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# Citizens get smart ID cards soon

Sangsad told  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The citizens would soon get their smart national identity (NID) cards as preparation for their distribution is almost complete, Law Minister Anisul Huq told parliament yesterday.

Anisul, who is also in charge of the Election Commission secretariat in parliamentary affairs, said the cards would have sustainable security features with 25 marks, to be noticeable in three stages.

In a scripted reply to a lawmaker's query, he said in the first stage, the features would be seen with naked eyes while the detection of the features in the second stage would require ultraviolet lights, magnifying glasses and other equipment.

The detection of the third-stage features would require forensic tests, he added.

Replying to a query, LGRD Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain said his ministry had set a target to invite all its tenders through electronic government procurement (e-GP) by this year.

"The local government and engineering



Loggers at work in a deep forest in Bandarban. Illegal logging continues unabated in the hill district, causing deforestation and destruction of precious wildlife habitats. Right, workers loading logs onto a mini-truck. Forest wood is piled up at a brick kiln in the area which would be used to produce bricks. The photos were taken recently in Tindu area of Thanchi upazila.



PHOTO: SANJOY KUMAR BARUA

# SI harassed female student in the city

Finds judicial probe  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has found Sub-inspector Ratan Kumar of Adabor Police Station involved in sexual harassment of a university student in the city's Mohammadpur on January 31.

During the probe into the incident, Metropolitan Magistrate Md Imdadul Haque yesterday recorded statements of five people, including the victim, and initially found the allegation against Ratan to be true, said court sources.

Later, the magistrate sent the probe report to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Sheikh Hafizur Rahman. The CMM would forward it today to the Fourth Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression for next course of action.

The victim alleged that SI Ratan and two other cops of the police station stopped her rickshaw

# Five errant cops should face music

Departmental actions against them recommended over tea vendor's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police probe report into the recent murder of tea vendor Babul Matubbar in the city's Mirpur recommended taking departmental action against five cops, including the then officer-in-charge of Shah Ali Police Station.

The five are: OC AKM Shahin Mondal, sub-inspectors Mominur Rahman Khan and AKM Niaz Uddin Mollah, Assistant Sub-inspector Debendra Nath Sarkar and constable Mohammad Jasim Uddin.

DMP Additional Deputy Commissioner (Mirpur Division) Masud Ahmed, who led the two-member probe committee, yesterday submitted the report to DMP DC (Mirpur Division) Syed Kaiyumuzzaman Khan.

The report will be handed over to Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia.

The committee found that Mominur, Debendra and Jasim neglected their duties as they did not take prompt steps when Babul Matubbar fell on a burning kerosene stove, a DMP official said on condition of anonymity.

He said police informant Delwar went to Babul's tea stall on February 3 to take the latter to the police station. As the two scuffled, Babul fell on the stove and got burnt badly. The three policemen were some 150 yards away from the spot, but they did little to save Babul.

The victim, who suffered over 90 percent burns, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital the following day.

The report also recommended taking action against Niaz as he was the duty officer at the police station on that day when the police informant, who was caught by locals and handed over to the police, fled the police station.

The DMP officer said the OC failed to supervise both the incidents.

Following the allegation of some cops' involvement in the murder, Mirpur Division police and the DMP headquarters formed two committees to investigate the incident.

The DMP-formed committee, which submitted its report to the DMP commissioner on Sunday, also had similar findings

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# Delay, lobbying mark Rajuk eviction drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rajuk bulldozer reached the corporate branch of a private bank on Gulshan Avenue before noon yesterday to clear the illegal structures occupying the car park of the six-story building.

The heavy-duty machine, however, remained idle for an hour. The eviction team, comprising Rajuk Authorised Officer Md Adiluzzaman, scores of technical staff and workers as well as police personnel, waited for Executive Magistrate Mohammad Abdul Hamid Mian to arrive.

Meanwhile, the bank officials launched a hectic lobbying with the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) officials to let them do the job.

"Let's see, let the magistrate come," Adiluzzaman told one of bank officials who identified himself as the chief engineer of the bank.

Magistrate Hamid, who conducted the drive, reached the scene around an hour later and asked for the building's approved layout plan.

The plan revealed that the building's entire ground floor and its driveway designated for parking were occupied by illegal concrete structures to house the bank's office.

Besides, the building has an illegally

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# Feelyvision

Viewers can smell, taste, touch sensations played out on screen

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Will "Feelyvision" be the next stage in television's immersive evolution? British scientists are developing technology that will allow viewers to smell, taste and touch the sensations being played out on screen.

Researchers at the University of Sussex are exploring techniques which will allow viewers to sense "raindrops" on their hands or wind on their face, using ultrasound beams and airflows, to heighten the emotional impact of scenes they are watching on television.

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A worker of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) knocking down the wall of a building in the city's Mirpur Road during an eviction drive by a Rajuk mobile court yesterday. The house-owner built a warehouse at the designated car park.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Dozens hurt as riot erupts in Hong Kong

AFP, Hong Kong

Scores of police officers were hurt yesterday when a riot erupted in Hong Kong over official attempts to move illegal hawkers, in the most serious violence the city has seen since mass pro-democracy protests in 2014.

Police said nearly 90 of their number were injured, many by broken glass or projectiles, while dozens of protesters were also hurt in the Chinese New Year clash.

Demonstrators levered up bricks from pavements in the busy Mongkok district, charging police lines with homemade shields and setting rubbish on fire in the middle of the road.

One officer was seen pointing his gun at crowds who hurled stones, bottles and pieces of wooden pallet at police. Officers fired at least two warning shots in the air, multiple news outlets reported, a very rare occurrence in the semi-autonomous southern Chinese city.

They also used pepper spray in chaotic scenes that played out on local television.

As criticism grew of police tactics in the localised disturbance, Commissioner Stephen Lo defended the officer who fired his weapon, saying rioters were continuously attacking his already injured colleague.

"With no alternative, his police colleague used his firearm in accordance with the use of force principles to prevent his fellow colleague from being further attacked," Lo said, adding there would be a full investigation.

Police said 54 protesters aged between 15-70 were arrested for assaulting police, resisting arrest and disorderly

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# Girl killed after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Projoipur

Criminals raped and murdered a college girl at a village in Mathbaria upazila yesterday morning when she was returning home from a relative's house.

The victim was a student of HSC first year of business studies at Shahadat Hossain College.

Police have arrested one Syed Kazi, 41, of Sapleza village in this connection.

Abu Saleh, Union

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