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They will play two T20Is, three ODIs and two Tests against Bangladesh

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SHAKESPEARE'S THEATRE COMING

The London-based Globe Theatre will stage 'Hamlet' in Dhaka on July 15

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BAF fighter jet crashes into Bay

Pilot missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladesh Air Force pilot is missing after his fighter jet crashed in the Bay of Bengal near Chittagong yesterday morning.

Bangladesh Navy, the air force, Bangladesh Coast Guard and Chittagong Port Authority are looking for Flight Lieutenant Rumman Tahmid and the wreckage of his plane.

The F-7MB aircraft lost contact with the control room of BAF Base Zahurul Haque 42 minutes after it took off from the base in Patenga of Chittagong at 10:28am on a training mission, said Noor Islam, assistant director of Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR).

Local boatmen saw parts of the plane

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College admission process stumbles

Uncertainty lingers as new problems arise over merit list published only two days before admission deadline

WASIM BIN HABIB and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

With only two days remaining, the government's fresh decision to wrap up the college admission process online seems to be stumbling, leaving students and guardians on tenterhooks.

The government this year has taken the ambitious initiative to digitise college admission in a bid to discipline the process. Accordingly, the education ministry, after receiving students' applications online or through SMS, yesterday published online separate list of students for each college. It did so since no college is entitled to admit students whose names do not appear on its list.

The task of preparing separate lists for 11 lakh college (class XI) admission seekers was not only Herculean but also marked by technical glitches. Very predictably therefore, the government delayed the process for four days before it uploaded the first lists of over 10.93 lakh students on www.xiclassadmission.gov.bd.

A number of reputed colleges in the capital and other districts, however, complained that they could not download the complete lists of students to be admitted for their respective institutions.

The lists, even when properly downloaded, are flawed in many cases, said teachers and students.

The last date for admission, as decided by the government, was June 30. But failing to publish the list on time, the education ministry extended the time by a day.

Faced with complaints of flaws in preparing the lists, the authorities

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Commuters in Dhaka City: Who are the victims?



Jaywalkers
40%



Bus drivers & passengers
15%



Motorcyclists & passengers
15%



Rickshaw pullers & passengers
10%



Auto-rickshaw drivers & passengers
8%



Pedestrians
7%

Others

5%

Note: Figures represent deaths only; Done by Star Research

ROAD ACCIDENTS Jaywalkers at high risk

FAARIA TASIN

It was 12:30pm and six-year-old Upoma had just heard the school bell ring. She could not wait to go home that day and attend to her kitten. Her father came to pick her up from school and the two started walking towards their home just like any other day.

As they were crossing the road at Jatrabari, her father clasped her hand tight and started running towards the other side of the road. Sadly, a fast CNG-run three-wheeler hit the duo hard, leaving little Upoma dead on the spot.

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TOP QUOTE

"There has been some intense lobbying and I have backtracked, falling victim to such lobbying."

FINANCE MINISTER **AMA MUHITH** AT PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, ABOUT LIFTING PROPOSED TAX AND VAT ON SOME ITEMS

Govt reviews tax proposals

Proposed tax at source on apparel exports slashed to 0.6pc; no advance income tax on rice, sugar, wheat, edible oil import

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Exporters, including apparel makers, will now have to pay 0.6 percent tax at source on their income from export from the upcoming fiscal year, as the government slashed the rate from the proposed 1 percent.

At present, the National Board of Revenue collects 0.3 percent tax from garment manufacturers on their annual income from exports. The rate is 0.6 percent for other exporters.

In his budget speech on June 4, Finance Minister AMA Muhith had proposed to increase the rate to 1 percent for all exporters.

The change was brought through the passage of the Finance Bill 2015 in parliament yesterday along with some other changes. Muhith placed the

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- No duty, VAT on raw materials for producing cancer medicines
- The proposed 5pc import duty on book import lifted
- The VAT on tuition fee of private universities, medical colleges and engineering colleges cut to 7.5pc from proposed 10pc
- Corporate tax rate of new banks to go down to 40pc from proposed 42.5pc

APPEAL AGAIN Govt blocks Fakhru's release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has again moved three separate petitions against the High Court orders that granted bail to BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir in three cases.

The government filed the petitions with the

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COCAINE SMUGGLING Cartels employ ingenious ways

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Many eyebrows were raised when a consignment of liquid cocaine was seized at Chittagong Port on Saturday. But this is just one innovative tactic international drug cartels use to smuggle the drug into different countries.

Smugglers over the years have stashed cocaine in consignments of food and other items. Incidents of carrying cocaine in stomach, paintings' frames and artifacts have been reported. But smuggling the drug in liquid form or in drug-filled condoms and implanted breasts are rather new tactics.

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Naval officers showing a small piece of an F-7 fighter jet of the Bangladesh Air Force that crashed into the Bay after taking off from the BAF Base Zahurul Haque in Chittagong yesterday. The pilot of the aircraft is missing.

PHOTO: STAR

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