation may worsen. According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), the situation may improve this week.

Arifuzzaman Bhuiyan, sub-divisional engineer of FFWC, Water Development Board, yesterday said Sylhet region would witness heavy rain in the next two days, while there might be moderate rain in northern parts of the country.

"The trend is expected to calm down by the middle of the week," he added.

In Gaibandha, communications between 20 villages and Sunderganj upazila headquarters got snapped Friday night with the collapse of Ramdakua Bridge across the tributary of

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Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal might have scored 19 runs on the fourth day of the rain-hit one-off Test against India at Fatullah yesterday, but the left-hander, when on 7, crossed former Bangladesh captain Habibul Bashar as the Tigers' leading run-getter in the process. Bangladesh were 113-3 in 30.1 overs in reply to India's 462-6 declared before rain intervened. Story on Page 14.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

TIB for long-term steps to fight graft

Worried over 'crisis of democracy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday urged the government, political leaders and civil society members to take effective and long-term steps to combat corruption in the society.

The organisation also expressed concern over the "crisis of democracy" in the country, rise of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, incidents of human trafficking, and failure to hold city corporation elections in a free and fair manner.

The corruption watchdog was holding its annual general meeting at TIB Dhanmondi office, says a press release.

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Reckless truck kills 2 students in Ctg

Accident sparks protests; Dhaka-Ctg highway blocked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two college students were killed when a truck ran them over in City Gate area of Chittagong city yesterday morning, triggering protests that left the Dhaka-Chittagong highway blocked for nearly two and a half hours.

The demonstrators also smashed windows of 10 to 15 vehicles.

Witnesses said the incident led to long tailbacks on

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Wahidul Hasan Delwar Hossain

India decided it on June 5

Modi chaired the cabinet committee meeting to go for military operation inside Myanmar

THE INDIAN EXPRESS

The decision to approve cross-border strikes in Myanmar to target militants from the NSCN-IM was taken during a meeting on June 5 of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a day after 18 soldiers were gunned down in Manipur, highly placed sources said.

Before the CCS met, Doval and Gen

Suhag had visited Manipur, where military intelligence provided information about the location of the militants who were suspected to have attacked the convoy from the 6 Dogra Regiment in Chandel.

Early on June 5, Parrikar conveyed to Modi that the Army wanted permission to prepare for a "revenge attack" on the militants who had moved about 4km into Myanmar by then, sources added.

The CCS put Doval in charge of

coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Army to prepare the details of the strike, including its timing, sources said.

It was also decided that the Army would hand over a note to their Myanmar counterparts just before the strike, and that the Indian envoy in Nay Pyi Taw, Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, would inform their foreign office about the strike in the early working

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Female cop gang-raped

Another woman violated in Rampura

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable was allegedly gang-raped by her estranged husband, also a police officer, and his cohorts in the capital's Khilgaon Wednesday night.

The 25-year-old victim yesterday told journalists that her estranged husband with three others raped her

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World's oldest newlyweds

Groom 103, bride 91

AFP, Eastbourne

A 103-year-old man and a 91-year-old woman held their wedding in Britain yesterday, becoming the oldest couple to get married in the world.

George Kirby and Doreen Luckie -- together for 27 years -- looked delighted as they tied the

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CIA reveals 9/11 report

Finds systemic flaws in intelligence

CNN ONLINE

Ten years after the CIA's Office of the Inspector General completed its investigation into intelligence failures prior to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the agency on Friday declassified its report.

The nearly-500 page documented -- redacted in parts -- elaborates on a list of "systemic problems" the inspector general found that contributed to missed warnings of Osama bin Laden's plot to hijack planes and use them as weapons.

The report had no dramatic new revelations, but it does offer additional analysis on the same problems that were identified in

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