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A crow tries to take a little sip of water on a thoroughfare after the mercury rose to 36 degrees Celsius yesterday. The water fell down from a truck carrying water containers. The Met office has forecast that the temperature in Dhaka may remain similarly high today. The photo was taken on the Manik Mia Avenue in the capital.

CID talks to doctors on 1st autopsy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, from Comilla

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday recorded statements of the doctors who conducted the autopsies on Sohagi Jahan Tonu.

Dr Kamoda Prosad Saha, head of forensic department of Comilla Medical College, and his colleague Dr Sharmin Sultana gave their statements about the first autopsy at the Comilla CID office around 4:00pm.

The investigators talked to them for around one and a half hours.

The first autopsy report stated it found no sign of rape on the body of Tonu, and



TONU MURDER

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Arrest order for 3 tannery owners

3 others kept in court custody for more than 5 hrs for blocking implementation of 2001 HC directives on tannery relocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued arrest warrants against three tannery owners for not implementing its 2001 judgment on relocation of the factories from the capital's Hazaribagh to Savar and for not appearing before it despite summons.

The contemnors are Abdul Wadud Mia of Mahin Tannery, Abdul Wahab of Nabipur Tannery and Mafiz Mia of Asia Tannery.

After hearing a contempt petition, the HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice AKM Shahidul Huq issued the warrants.

The court on March 23 summoned 10 tanners, including the three, directing them to appear before it yesterday for obstructing the implementation of its 2001 judgment on relocation of the tanneries.

Yesterday, the HC also kept three of them -- Mahbubur Rahman Panna of Pubali Tanneries, Giasuddin Ahmed Pathan of Rumi Leather Industries Ltd,

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SHOOTING OF A BOY Gaibandha MP charged with murder attempt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Investigators yesterday pressed attempted murder charges against lawmaker Manjurul Islam Liton for last year's shooting of a schoolboy, Sourav Mia, in his home town.

Officer-in-charge (investigation) Abu Haider Md Ashrafuzzaman of Sundarganj Police Station submitted the charge sheet before the court of additional chief judicial magistrate.

The next hearing of the case is on May 15, court

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Fake front page hammers Trump

Boston Globe takes a look at how Trump era will look like

AFP, Washington

A US newspaper has published a mockup of what a frontpage might look like should Republican frontrunner Donald Trump win the presidency, as

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AL Dhaka city units get new leadership

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday finally approved committees for Dhaka city north and south AL units.

However, she only

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Confusion and Reality

A misunderstanding has been created due to the publishing of controversial news by different vested quarter over the establishment of coal-fired power plant of S Alam Group in Gondamara of Banskhali Upazila of Chittagong. Here is our explanation with a view to ending the misunderstanding and expose the truth.

News published in different media	Fact about coal-fired power project
1 Project on farm land, salt field and inhabitable land.	There is land on which crops are cultivated once a year (where salt is cultivated) and some tinshed houses and cottages in the project area. 150 concrete houses were built against 37 mud-built houses so that the future generation of the affected families can live in these concrete houses. There is no mosque, madrasah and school or college in the project area.
2 Risk of destruction of environment and biodiversity. Fish sanctuary will be endangered. Hilsa breeding centre will be destroyed. The Sun will not be seen. The area will remain dark. Salt can not be cultivated. No tree will grow. Amount of rainfall will decrease.	According to the appointed international consultant firm, there is no possibility of adverse effect on underground water, trees and atmosphere. We became interested to set up the power plant after getting such advice from the international consultant firm.
3 The environmentalists say, no Environmental Clearance Certificate was taken, information was concealed, the project is suicidal.	Such statement of the environmentalists is untrue and baseless. Fees has been deposited for the Environmental Clearance Certificate. The officials of the Department of Environment visited the project area physically. In the primary clearance certificate issued on 22 March of 2016, the director of Department of Environment said that there is no chance of bad effect to the public health if the project is established on the coastal area. It had been sent to the headquarters in Dhaka for the Locational Clearance Certificate. The land owners were informed about the establishment of coal-fired power plant when the lands were bought. No information was concealed.
4 The land cultivated by the leasee will be lost. How will they survive?	Green trees will be planted on 30 percent land of the project area considering the environment. The members of every family will get the opportunity of getting job based on the qualification.
5 Coal-fired power plants are being abolished in India and China as they cause adverse effects on the environment. Those plants will be imported.	Statistics gathered from different websites show that 70 percent of the electricity produced in the world is from coal-fired power plants. 90 percent electricity produced in China from coal-fired power plants while it is 70 percent in India. Such plants are in use in the developed countries including America, Germany and Japan. New ultra-modern machines (Supercritical) will be imported with a view to ensuring the proper use of coal keeping pace with the environment.
6 The environment will be affected due to the use of coal, public health will be endangered.	High quality coal will be imported from Australia and Indonesia so that less ash is produced. The coal will be conveyed covered in a special way (covered area) to the project area through the jetty in the sea from the ship. There will be no dust in the coal. There will be special types of sucker so that the dust can not be mixed with the environment. Cement is being produced in our country using flyash used in the coal-fired power plants of different countries of the world for the last few eras.
7 Tensed situation prevails in the area and the relatives of the deceased are yelling.	We have sympathy for the members of the deceased ones though we are not involved with the incident. Every family of the 4 deceased will be given 10 Lakh Taka as compensation soon. Job opportunity will be created for the relatives of the deceased and the injured ones. The police administration will trace out the real criminals.
8 Middlemen and musclemen were used in buying lands.	Lands were bought with the payment of due rate. The price was much higher than the previous one. There is no question of deceiving anybody. Moreover, what is the necessity of musclemen if the lands are bought with a higher rate?

We also say

The spot where the clash took place is 4 kilometres away from our project. We are also not clear why and for what motive people were killed in such a clash.

Because

1. Firstly, land was being bought in Uzantia of Pekua Upazilla under Cox's Bazar district for the project. Then meeting us the local people and leaders of Banskhalia specially requested us to set up the plant in the coastal area. The project was shifted from Pekua to Banskhalia in 2013.
2. About 200 billion taka will be invested jointly by China and our group in the project. 7 thousand people will be employed in the project in the first 5 years. 1 thousand people will be directly employed permanently after the completion of the project. More 5 thousand people will be employed indirectly.
3. The secretary of the ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources exchanged views with the local people while visiting the area in January of 2015. Then our group bought 855 acres of land paying according to the market price as the local people gave moral support in establishing the power plant on their lands.
4. 8 thousand officials and workers are directly employed in 40 concerns of S Alam group which was built with much hardship through wisdom, industry and sincerity in the last 30 years.
5. Our group has special contribution in keeping the commodity market stable through regular import of oil, sugar, wheat and other commodities.

Special instruction of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is a part of the income of this power plant will have to be used for the development of the schools-colleges and madrasahs of the area and the lifestyle of the local people. Uninterrupted electricity is to be provided to the local people at a reasonable rate.

Our aim and mission is to keep active the human values and the economy of the country alongside gaining profit through establishment of industries, banks, financial institutions and import business. It is nohow expected by anybody to bring themselves under controversy by killing people without any sensible reason. We also earnestly request the administration to find out if any vested quarter is conspiring of creating obstacles in the development activities of the government and foreign investment. We want to join the development effort of Chittagong and the country.



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