



PRESS MEET

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Members of Russian state-owned nuclear power company Rosatom, which will build the country's first ever nuclear power plant in Pabna's Rooppur, address a press meet at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday. Left, Alexander Nikolaev, Russian Ambassador in Dhaka, was present on the occasion. PHOTO: COLLECTED

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 nervous system, reducing stroke risk and lowering blood pressure.
 However, cacao is extremely bitter meaning many chocolate companies sweeten their products with fat and sugar, overriding cacao's health benefits.
 Kuka Xoco, the Boston-based firm, have discovered a new de-bittering agent in the form of a little-used herb from the Andean region of Bolivia and Peru.
 Using micrograms of the plant extract can completely de-bitter large amounts of unsweetened cacao, the company have claimed, developing a prototype with only 35 per cent sugar and fat.
 Speaking at the World Chocolate Forum in London this week, Gregory Aharonian, president and chief scientist at Kuka Xoco, said: "This eliminates the need for sugar, sweeteners and much of the fat in chocolate, unleashing the medical benefits of cacao," the Daily Mail reports.
 The company's long-term goal, he added, is to develop chocolate with just 10 per cent of fat and sugar.
 If the unhealthy ingredients are removed from chocolate, it could be eaten medicinally, Aharonian said.
 The firm argue sugar is the "next nicotine". Artificial sweeteners, they add, have been disastrous because they lead to weight gain and other problematic health complications.
 Aharonian also suggested the chocolate industry could double its annual profits if it also became a health food industry by removing as much fat and sugar from its products as possible.

UP BEEF LYNCHING Two main accused arrested

TNN, New Delhi
 Uttar Pradesh police yesterday arrested two main accused — Shivam and Vishal — in connection with the Dadri lynching case. The total number of accused arrested in Dadri lynching has gone up to 10.
 On Monday night, following rumours of cow slaughter, 50-year-old Iqbal Khan was killed by a mob in Greater Noida's Bisada village just outside his house. As tension gripped the village and spread to nearby areas, another mob went on the rampage on Tuesday morning in Ooncha Amirpur - barely 5km from Bisada - demanding death penalty for those involved in cow slaughter.
 Iqbal Khan's family had alleged that Vishal forced the local temple priest to announce that cow was slaughtered and stored in their house.
 Earlier, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and some local Congress leaders were stopped from entering Bishada village to meet family Iqbal Khan by the villagers.
 Police said the situation in the village had turned tense as women in the village had objected to presence of media and some people pelted stones at them.
 In view of the protests, entry to visitors was stopped and the administration was trying to pacify the agitated villagers, police said.
 AAP leaders claimed that police and administration officials stopped them and not villagers. Administration officials later took Kejriwal to NTPC guest house. A state Congress delegation led by Siraj Mehandi was also not allowed entry to Bishada village today.
 The district administration said they have sealed the village as victim's son has appealed that they want peace in their hour of grief.
 District Magistrate N P Singh had yesterday said that the victim's son Sartaj had given a written request that the family does not want to meet anyone as continuous stream of visitors were causing harassment to them.

Gather trash

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 Bipon Kumar Saha, chief waste management officer of DNCC, said 300 tonnes of garbage is generated in Karwan Bazar wholesale kitchen market alone every day and DNCC had to face huge difficulties to manage it.
 SA Kader Kiron, president of Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity, directed every shop owner to issue a circular to gather their garbage in a bag first and, later, dump into a common container.

IBA admission

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 press conference at DU's Madhur Canteen.
 On September 16, the IBA authority issued a notice saying that only the students who passed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations in 2015 could take part in the IBA entry test under 2015-16 academic session.
 Students said earlier they could take the test several times till the age of 26 after completing HSC but this time aspirants, who took the test earlier, could not sit for the test.
 Although the DU authorities issued a notice saying DU admission seekers would not get a second chance in the DU admission test, they did not mention anything about IBA there, students claimed.
 IBA Director AKM Saiful Majid told The Daily Star that they discussed several times with the DU academic council, who took the decision, about students' demand but they did not change their decision.
 The IBA authorities had to follow the decision of the academic council now, he added.

