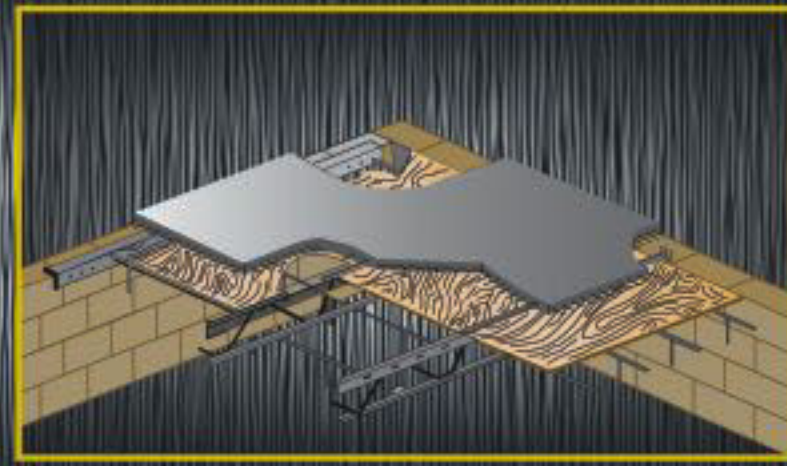


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If you ignore the arcs on an overpass in the background, the turquoise coat with glutinous, fissured texture might appear to you as wonderful pieces of abstract art on huge canvases. But these are actually big swathes of foul-smelling slime that are filling the Hatirjheel lake...



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

GLOBAL REPORT ON NON-CONTAGIOUS DISEASES Risks not addressed well in Bangladesh

PORIMOL PALMA

Bangladesh's performance is poor in reducing the risks of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like stroke, diabetes, cancer, and cardiac and chronic lung complications, says a report.

The country is not doing well in reducing risk factors, conducting research and surveillance, and strengthening health systems in relation to the NCDs, according to the study titled NCD Scoreboard 2014.

However, it's faring better in governance to control and prevent the NCDs, responsible for half of the country's annual mortality. The NCDs account for 61 percent of Bangladesh's disease burden, says the report

published yesterday by the renowned medical journal -- The Lancet.

Grand South, a global network of 11 research centres including the Dhaka-based icddr, developed the scorecard on 23 countries as a tool to monitor and help improve performance of the countries with high NCDs prevalence.

Level of smoking, intake of saturated fats, salt and sugar, unhealthy food, physical activity, use of fossil fuel, obesity and level of cholesterol among the adults have been considered as factors in determining Bangladesh's performance.

Policies and laws, their implementation levels, allocation of resources, number of

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2 university students found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two university students were found hanging from a ceiling fan of a flat in Bashundhara Residential area in the city yesterday.

The deceased are Nusrat Jahan Nira, 20, and Sabid Hasan Hridoy, 22.

Both of them were students of North South University (NSU). Nira was a first year student of Pharmacy and Hridoy a first year student of BBA at the university.

Nazrul Islam, sub-inspector of Bhatara Police Station, told The Daily Star that they were informed

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Netaji files made public

Show family was under surveillance



THE INDIAN EXPRESS

The 64 files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, officially released Friday and dubbed as "historic" by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, reveal not only the minute scrutiny that Netaji and his family were subjected to by Indian intelligence agencies, but also the doubts that continued regarding Netaji's death in various quarters.

In a letter written by Dr Lilly Abegg to Netaji's brother, Sarat Chandra Bose on December 9, 1949, intercepted at the Elgin Road Post Office, she writes, "I heard in 1946 from Japanese sources that your brother is still living."

Abegg, a Swiss journalist, was a correspondent in Japan and China and at the time of writing the letter worked for the Swiss weekly Die Weltwoche. In the letter, she wrote, "On account of the good

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The Daily Star

ORION FOOTWEAR

ONLINE POLL

Do you think all the industry owners would respond to the gov't's call to pay Eid bonuses to their workers by Sunday and pay the salaries for 15 days of the current month?

Yes (39%) No (61%)

TOTAL VOTES: 64

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the law enforcers would be able to stop extortion from sacrificial animal-laden trucks?

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People standing in long queues at Kamalapur Railway Station, scrambling up to collect tickets for September 23. The photo was taken yesterday when sales of advance tickets for Eid began.

PHOTO: STAR

EID A WEEK AWAY

People start leaving city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Desperate to be with their near and dear ones during the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, people have started to leave the capital.

Meanwhile, like the past few days, several hundred city dwellers thronged the bus terminals and Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday for advance tickets.

Visiting the Gabtoli, Mohakhali and Saidabad bus terminals, The Daily Star saw a large number of people departing from Dhaka quite smoothly.

Some of them said they were going home early as they

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Balkans shut Europe's doors to migrants

Thousands stranded as Croatia redirects migrants to Hungary; UNHCR, Red Cross urge EU to adopt common policy to minimise human sufferings

AFP, Tovarrik

Road and rail routes to northern Europe from the Balkans were closed to migrants yesterday leaving thousands stranded in countries on the doorstep of Europe.

Overwhelmed Croatia began transporting thousands of migrants to its border with Hungary, admitting it cannot cope with the

flood of humanity seeking a route through to northern Europe.

The move came as Budapest started building a new fence to keep them out, potentially setting up a new flashpoint in Europe's worst migration crisis since World War II.

With no let-up in the flow of people desperate to find shelter in Europe, new

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Advertisement for Dhaka South City Corporation. It includes the corporation's logo, name, website, and a notice about Eid-ul-Azha. The notice mentions that advance tickets for Eid will be available for one day at the corporation's office. It also lists the prayer timings for September 19th.