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BANGLA LESSON for carbon polluters



Growing solar home system earns Bangladesh UN fund; first in the world

PINAKI ROY

Bangladesh has become the first country to get funds from the United Nations for its fast growing solar home systems, which are not only lighting up houses in off-grid villages but also showing the world the way to a low-carbon future.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) issued 395,286 carbon credits worth €3.56 million to two Bangladeshi organisations -- Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (IDCOL) and Grameen Shakti -- last week.

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PHOTO: PIB, INDIA

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets Indian President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace, in New Delhi yesterday before paying her last respects to Pranab's wife who passed away on Tuesday. Story on page 2

Police want to quiz journo about report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police now want to question a journalist about a recent report run by his newspaper.

In a letter to the editor of the Bangladesh Pratidin, Assistant Commissioner (administration-Ramna) of DMP Md Badrul Hasan on Monday said they need to quiz the reporter about the report published on August 11.

It asked the editor to make sure that the reporter, "who covers Shahbagh and Dhanmondi areas", is present at the AC's office at 4:00pm today. The letter also demanded the reporter bring with him relevant information on the report.

The report depicted some incidents of police wrongdoings.

The authorities of the Bangla daily expressed their surprise at the summons by the police.

"This is unexpected and regrettable," said Bangladesh Pratidin Editor Naem Nizam. "The police

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Probir Sikdar freed

Granted bail after minister asked prosecutors not to oppose bail prayer

STAR REPORT

A day after placing senior journalist Probir Sikdar on a three-day remand, a Faridpur court yesterday granted him bail.

Probir walked out of Faridpur jail with the aid of a crutch around 1:45pm, a couple of hours after the bail was granted, to receive a warm welcome from his family, well-wishers and a large number of

locals.

He thanked everyone for raising voice for his release, said a correspondent who was present there.

Interestingly, the prosecution yesterday didn't oppose his bail prayer at the First Cognisance Court of Faridpur on being asked by LGRD Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain. The case against

Probir Sikdar for "tarnishing the image"



On release from a Faridpur jail yesterday, journalist Probir Sikdar is accorded a warm reception by students of Begum Rokeya Girls' High School, which he founded in his village Kanaipur in Faridpur.

PHOTO: COURTESY



21 AUGUST ATTACK

Justice so far away

Prosecution plans to cut long witness list, wishes to get verdict by end of this year

SHAKHAWAT LITON and CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

It took place in broad daylight of August 21, 2004 according to a meticulously designed plan hatched by some high ranking persons of the then BNP-led government.

They allegedly conspired to annihilate their

political rivals and engaged Islamic militant mercenaries to carry it out. The militants killed 24 and injured 300 but they failed to get their prime target as Sheikh Hasina survived the attack narrowly because some of her party leaders protected her by forming a human shield around her.

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S Africa to send back Tajuddin

Says home minister

BSS, Dhaka

South Africa yesterday agreed to send back Maulana Mohammad Tajuddin, a key accused in the August 21, 2004, grenade attack cases, to Bangladesh.



The decision came in a meeting between visiting South African delegation, led by Nomaindiya Mfeketo, deputy minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the country, and Bangladesh's Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan at the latter's secretariat office.

"South Africa has agreed to send back Maulana Tajuddin to Bangladesh

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Not dead, not living either

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

She has been living with around 1,800 splinters in her body, including two in her brain, for the last 11 years. All of the splinters remain inoperable to this day.

A dislocated joint in her right hand, which was brought into its right position later, was dislocated again two months ago. Now she has her hand in a sling that does not allow her to have a sound sleep.

It has been three months since her right leg started to pain again. So she does not dare to come out of her home.

"I have become a living corpse. You cannot call this a life," said Mahbuba Parvin, who narrowly survived the

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The way they get hearing hamstrung

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If you observe their activities, you would hardly believe they are at a court hearing.

They gossip with each other for hours and read newspapers, paying no heed to the legal procedures and the court decorum, said a lawyer, wishing not to be named.

Often, they move to the back of the courtroom and

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TOP QUOTE

"The way he [Probir] was arrested goes completely against the norms of a democratic state."

COLUMNIST
SYED ABUL MAKSUD
AT A TOKEN HUNGER STRIKE IN FRONT OF JATIYA PRESS CLUB

YET ANOTHER 'GUNFIGHT' AL man killed in Kushtia

STAR REPORT

A ruling party activist who was allegedly involved in the August 15 infighting that left one dead in Kushtia was killed in a "gunfight" with police in the district town early yesterday.

Zakir Hossain, 35, is the third Awami League man to be killed in what law enforcers claimed "gunfights" in the last two days.

Police said Zakir, son of Abdur Razzak of Mirpur upazila, was an activist of the AL affiliated body Swachchhasebak

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Zakir Hossain

6 suspected robbers beaten to death

STAR REPORT

Six alleged robbers were killed in two separate incidents of mob violence in Chapainawabganj and Narsingdi last night.

Of them, four were killed in Boalia village under Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj, reports our correspondent there.

One of the deceased was identified as Golam Rabbani. But the identities of three others could not be known immediately.

Some 10 to 12 robbers stopped a motorcycle on Kansat-Choudala road around 7:30pm. Hearing the scream of the motorcyclist, locals came forward to help him and caught four robbers, said Firoj Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Gomostapur Police Station.

The villagers then beat up the criminals indiscriminately, leaving the four critically injured.

On information, police rushed to the spot and took the injured to Gomostapur Upazila Health Complex

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In Loving Memory of
Mashroor Sharar Azam
(08/06/1993 - 20/08/2013)



Today is the second death anniversary of our beloved son Mashroor Sharar Azam.

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On behalf of his family - Md. Mohshiul Azam Shajal

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