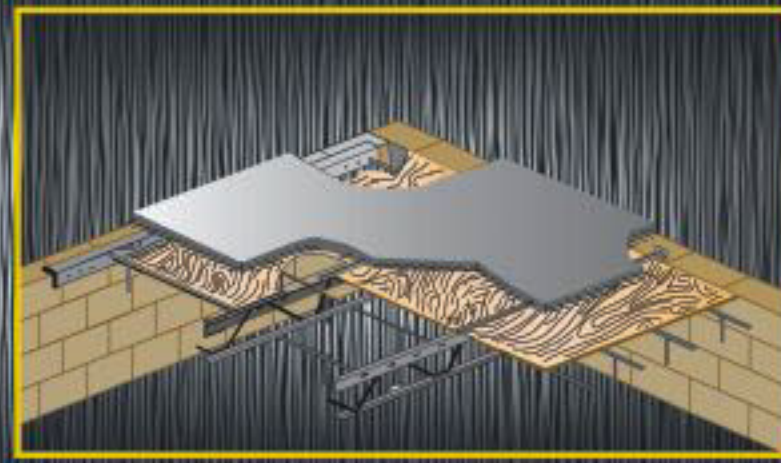


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Protests on

Scuffle between cops and students trying to halt medical admission process; authorities say no to retest

DU CORRESPONDENT

Medical admission seekers and their guardians scuffled with the police at Dhaka Medical College, trying to stop the admission process that began yesterday.

A similar incident took place in front of Mymensingh Medical College when law enforcers drove off protesters trying to hamper the admission process.

Yesterday was the 11th day of the demonstrations for fresh medical and dental admission tests. The protests arose from alleged leak of the question papers.

Meanwhile, the authorities have ruled out any possibility of fresh exams and explained reasons behind the decision.

Around 10:00am, some 100 students and their guardians gathered in front of the Central Shaheed Minar and staged a sit-in, said Tariqul Islam, one of the protesters.

From there, they entered the DMC around noon. As they took position in front of the principal's office, police moved to disperse them and a scuffle broke out.

"Police kicked and baton-charged us when we declined to get up from there," said medical aspirant Sanjida Islam.

At least eight demonstrators, including her, suffered minor injuries in the scuffle that took place around 12:45pm.

Ibrahim Khan, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Ramna division), told The Daily Star that police had dispersed the demonstrators so that the admission process could continue smoothly.

Police did not charge batons on the protesters and there was no misconduct on their side, he said.

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Don't mistake it for a stable. This is right under Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover in Ananda Bazar of Old Dhaka. Horse carts are part of the old town heritage, but keeping the animals on the divider makes the place stinky and unhygienic. Besides, the carts are parked occupying most of the lane on the left. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

AL to accord reception to PM on Saturday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League will accord a grand reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for receiving UN's highest environmental accolade.

The premier received United Nations "Champions of the Earth" award in recognition of Bangladesh's far-reaching initiatives on climate change and "ICT Sustainable Development Award" for her contribution to Information Communication and Technologies.

Awami League, whose chief is Hasina, is planning to gather people on both sides of the road from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to Gono Bhaban to welcome her on her return from the USA on Saturday.

Hasina who is now in the USA to attend the UN

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Imam Mufti Mizanur Rahman that the Saudi government should investigate the death of seven hundred pilgrims?

Yes (95%)
No (05%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the demand of the medical college admission seekers for a fresh examination justified?

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GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT IN NY

Call for resilience against extremism

SHARIFUL ISLAM, from New York

The global youth summit against violent extremism that started in New York on Monday had a speaker who was once inclined towards terrorism but now prevents others from going astray.

Yousef Assidiq, a former recruiter for Norway's radical outfit Prophet's Ummah, shared the stage with youths from different countries. He talked about how radicalisation and violent extremism had marginalised him in the society, but now he finds himself as a "free Muslim" after leaving

radical thoughts behind.

Assidiq has now founded an organisation that works to stop other youths from getting radicalised in Norway, his home country.

The summit in NY aims to build up a sustainable global and grassroots effort spearheaded by young people from all over the world to put up resilience against extremism.

It is part of a growing push to counter the lure of radical voices for frustrated and unemployed youths who are prone to joining groups like Boko Haram in Nigeria and

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4 die taking toxic liquor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Four people, including two brothers, died and two others fell sick yesterday reportedly after consuming toxic alcohol in Tajhat Bihari Bazar area of Rangpur city, police said.

The dead are Nasim Mondal, 40, and his younger brother Monu Mondal, 35, Abdul Gafur, 30, of the same area and Ajmeri Miah, 35, of Birbhadra-Balatari area of the city.

Abdul Majid, 34, and Jasim Uddin, 38, were undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Police sources and locals said the six

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Murder of Italian man stirs foreign media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The murder of Italian citizen Cesare Tavella in Dhaka's Gulshan diplomatic area is covered widely in different media across the globe highlighting the ISIS claim of responsibility.

