

Passenger beats helper dead in Rangpur

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A passenger beat the helper of a bus to death in front of Mithapukur Fire Service and Civil Defence Station in Mithapukur of Rangpur last night. Deceased Ashraf Ali, 40, was the son of Montaj Ali. Locals and police said that around 8:00pm passenger Monowar Hossain got on the roof of Ashraf's bus at Rangpur Medical College intersection. The BRTC bus from Panchagarh was heading for Gaibandha. Ashraf went to the roof and asked for the fare but Monowar refused to pay which led to an altercation, said Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Mithapukur Police Station. At one stage, Monowar beat up Ashraf with a stick, leaving him dead on the roof. Locals caught Monowar and handed him over to police.

RAJON KILLING

Court ends recording deposition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
A Sylhet court yesterday finished recording witness testimony in the murder case of Samuil Alam Rajon, the 13-year-old boy who was tortured to death by a group of men in the district in July. Suronjit Talukdar, inspector of Detectives Branch of police in Sylhet, gave his deposition before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Akbar Hossain Mridha yesterday, Public Prosecutor Mafur Ali said. Earlier, the boy's father Azizur Rahman and suspended Jalalabad police Sub-inspector Aminul Islam testified in the case. During yesterday's proceedings, 11 of the 13 accused, including key accused Kamrul, were present. The court indicted all the 13 in the murder case on September 22. The court fixed October 25 for closing arguments. In all, the court has heard testimonies of 36 prosecution witnesses. On July 8, Rajon was beaten to death by Kamrul and several others in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet Sadar upazila, on a flimsy ground that the boy was trying to steal a rickshaw-van. One of the culprits filmed the murder scene on a mobile phone and shared it in the social media. Main accused Kamrul had fled to Saudi Arabia soon after the incident. But Bangladeshi expatriates there caught him and handed him over to the Saudi police. The Bangladesh authorities have recently brought him back to face trial.

Renowned Egyptian writer Ghitani dies

AFP, Cairo
Renowned Egyptian novelist and journalist Gamal El-Ghitani yesterday died at a hospital in Cairo where he had been in a coma for more than three months, his wife said. Ghitani, 70, was originally admitted to El-Galaa military hospital after the faced difficulty in breathing. "He died this morning," Ghitani's wife, Magda El-Gendi, told reporters. His funeral will be held at Cairo's Sayyida Nafisa mosque later Sunday, state media reported. Ghitani, a firm supporter of the army since the fall of veteran leader Hosni Mubarak in 2011, was one of Egypt's most acclaimed writers and shared a close friendship with the Arab world's only Nobel laureate, Naguib Mahfouz.

2 robbers

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masks after raiding the hilly area of Badshah Ghona, where the shooting took place around 2:00pm. Alam Bahini fought with Rana Bahini as members of the latter demanded a share of Tk 5 lakh ransom that Alam Bahini realised after abducting a businessman on October 15, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station. The police have been trying to arrest the robbers, the OC said. Kalu's mother, Nurjahan Begum, who rushed to the Sadar hospital, however, alleged that police had killed her son. She claimed that law enforcers had picked up the duo an hour before the incident. Meanwhile, locals said gang leader Rana had been seen in the area with arms after the gunfight. Earlier on Friday, a Rohingya youth, Sheikh Abdullah, was killed as two other gangs, Hasnat Bahini and Rocky Bahini, reportedly exchanged fires in the town's Rumaliarchhara, only a km from Badshah Ghona. Hasnat and Rocky had been in jail since.

Soldiers foil suicide attack at Nigeria army base

AFP, Kano
Nigerian soldiers shot dead a suspected suicide bomber outside a military base in the northeast yesterday, detonating explosives concealed in her handbag, a civilian vigilante and a military source told AFP. The target was thought to be the Maimalari army barracks -- the main military base in Maiduguri, which has been hit repeatedly in recent months by Boko Haram Islamists. "Soldiers at Maimalari army barracks this morning (Sunday) foiled a suicide attack by a female bomber," said Babakura Kolo, from the civilian volunteer force assisting troops against the rebels. The woman approached the barracks around 7:00 am (0600 GMT) and headed towards the gates, he said. Military guards at the gates shouted at her to stop for security checks but she ignored them and continued walking towards the gates, he added. "She continued walking with her handbag slung on her shoulder, despite repeated shouts from the soldiers asking her stop. "One of the soldiers opened fire on the woman and the handbag exploded, blowing the woman to pieces." There were no other casualties in the explosion, which one military officer in the city described as an "attempted suicide attack by Boko Haram terrorists". Boko Haram has intensified its use of multiple suicide bombers to inflict maximum casualties, with secondary explosions detonated as people rush to help victims of the initial blast.

