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VILLAGE IN SIRAJGANJ

**Anthrax infects 40 more people**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Forty more people are reported to have been infected with anthrax in last 24 hours in a single village at Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj, according to the upazila health office.

This is the second consecutive incident of anthrax infection to human bodies in the district in a couple of weeks. As many as 87 people have so far been infected, according to the district health office.

The number of probable cases may increase as many people have reportedly come in contact with infected animals or contaminated meat, health officials say.

"Three sick animals were butchered in Koroi Shartoil village last week. Villagers bought the meat of the animals at cheap rates and got infected after consuming the meat," Dr Sukumar Roy, upazila health and family planning officer, said.

A medical team visited the village on Sunday, identified the 40 affected people and gave them necessary treatment. The medical team is working in the village to find out more probable cases, he added.

Of the infected, Md Adi Ahmed, Hazrat Ali and Shahed Ali are allegedly responsible for the recent outbreak, according to upazila health complex and upazila livestock officials.

"They slaughtered three infected animals last week and sold the meat among villagers. The people who came in contact with that meat have been infected," Dr Sukumar observed.

The live stock department has started a vaccination programme for the animals in the affected village and a team is also working to monitor the situation.

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A tow truck pulling a damaged BRTC bus after it was hit by an oil tanker train at a level crossing in Chittagong's Sholoshohor area yesterday. Two women were killed and at least five others injured in the incident.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**2 killed as train hits bus in Ctg**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two women were killed and at least five people injured as a train hit a BRTC bus on a railway crossing and dragged it around 150 yards along the track in the city's Sholoshohor area yesterday morning.

One of the deceased is Bibi Marium Jesmin, 35, of Sitakunda upazila. The identity of the other dead, aged around 30, could not be confirmed.

Of the injured, Marium's son Md Sami, 10, Nurun Nabi, 60, Ratna Begum, 35, and Noman, 8, were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Abul Kalam Azad, a guard of the train, received primary treatment at Railway Hospital in the city's CRB area.

Most of the victims were bus passengers, police said.

The accident occurred around 11:00am when the Hathazari-bound oil tanker train carrying furnace oil hit the bus on the railway crossing, about six kilometres

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**Journalist Sadeq Khan passes away**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekushey Padak winner, eminent journalist and columnist Sadeq Khan died of old age complications yesterday.

The 83-year-old fell sick at his Baridhara residence in the capital in the morning. Soon he was rushed to a private hospital where he was declared dead, his younger sister Selima Rahman,

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BORDER KILLINGS

**BGB, BSF to conduct joint probe**

Decide chiefs as 5-day conference ends in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chiefs of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) agreed to jointly investigate border killings after a five-day conference ended yesterday in the capital, viewing that one major cause for the recurrence of the killing was illegal cattle trade.

"Our people will go [to India], BSF side will also come [to Bangladesh]," BGB Director General Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed told a joint press briefing at the force's headquarters.

He added that this way they would be able to know how the incidents happened.

"We are trying hard to bring down border killings to zero," he added. Apart from this, other agendas of the conference included reducing trespassing and smuggling of narcotics, firearms and explosives.

On Saturday's killing of an 18-year-old in the BSF firing along the Chuadanga border, the BGB chief said India has "taken a move", referring to the suspension of seven BSF personnel.

He also said further action against the accused would help curb border killings.

The dead, Shihab Uddin Sajal, was of Goalpara in Jibannagar upazila.

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**JMB man held over Prof Rezaul killing**

He confessed involvement, claim police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday claimed that an operative of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) confessed to his involvement in the killing of Rajshahi University teacher Prof AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee.

Law enforcers produced the arrestee -- Maskawat Hasan alias Sakib alias Abdullah of Bogra -- before the court of Rajshahi Metropolitan Magistrate Khalid Hossain in the afternoon.

"In his confession, he said he was involved in the murder," Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shamsuddin told The Daily Star.

"He is an operational commander of Rajshahi region of the militant group," he said.

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**KEEPING GULLS AWAY Cannes hotel deploys hawks**



AFP, Cannes

The last thing rich and famous visitors to Cannes want is a cheeky seagull swooping in to nibble their peanuts or steal their steak.

So the Grand Hyatt Cannes Hotel Martinez has deployed a team of trained hawks to chase away opportunistic gulls who may be hovering a little too close to its outdoor dining areas.