UN Women

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 This project is being implemented jointly with the Bangladesh National Women's Lawyers Association, under the aegis of the University Grants Commission, with the cooperation of vice chancellors of the universities, and with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
 The campaign also looks forward to formulating a plan to implement the High Court guidelines at those universities.

10 Palestinians wounded as Israel hunts settlers' killers

AFP, Nablus
 Ten Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire in the West Bank yesterday during a raid by troops hunting the murderers of a Jewish settler couple, Palestinian police and medical sources said.
 Palestinians protesting against the raid in the territory's main northern city of Nablus hurled stones at soldiers, who responded with rubber bullets, tear gas and live ammunition, the sources said.
 The Palestinian Red Crescent said "10 people were wounded by live rounds to the legs or stomach," and "four others were wounded in beatings" by security forces.
 Tensions have soared in the West Bank since the settler couple were shot dead in their car in front of their four children on Thursday evening.
 Rabbi Eitam Henkin and his wife Naama, both in the 30s, were buried in Jerusalem on Friday.
 Israel has launched a huge manhunt for the gunmen, and deployed troop reinforcements to maintain order following revenge attacks by settlers.
 Palestinian police said Saturday's violence began when "dozens of Israeli soldiers in military vehicles" entered an eastern neighbourhood of Nablus, one of the largest cities in the West Bank.

19 killed in 'US air strikes'

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 amount to a war crime.
 "This event is utterly tragic, inexcusable, and possibly even criminal," he said.
 The medical charity said its staff phoned military officials at NATO in Kabul and Washington during the morning attack, but bombs continued to rain down for nearly an hour.
 "All indications currently point to the bombing being carried out by international Coalition forces," MSF said, demanding "a full and transparent account".
 MSF said it had given the location of the hospital to both Afghan and US forces several times in the past few months, most recently this week, to avoid being caught in crossfire.
 At least three children, four adult patients and 12 MSF personnel died in the blasts, the aid group said. At least 37 people were wounded and many are still missing, it said.
 At the charred remains of aid group's facility, one wall of a building had collapsed, scattering fragments of glass and wooden doorframes, and three rooms were still ablaze, Saad Mukhtar, director of public health in Kunduz, said.
 "Thick black smoke could be seen rising from some of the rooms," he said after a visit to the hospital. "The fighting is still going on, so we had to leave."
 Afghan government forces backed by US air power have fought to drive the Taliban out of the northern provincial capital since the militants seized it six days ago, in the biggest victory of their near 14-year insurgency.

Two Rangpur BNP men 'picked up'

Families point finger at Rab
 UNB, Rangpur
 Two BNP leaders were allegedly picked up by men posing as members of the Rapid Action Battalion from Rangpur's Guptapara area yesterday.
 They are Anisur Rahman Laku, general secretary of Rangpur district unit BNP, and Rashedul Nabi Biplob, a member of city BNP.
 Biplob's wife Shirin Akter said a group of men claiming themselves to be Rab members picked up Biplob from his Guptapara house around 2:00pm.
 Laku's family members also alleged that he was picked up by some men posing as Rab personnel from his house in the city around the same time.
 Contacted, Rangpur Rab-13 officials said they did not pick up any of the two BNP leaders.

Oregon gunman killed himself Say police

AFP, United States
 The 26-year-old gunman behind a mass shooting at a college in Oregon that left nine people dead committed suicide after a shootout with police, authorities said Saturday.
 "The medical examiner has determined the cause of death of the shooter to be suicide," Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin told reporters.
 He said the shooter was enrolled in the class where the killings took place.
 Hanlin said investigators were poring through numerous leads and had interviewed hundreds of people, including neighbours and family members of the shooter, to try to determine what set off the rampage.
 He said 14 weapons belonging to the shooter had been recovered, including six at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg where the massacre took place.

