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LIFE WATERLOGGED



The recent spells of torrential rain, coupled with a poor drainage system, have caused waterlogging in the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embankment area, inflicting immense sufferings on thousands of people living there. Roads and houses alike have gone under water. In the photos, a woman tries to salvage her utensils in an inundated kitchen; people wade through knee-deep water; and vehicles negotiate the muddy, potholed roads.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DMCH EMERGENCY

Only tipping can get you trolleys

RAFIUL ISLAM

If you look wealthy or solvent enough to give a tip, there is no dearth of trolley carriers at the emergency unit of the country's premier public hospital. But you'll be in trouble if you are in handcuffs or have an impoverished look written over your face. When any patient-carrying vehicle stops in front of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital emergency unit, the trolley men first glance at the attire of the patient and his attendants to have an idea about their financial status before offering a trolley. On Thursday, this correspondent spent about four hours around the DMCH emergency to find out that the trolley men were competing with one another to offer a trolley to a patient who looked affluent. But when those appeared who were in police custody or looked poor, they showed utter negligence.

Akhi faced it when she tried to find a trolley for Al Amin, her ailing elder brother, who is an accused in a murder case. Al Amin was escorted by police, so none came forward with a trolley sensing they would not get any tip in the presence of law enforcers. Their negligence forced Akhi to put Al Amin on a trolley with the help of a police constable and carry him to his ward. "What else can I do if nobody comes forward to carry him?" said a despondent Akhi. Al Amin, a patient with a head injury, was returning from the National Institute of Neurosciences Hospital in the city's Agargaon where he was referred for some check-up. He has been admitted to the hospital's neurosurgery ward for about a

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4 of a family electrocuted, killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Four members of a family were killed by electrocution in Bauphal upazila yesterday. The dead are Abdul Hay, 50, his daughters Dina, 25, Mohua alias Bina, 21, and his brother-in-law (sister's husband) Ibrahim Khalil, 45. A live electric wire was snapped suddenly and fell into a pond in Dhalapara village around 11:00am. Later, some fishes were found floating dead in the pond, police said, quoting the victims' family. Hay and Khalil came into contact with the wire and died on the spot when

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28TH BCL COUNCIL

Odds in favour of selection

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and MAHDI AL MUHTASIM

The new BCL leadership are likely to be picked by the Awami League high command, not by voting in the 28th council to be held in the capital today, say AL and BCL sources. If this happens, it would be a break from the last three councils of Bangladesh Chhatra League. According to the BCL constitution, its president and general secretary are elected by councillors from across the country. The ruling AL top brass are to make the selection on the basis of the candidates' track record, as there are allegations that some ex-top BCL men and powerful AL leaders always try to influence the election of top two leaders in the pro-AL student body, said the sources. On Thursday, AL President Sheikh Hasina asked incumbent BCL President HM Badiuzzaman Sohag and General Secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam to give her curriculum vitae of the candidates, added the sources. The new committee is likely to be announced tomorrow, the second day of the council. Hasina will attend the inaugural session as chief guest at Suhrawardy Udyan.

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Cop killed in Meherpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable died after he was dragged almost a kilometre by a microbus that suspected drug traders were travelling in last night at Gangni upazila in Meherpur. The victim Mohammad

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PRAYER TIMING

JULY 25

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4:20	12:45	5:00	6:50	8:15
JAMAAT	4:55	1:15	5:15	6:55	8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Al Amin is being carried on a trolley by his sister and a policeman.

PHOTO: STAR

First malaria vaccine gets green light

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The world's first malaria vaccine has been recommended for use in Africa, bringing scientists a step closer to preventing hundreds of thousands of deaths each year. It is hoped that the Mosquirix jab, developed by GlaxoSmithKline and the Melinda Gates Foundation, will help stem the half a million malaria deaths every year. More than 198 million people in sub-Saharan Africa were affected by the disease in 2013 alone and 80 percent of those that die are children under five. Although the vaccine, which will hopefully provide protection to thousands for as little as \$5 each, has been approved by the European Medicines Agency. It now needs the approval of health officials in the African region.

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Turkey bombs ISIS positions

Joins campaign against militants in Syria after deadly blast, soldier killings

AFP, Beylerbeyi

Turkish fighter jets early yesterday bombed positions of Islamic State jihadists inside Syria for the first time, as police arrested hundreds of suspected extremists after a wave of violence. The air raids against ISIS targets marked a dramatic hardening of Turkey's attitude towards the group. Ankara had previously been criticised for not doing enough to combat the jihadists. ISIS members were among almost 300 suspected extremists arrested in early morning raids in Istanbul and other cities, authorities said. Kurdish militants and Marxist radicals were also detained. The operations came after the first major cross-border clashes between Turkey and ISIS jihadists on Thursday left one Turkish soldier and one militant dead, thrusting Turkey into an open conflict with the Islamists.

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