At least 34 people were killed in a wave of attacks on Thursday night and Friday morning on the outskirts of Maiduguri, while last month 117 died in explosions in the Ajilari Cross area of the Borno state capital. Of the six suicide attacks in Nigeria this month, four have been in Maiduguri, killing at least 48 and injuring 99. The military source, who requested anonymity as he is not authorised to talk to the media, said the use of human bombs was a sign of the group's desperation and frustration at the fight-back by troops.

UN threatens sanctions over Libya

AFP, United Nations
The UN Security Council on Saturday threatened to impose sanctions on those who block a peace deal for Libya that has run into hurdles over the formation of a unity government. UN envoy Bernardino Leon has put forward proposals for the power-sharing government, but both Libya's internationally recognized parliament and the Islamist-backed assembly in the city described as an "attempted suicide attack by Boko Haram terrorists". Libya has had two administrations since August 2014, when a militia alliance that includes Islamists overran the capital, forcing the internationally recognized government to take refuge in the east of the country.

Ramu mayhem trial begins

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Durga Puja begins today

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"We want immediate arrest and punishment of the perpetrators," said Kajal Debnath, president of the Parishad. Mahashashthi puja begins at 9:57am, following preparations for Bodhan meaning invocation for blessings of Durga. Durga Puja is observed in synchronization with the moon's movement. It virtually begins with Mahalaya marking the homecoming of the goddess a week before Bodhan. This puja is also known as "Akal Bodhan" or untimely invocation. According to Hindu tradition, Ram performed Durga puja during autumn, which is generally not considered an auspicious time, to seek her blessings before his battle with Ravan. However, the goddess heard his prayers. Goddess Durga, the slayer of Mahishashur, is lion-borne and wields an array of arms, including chakra, gada, and bow and arrow in her ten hands. The goddess will descend to the earth today accompanied by her children Ganesh, Kartik, Lakshmi and Saraswati, at the invocation and supplication of devotees and stays here for the next four days. Mahasaptami will be celebrated on Tuesday, Mahashtami on Wednesday and Mahanabami and Bijaya Dashami on Thursday. Devotees have already been geared up for the events. They will assemble at the mandaps today and make offerings to the goddess. The main Puja mandap in the capital is at the Dhakeshwari temple. Large mandaps have also been set up at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University, Ramkrishna Mission, Ramna Kali Mondir, Siddheshwari Kali Mondir, Tanti Bazar, Shankhari Bazar, Bangla Bazar and at Banani. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a statement welcomed Hindus on the occasion and said her party was oath-bound to ensure religious freedom of every citizen of the country. Meanwhile, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said security measures had been taken for peaceful celebration of Durga puja and Ashura. Alongside deployment of 6,863 policemen, members of other law enforcement agencies will be deployed and Border Guard Bangladesh will also patrol areas to ensure security, he added. Devotees have to pass through archway detectors to enter temples that see huge gatherings. These temples will remain under CCTV camera surveillance and there will be separate exit and entry points to check rush of devotees, the commissioner said. Besides, police will control the entry and exit at all temples with hand metal detectors. Replying to a query, the commissioner said there was no specific security threat but law enforcement agencies had taken security measures to ward off any untoward incident. Asaduzzaman added that the police would keep watch on the safety of foreigners too during the celebration.

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400-yr-old

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around the ruins, which were submerged in 1966 when the nearby dam was completed and the area flooded. Architect Carlos Navarrete, who worked with authorities on a report about the building, said: "The church was abandoned due to the big plagues of 1773 to 1776." It is linked to a famous figure in Spanish history, namely Friar Bartolome de las Casas, who arrived in the Quechala locality in the mid-16th century with a group of monks that built the church. Bartolome de las Casas was the first Bishop of Chiapas and initially supported the colonisation and subjugation of the native Indians of the region. In later years, however, he advocated strongly for the abolition of slavery, both in situ and back in the Spanish court of King Charles V. He managed to get the New Laws passed in 1542 which curtailed many of the slavery practices in Peru. They were so unpopular with settlers in the South America that King Charles backed down and removed some of the most important aspects of the legislation. The church depended on the nearby monastery of Tecpatan, and was on the Chiapas' king's highway, built by Spanish settlers and still in use in the 20th century.

