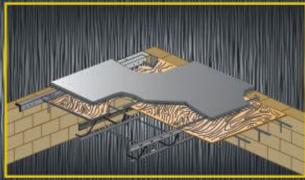


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CRASH IN SINAI

Bomb likely downed jet

Says British PM; Moscow, Cairo dismiss claim as speculation

AGENCIES

Britain yesterday said there was a significant possibility that Islamic State's Egyptian affiliate was behind a suspected bomb attack on a Russian airliner that killed 224 people in the Sinai Peninsula.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said it was more likely than not that a bomb was to blame.

Cameron held an emergency cabinet meeting on the repatriations and spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin to explain the decision before talks with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi at Downing Street.

"We cannot be certain that the Russian airliner was brought down by a terrorist bomb, but it looks increasingly likely that that was the case," Cameron said.

Russia dismissed the claim as speculation and Egypt said there was no indication so far that a bomb was to blame.

The topic is sensitive for Russia, whose warplanes have launched raids against Islamic State in Syria, and for Egypt, which depends heavily on revenues from tourism.

US and European security sources earlier suggested that a bomb planted by Islamic State's Egypt affiliate - Sinai Province - was the likely cause of the crash. The sources stressed they had

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A walk in Madhupur forest

ENAM UL HAQUE

Walking in Madhupur National Park is an activity I recommend to anyone weary of Dhaka and looking for a respite from it. The road to Madhupur is good albeit a little bumpy in places. From the capital you can reach there in about three hours. The forest department has an office at the entrance.

You pay a small entry fee and take SEE PAGE 17 COL 5



PHOTO: ENAM UL HAQUE

A changeable hawk-eagle, top left, a lineated barbets, bottom left, and a small minivet at Madhupur National Park in Tangail.



HOSSAINI DALAN BLAST

3 suspects identified

Claim detectives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives claimed to have identified at least three suspects involved in last month's Hossaini Dalan bomb blasts that left two people killed and over a hundred injured.

Of them, one is a private university student and two are madrasa teachers, an official in the detective branch of police said.

He, however, declined to give their names for the sake of investigation.

A detective official said the information they gathered indicated that members of Chhatra Shibir and a militant organisation

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Selection grade, time scale may stay

Muhith hints at change in govt decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, within three days, has changed his stance on abolishing the selection grade and time scale for government staffs in the new pay scale.

After a combined meeting with agriculturists, doctors and BCS cadres at his secretariat office yesterday, Muhith hinted the

provision of selection grade and time scale would stay in the new pay structure.

"We have to hold more discussions to settle the issue. Meanwhile, we have finished discussing the issue with other stakeholders," the finance minister said.

Earlier on November 1, after a meeting of the cabinet committee on salary

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Three killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

Three alleged criminals were killed in "gunfights" with law enforcers in Jessore, Rajbari and Munshiganj districts yesterday.

Six police personnel were injured during the gunfights in Munshiganj and Jessore, police claimed.

A reported gunfight between arms traders and law enforcers at Putkhali border in Benapole killed 32-year-old Elias Mridha, of sadar upazila in Rajbari district.

A team of police around 1:30am challenged two motorcyclists for their suspicious movement in the area, reports local correspondent quoting

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DIPAN MURDER

No headway in probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six days into the murder of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan, investigators are yet to make any headway in the probe.

Nor was there any mentionable progress in probe into the attack on a publisher and two writer-bloggers that happened on the same day in the capital's Lalmatia area.

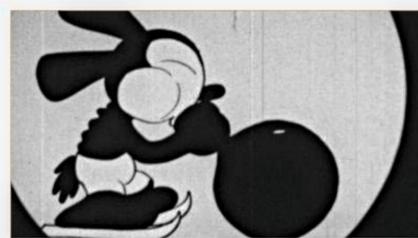
They were scrutinising the footage of CCTV camera installed at Aziz Super Market

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Police intercept a procession of Gonojagoron Mancha near the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The Mancha activists headed towards the home ministry with mock coffins, protesting the recent killings of freethinkers and a publisher. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Lost Disney cartoon back after 87 years

BBC ONLINE

A cartoon featuring the first Disney character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, is to be screened for the first time in 87 years.

A restored print of Sleigh Bells (1928) will have its world premiere at the BFI in London in next month.

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