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Pabna mob beats three to death

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR
TOPU, Pabna

An angry mob beat three people to death on suspicion of kidnapping children in Pabna's Santhia upazila yesterday.

The dead were Alal, 50, of Dinajpur; Aslam Hossain, 42, of Natore; and Bakkar Hossain, 44. Police said they were relatives.

Witnesses said the trio were dragged out of a bus and beaten to death in broad daylight in front of a local market.

"Some eight to 10 people pulled the three out of a Sirajganj-bound bus around 11:45am, suspecting them to be kidnappers. They beat them up in front of a shop in Chotur Bazar area," transport worker Faruk Hossain, who witnessed the incident, told The Daily Star.

He said he recognised neither the victims nor the attackers.

Police said they were investigating the incident and would also try to find if it was a planned murder.

"Angry people chased the victims on suspicion of kidnapping children and beat them up mercilessly in front of a shop of C&B

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MR MAYOR?

Domestic waste dumped outside a garbage collection container on the road near the capital's Malibagh kitchen market yesterday. The photo was taken at 2:00pm and even then, the city corporation hadn't collected it, causing sufferings to commuters and residents in the area.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Grameen Bank on Fortune's "Change the World List"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Bank was ranked 12th on Fortune's inaugural "Change the World List" in recognition of its contribution to creating economic opportunities for those in poverty and bringing unbanked people under financial services.

This adds to the list of feats achieved by Grameen Bank Founder Muhammad Yunus who set up the microfinance institution in 1983 out of belief that small, collateral-free loans could enable Bangladesh's unbanked poor to start businesses and lift themselves out of poverty.

Grameen Bank proved the Nobel laureate right, demonstrating that microcredit could be self-sustaining and even profitable, said the US-based magazine on its website as it released the list on Friday.

Since the inception more than three decades ago, the microcredit organisation has lent \$17.4 billion to 8.7 million borrowers, most of them impoverished women. Its model has been copied around the world, including in the US.

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Tk 1.7CR MISAPPROPRIATION

Seven ex-officials of Oriental Bank get life

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced seven former officials of now defunct Oriental Bank to life imprisonment for embezzling Tk 1.7 crore from the bank.

Judge Akhtaruzzaman of the Special Judge's Court-5 announced the verdict in the graft case in absence of all the accused. He also fined the convicts

about Tk 1.08 crore.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective from the date of their arrest or surrender, said the court.

The then Bureau of Anti-Corruption on December 29, 2006 had filed the case with Motijheel Police Station. The graft watchdog pressed charges against the former bankers on December 31, 2011.

The seven convicts are former deputy general manager Imamul Haque, senior vice-president Shah Mohammad Harun, senior assistant vice-president Abul Kashem Mahmudullah, assistant vice-president Fazlur Rahman, executive officer and vice-president Torikul

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China offers to invest \$350m

STAR REPORT

China has offered to invest about \$350 million in Bangladesh's various sectors for product diversification, value addition as well as boosting exports for the mutual benefits of the two countries.

Visiting Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Huchen said this at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban yesterday.

After the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told reporters that the

Chinese minister had termed Bangladesh a development partner of his country and urged the prime minister to form a committee to coordinate with the Chinese side over the investment it wants to make in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Gao Huchen said Bangladesh produces quality jute products, the export of which to China has increased by 10 percent just in the first half of this year.

A letter of exchange has been signed between Bangladesh and China for building

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POWER TILLER REPORTS Prothom Alo editor granted bail in 5 cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A Jhenidah court has granted bail to Prothom Alo Editor Matir Rahman, staff reporter Azad Rahman and local journalist Subrata Kumar Sarkar in five defamation cases.

Azad and Subrata also got bail in two extortion cases.

The cases were filed after the vernacular daily in May

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KIBRIA MURDER

Charge framing deferred for eighth time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The charge framing in the former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case was deferred again yesterday as suspended mayor of Sylhet City Corporation Ariful Haque Chowdhury was not present at the court for sickness.

With this, the charge framing has been delayed for the eighth time.

During yesterday's hearing, Sylhet Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Makbul Ahsan passed the order. But he didn't fix any new date for the charge framing.

Except for Ariful, 13 others accused, including

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Little Casper running to catch up with his father during a camping at Sitakunda last year. Bottom, the kid, now suffering from a yet-to-be-diagnosed medical condition, lies in a clinic bed in Chittagong.

PHOTO: FACEBOOK



Fingers crossed for Casper

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

They call him Chhoto Bhoot (little ghost). For his love for expeditions at the age of only four and a half, Muhammad Sadman Casper is quite popular among the trekker community.

His father Tofazzal Hossain Apu, a trekker since 2002, is a member of trekking group "Living with Forest".

Casper wants to be like his adventurous father.

One of his favourite activities is pitching

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Rename Khan A Sabur Road, Shah Aziz Auditorium

HC asks authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to immediately rename Khan A Sabur Road in Khulna and Shah Azizur Rahman Auditorium of Islamic University in Kushtia as those were named after two collaborators of anti-liberation forces.

The court said Khan A Sabur Road will now be called Jessore Road as per its previous name and the university authorities will rename its auditorium.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman came up with the order during the hearing on a rule in this regard.

Following a writ petition, the HC on May 14, 2012 issued the rule asking

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PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 26

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00
JAMAAT	5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Indian drone to track Sundarbans tigers

PTI, Kolkata

To track the movement of tigers and encroachers in protected forest areas, a drone would soon be flying in India's Sundarban delta.

"Sitting at one point we would be able to scan a forest area of 15-20 sq km. It will be a force multiplier for us as we would be able to track movements with limited staff," Sundarban Biosphere Reserve

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Record GD if anyone wants to file it

DMP boss asks OCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner yesterday directed the officers-in-charge of all police stations in the capital to cooperate if anyone, especially a blogger, approaches them to file a general diary over security or death threats, according DMP sources.

Though recording a GD is part of the usual duties of the police stations, DMP boss Asaduzzaman Mia gave the directives

as allegations of two police stations' refusal to record GDs cropped up recently.

Officers at the two stations, however, refuted the allegations.

Khilgaon Police Station allegedly refused to accept a GD from blogger Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy, who sought security from law enforcers. He was later hacked to death at his Goran house on August 7.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station reportedly declined to record a GD of senior

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