Fuel crisis

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million homes, thousands of survivors are still living in tents and other temporary shelters, dependent on aid. But the three-week blockade of a major border checkpoint by protesters who reject Nepal's new constitution has sparked a fuel shortage and nationwide rationing, with vital supplies unable to get through. "No cement, no rods, no roofs... how can I build my home?" 43-year-old farmer Gurung said from his village in Sindhupalchowk district, one of the areas worst hit by the devastating quake in April. "The villagers are all living in temporary shelters right now, this won't be enough when it starts snowing," Gurung said. Aid organisations say the fuel crisis has severely hampered their operations and the continued shortage could cut off relief supplies to communities in far-flung areas of the country. For three weeks, hundreds of protesters have blocked a bridge crossing in the town of Birgunj, 90 kilometres south of Kathmandu, through which 60 percent of the country's petroleum imports pass. Slow movement at other checkpoints has prompted Nepal to accuse India, which has expressed concerns over the constitution, of imposing a blockade. "We have been requesting the Indian Oil Corporation continuously to resume supplies, but the response has not been satisfactory," said Sushil Bhattarai, acting deputy general manager of Nepal Oil Corporation. Nepal's newly elected prime minister KP Sharma Oli has called on political parties representing the Madhesi community to halt their protests and hold talks. But the parties have refused to come to the negotiating table, until the government submits a concrete plan to address their demands.

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Death toll

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The Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh has called upon the relatives to send their DNA to it to help identify the remaining victims, he added. Among around 1.7 lakh Bangladeshis who went to perform Hajj this year, 70,000 returned home until yesterday morning, said a press release of Biman Bangladesh Airlines. Saudi's official figures of 769 killed and 934 injured in the stampede remained accurate, said officials of the country, adding that an investigation was on to find out the reason behind the incident. Two weeks before the Mina stampede, 107 people were killed as a construction crane collapsed into the Grand Mosque in Makkah. Many countries that sent pilgrims to this year's Hajj estimated the number of deaths in the stampede alone at more than 1,000. News agency Associated Press last week claimed that both the tragedies during the annual Hajj pilgrimage killed at least 1,464 people.

Swiss parliament seen tilting right over migrant fears

AFP, Geneva
The Swiss voted yesterday for a new parliament, with initial projections showing the populist right strengthening its already dominant position amid concerns over migration and asylum rules. Polling stations closed at noon after only a few hours, as most Swiss vote in advance by post or online. Early projections from some of Switzerland's 26 cantons hinted that the country's largest party, the populist right-wing anti-immigration Swiss People's Party (SVP), had made gains and could possibly tip the scale in parliament towards a slight centre-right majority. The expected shift comes as surging numbers of migrants and refugees moving through Europe have heightened the focus on the issue in Switzerland, even though the wealthy Alpine nation has yet to be significantly affected by the crisis. About a quarter of Switzerland's eight million inhabitants are foreign nationals, and immigration and asylum policies tend to figure among voters' top concerns. But the latest survey from the gfs.bern polling institute showed that 48 percent of those questioned thought migration was the most

important issue facing the country. "I think there is a lot at stake, not only when it comes to the reception of refugees, but also the entire problem of the large numbers on the move," Colette Morel, a 69-year-old retired teacher, told AFP as she cast her ballot in the central canton of Fribourg. "We need people (in parliament) who are prepared to discuss the matter," she said, but declined to say who she had voted for. SVP vice president and its most outspoken member, Christoph Blocher, insisted earlier this month the party was the only one that could solve Switzerland's "asylum problem", and "eliminate the chaos". SVP, which has previously sparked outcry with campaign posters such as one showing one of three white sheep kicking a black sheep off the Swiss flag, has in its national push this year been less provocative, resorting mainly to posters featuring pictures of candidates with the slogan "Stay free". But some regional divisions of the party have gone much further, with the Vaud youth unit putting out a poster featuring a caricature of a jihadist, wearing an EU armband, preparing to decapitate a bound and gagged blond woman wearing a Swiss flag tank top, flanked by the caption: "Keep your head on your shoulders".

Ministers react

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