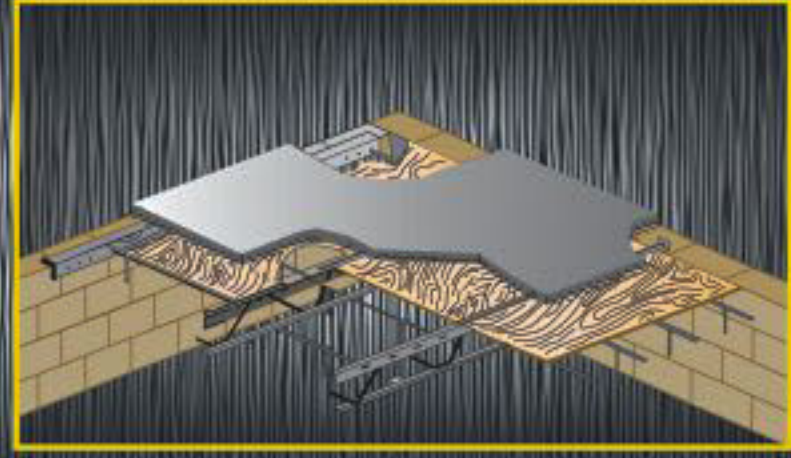



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BEEL BAICH – A RURAL REJOICE



Singing and rejoicing, inhabitants of Boroshila village in Tangail Sadar upazila make their way back home with their catch. At the beginning of winter every year, the villagers, like many others in rural Bangladesh, fish together in almost dried-up water bodies. They use nothing but locally-made tools, *bottom left*. The traditional practice is known as "Beel Baich".

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Khoka indicted in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and three others in a corruption case.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Rallies call for Paris climate change action

BBC ONLINE

Hundreds of thousands of people are marching world-wide to demand action to stop climate change, but one protest in Paris was marred by violence.

More than 2,000 events are happening globally on the eve of a UN summit in the French capital today.

In Paris, police fired tear gas at a large group of demonstrators gathered in the Place de la Republique.

They were apparently protesting against France's state of emergency, and have been disowned by the main organisers.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 208 people were arrested, of whom 174 are still in custody.

The order, banning public gatherings, was put into place after the 13 November attacks in the city, in which 130 people died.

Many of those involved in the clashes wore masks or covered their faces. Protesters and police walked over candles and tributes left for the attack victims at a makeshift memorial.

President Francois Hollande said it was "scandalous" that the clashes happened "where flowers and candles have been left in memory of those who were killed by the terrorists' bullets".

He added that the clashes had "nothing to do with those who protect the environment".

Nicholas Haeringer, of the campaign group 350.org, said protests should still be allowed to continue, adding that campaigners would "stand against



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Nepal blocks 42 Indian TV channels

Detains 13 Indian intruders on border, releases later

AGENCIES

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

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 yesterday said they decided to shut down the broadcast of the Indian channels as "India has been intruding in the

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PASSPORT ON FAKE PAPERS

Move on to save DIP official

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

Even though two probe bodies found four officials of DIP guilty of issuing over 100 government-employee passports based on fake certificates, a section of home ministry officials are now trying to save one of them from punishment.

Sources said many people left the country with those passports posing as Bangladesh government officials.

According to the first investigation committee report in May, Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) Director Munshi Mueyed Ekram, Assistant Director SM Shahjahan and senior assistants Shahjahan Miah and M Saiful Islam had issued the passports with fake No Objection Certificates (NOCs).

They were all suspended.

The probe committee, formed by the home ministry, was led by the then DIP director, now additional director general of DIP, Selina Banu.

Before Selina could submit the report, influential quarters at the DIP and the ministry then made moves to protect Mueyed and Selina was replaced by Atiqul Haque, a joint secretary of the ministry.

Another probe was launched with alleged intentions to cover up the director's involvement, according to DIP and home ministry officials.

Mona Lisa in 3D

MAIL ONLINE

A new opportunity for blind and visually impaired people to truly experience art has been created with the help of 3D technology.

The Unseen Art project is creating the opportunity for all people to 'see' art around the world.

The recently launched company is an online platform that produces 3D replicas of masterpieces that can be touched by those who are blind and visually impaired.

"There are many people in the world who have heard of classical

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Violins charm Bengal classical fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka's love affair with classical music continued last night, as the audience braved heavy traffic to swarm the Army Stadium, at the fourth Bengal Classical Music Festival.

Violin maestro N Rajam gave a memorable maiden performance at the stage, along with her daughter Sangeeta Shankar and granddaughters Ragini and Nandini Shankar. In her signature gayaki-ang (vocal style) violin playing, Rajam

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A three-generation Carnatic display by the singing violin of N Rajam, her daughter and granddaughters.

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