Hurricane lashes Bahamas Cargo ship missing

AFP, Miami
 Rescue workers searched for a missing cargo ship with 33 aboard off the Bahamas Friday as Hurricane Joaquin battered the island chain, bringing life in the popular tourist destination to a drastic halt.
 Contact with the El Faro was lost early Thursday as the dangerous weather system approached, and efforts to locate the vessel by air and sea have so far been unsuccessful, the US Coast Guard said.
 "The crew reported the ship had previously taken on water, but that all flooding had been contained," it said in a statement.
 En route from Florida to Puerto Rico, the container ship was reported to be caught in the storm near Crooked Island, which is part of the Bahamas.
 It was from there that it sent a satellite notification stating the ship had lost propulsion and had a 15-degree list.
 Tim Nolan, president of the company that owns the El Faro, said the ship's "officers and crew were monitoring what was then Tropical Storm Joaquin" when they sailed from Florida.

Saying no

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 Family members and people always hated me because I was a drug peddler. Even I could not live with my family peacefully as I was on the run to avoid police harassment. All those made my life miserable, so I decided to give up drug peddling, one of the drug peddlers, Shamsul Islam, 50, of Majhdia village of the upazila, told journalists yesterday before their surrender.
 Alamgir Kabir, superintendent of Pabna police, spoke at the programme as the chief guest. Officer-in-Charge (executive) of Ishwardi Police Station Biman Kumar Das chaired the programme held at the police station in the afternoon.
 Praising the surrendered drug peddlers, the SP said their surrender would inspire other drug peddlers to return to normal life.
 Only the drive of police could not control drug peddling. People should come forward to raise social awareness so that drug peddling could be controlled, Alamgir added.
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 police station, according to police.
 Locals said Hasem was a Myanmar national who had entered Bangladesh around three decades ago and had started living in Shah Parir Dwp area of Teknaf.
 He first began working in a fishing trawler and then gradually got involved in the human trafficking, they added.
 Hasem would be produced before a court tomorrow [today], said the OC.

Emergency as US East Coast braces for 'record' rainfall

AFP, Washington
 Emergencies were declared along swathes of the US East Coast and residents evacuated on Friday after a powerful rainstorm lashed several states.
 Forecasters warned of potentially deadly and unprecedented rainfall in parts of the East Coast and the rain was not expected to let up until Monday, triggering possible flash flooding.
 North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey all had warnings in place and in at least two coastal communities people were told to flee because of dangerous rising waters.
 Multiple water rescues were made in the towns of Carolina Shores and Calabash, in North Carolina, and a shelter opened for those displaced, local media said.
 In South Carolina, Governor Nikki Haley told drivers to stay off the roads and warned power outages were possible during the weekend.
 "We are expecting historic levels of rainfall this weekend," she said in a statement.
 Bill Martin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Greenville-Spartanburg, South Carolina, told The Weather Channel: "We're certainly very concerned about this situation."
 He added: "We're expecting very high to extreme levels of rainfall over the next 48 hours."
 The National Weather Service warned of heavy rain and flooding across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, with Georgia in the south and New England in the north all under threat.
 The weather system was thought to have been whipped up in part by Hurricane Joaquin, which tore through the Bahamas on Friday.

Cheaper power

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 The study took into consideration water supply (essential for the reactors' cooling), floods as well as how to transport the heavy machinery, like a nuclear reactor, to the site.
 The first unit is scheduled to begin operation from 2022. The plant will require around 1,000 people to run. Russia will provide the human resource training under a separate agreement with the government.
 While independent experts estimate the project would cost more than \$10 billion, more than three times the initial estimate of the government, Maksim declined to comment on the project's cost. "Since we are now negotiating the finances, I cannot comment on the project cost," he said.
 He noted that the cost of such a large project could not be \$2-3 billion. "This is going to be economically effective as this plant will last for 60 years. In addition, the fuel cost would be cheaper [than other types of fuels]," he said.
 "This will have much higher capital investment than that of a coal-fired or gas-fired power plant. But as its life-span is 60 years, power from this plant will be cheaper than that of coal or gas plants," said Maksim, who has a doctorate degree in economics.
 He claimed that the VVER technology was currently the world's safest reactor technology. Russia has learnt a lot from its own Chernobyl disaster and has added new safety measures after the Japan's 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant disaster.
 "The VVER-1200 will give you 72 hours of automatic protection time in case of a disaster," he said.
 The VVER has a core catcher, a passive system for heat removal from the reactor and a passive system for heat removal from the steam generator.
 The core catcher is the top safety measure which is installed under the reactor pressure vessel. It is a cone-shaped metal structure weighing more than 800 tonnes. In case of an accident, it traps the melted fuel and prevents it from leaking onto the concrete footing of the reactor building. This