The subsequent alerts issued by the US and Britain about possible attacks on foreign nationals and caution about their citizens' movement in Bangladesh also come up in the reports. Some media also report the delayed visit of Australian national cricket team to Bangladesh on security grounds.

Referring to a statement of ISIS on the SITE Intelligence group's website, CNN reports that "the soldiers of Caliphate in Bangladesh" targeted an Italian national, shot him dead using silenced-mounted guns.

The SITE Intelligence group monitors radical Islamic websites, including ISIS, also called ISIL, that issued the statement after the murder claiming that a "security detachment" had tracked Tavella through the streets of Dhaka and killed him using "silenced weapons."

Tavella was the project manager of Profitable Opportunities for Food

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The Dhaka district administration under the supervision of the health ministry knocks down illegal structures and evicts occupants from a two-acre land in Chankharpool adjacent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The land, designated for building the 500-bed National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, had been occupied for over two decades.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

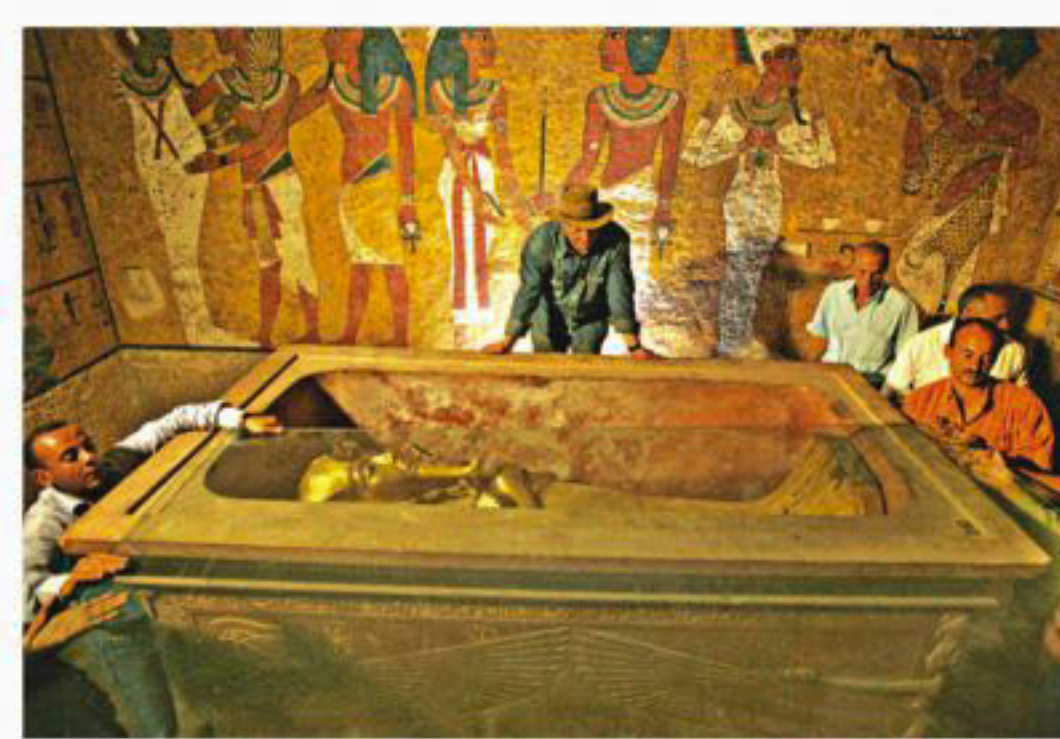
Schoolboy arrested in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A schoolboy was arrested in Magura for posting "offensive remarks about Islam" on Facebook.

Police detained Dipu Biswas, a student of class nine at Singra High School, from Singra village of

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The secret rooms of Tutankhamun

THE HUFFINGTON POST

King Tut's tomb may be hiding a huge secret.

Egyptian officials said on Monday there's evidence of two hidden chambers behind the tomb's famous painted walls -- and one expert believes those secret rooms could be the long-lost final resting place of Queen Nefertiti.

Monday's inspection of the walls of the 3,300-year-old tomb revealed scratches and other markings.

"This indicates that the western and northern walls of Tutankhamun's tomb could hide two burial

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Nepal blocks Indian TV channels over 'blockade'

BBC ONLINE

Cable TV operators in Nepal have blocked 42 Indian channels in protest against what they call an unofficial "blockade of goods" into the country.

Scores of trucks carrying supplies are stranded on the India-Nepal border, amid protests in south Nepal over the country's newly adopted constitution.

India has been critical of Nepal's new constitution. But it denies enforcing a blockade, saying goods are being held up due to security reasons.

The move comes after a former Maoist

splinter party started a campaign against Indian movies and TV channels in Nepal.

The president of the Nepal Cable Television Association told BBC Nepali the "black-out will be indefinite".

Sudhir Parajuli said they decided to shut down the broadcast of the Indian channels as "India has been intruding in the national sovereignty of Nepal," the PTI agency said.

A Kathmandu movie theatre stopped showing Indian movies two days ago, an employee said.

Indian television channels are popular among viewers in Kathmandu and other

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