Hospital

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 dead," he said.
 The parents immediately began a dispute with the doctor and the staff, he added.
 The doctor could not be reached over phone despite repeated attempts.
 The hospital was running illegally, said Prof Samiul Islam Sadi, director (hospital and clinic) of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).
 "We have sealed off the hospital. We will form a three member probe committee to look into the matter," he said.
 The hospital was registered with the DGHS as a 20-bed general hospital but it didn't renew its registration after 2014, he said adding the hospital had no permission to run a neonatal ICU.
 Jamal Uddin Mir, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said two doctors and a director of the hospital were arrested in connection with the deaths.
 The arrestees are Dr Shishir Ranjan Das, Dr Aftab Uddin and Abdullah Al Ahad.

Rupchanda-Star Super

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 Anam highlighted the importance of the food and beverage industry in today's Bangladesh. "The food industry is a growing industry and it is inherently associated with our lifestyle. It is also a mark of the growing middle class of the country," he said.
 Availability of a variety of cuisines of different countries in Bangladesh indicates that our taste has diversified and we are spending more money and time on it, he added.
 "One of the most important ingredients of a person's lifestyle is his food and with this view we think this competition is a timely effort."
 Alhaj Mosaddek Ali said, "Nowadays cooking has become an art and people's interest in the culinary art is rising."
 Shoeb Md Asaduzzaman reiterated the desire to improve Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef further. "There are still some technical and logistical problems that we face," he said.
 He, however, said every effort has been made to bring out one of the best reality shows of the country.
 "Foreign TV channels usually attract a much higher audience during the prime air time because of the lack of quality programmes in the local channels. We thus have strived to produce a compelling show based on international standards."
 He expressed hope that this cooking show would attract a wider audience while satisfying the regular followers.
 Shaheda Yesmin, founder of Jewel's Kitchen and also a member of the panel of judges, spoke on the occasion.
 As per the format of the show, participants have to register for the regional rounds of the competition by calling the number 06912777888. The winners of the 13 regional events to be held at Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Rajshahi, Bogra, Rangpur, Feni, Comilla, Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal, Faridpur, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar will then come to Dhaka for the central event.
 This year the champion's purse is Tk 10 lakh. In addition, the first runner-up will get Tk five lakh and the second runner-up will get Tk two lakh as prize money. The fourth to 10th place-holders will also get attractive prizes and gift hampers.
 Apart from Shaheda Yesmin, the judges' panel will be adorned by Syed Tazammul Huq Tareq, executive chef, Watercress Restaurant, and famous actor and food enthusiast Tarik Anam Khan.
 Foreign judges have also been invited to make special appearances. The list of names include Emma Dean, the MasterChef Australia season 5 winner, Leslie Gilliams, second runner-up MasterChef USA 2014, Fredric Insienmay, French Chef, consultant and culinary Expert, Be your Guest, Thailand, and Gerard Wallace, Executive Chef, Bellagio. This year renowned celebrities will also grace the Super Chef stage adding more glamour to the show.
 After the success of season one and two, this year the organisers expect to lift the show to brand new heights. Three major aspects of the cooking show have been re-designed for Super Chef 2016: the Judges Panel, selection method and cooking technique.
 As in 2014 and 2015, the program will be aired on NTV.