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**2 remanded over Buddhist monk killing**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

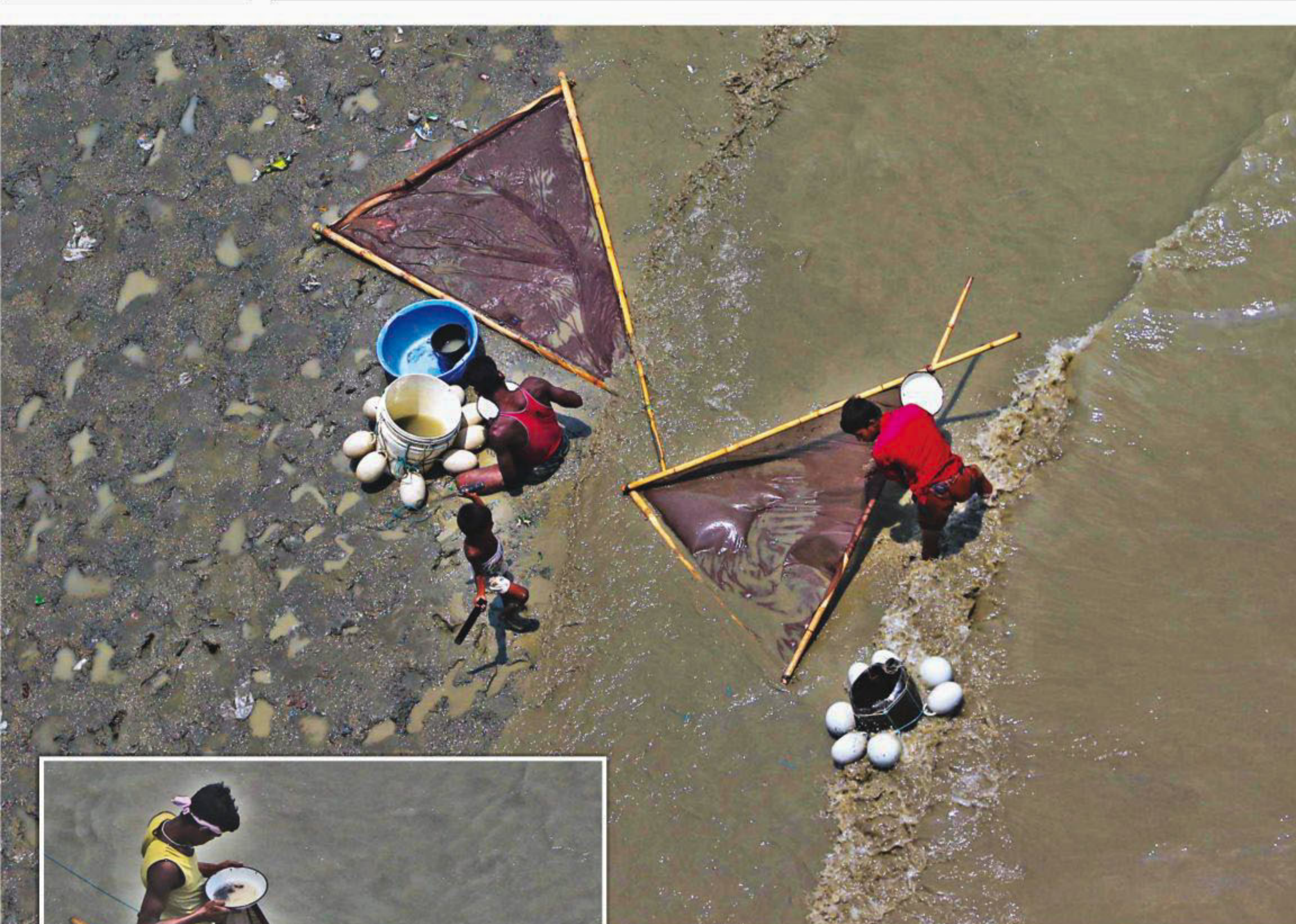
A Bandarban court yesterday placed three men on ten days remand in the case of a Buddhist monk killing in remote Naikkhangchar upazila of Bandarban.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Abu Hanif granted five-day remand for each of them in the murder case filed by the victim's

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**PRAYER TIMING MAY 17**  
 Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
 AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-36 8-00  
 JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 6-40 8-30  
 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Defying a ban on fishing in the Karnaphuli river during high tide, fishermen are catching shrimp fry. A fisherman, inset, takes a look at his catch. Such illegal fishing is destroying the juvenile fish and depleting their overall stock. The photos were taken from Shah Amanat Bridge in Chittagong a few days ago.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**BNP leaders meet visiting US official**

Seek support in holding fair, inclusive next elections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday sought support from the USA in creating a congenial atmosphere in Bangladesh for the next parliamentary elections to be free, fair and inclusive.

A high-profile BNP delegation made the appeal when it met US Department of State's Principal Deputy Assistant

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**Schoolteacher 'raped' by headmaster**

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A simple act of trust has turned out to be a nightmare for a 24-year-old part-time school teacher of Meherpur's Mujibnagar upazila.

She went to Kushtia on Thursday night with the school's headmaster, whom she looked upon as her guardian, to take the Teachers' Registration Examination that would make her job permanent.

However, in the early hours of Friday, the scheduled date for the exam, that very "guardian" allegedly raped her. She lost consciousness at one point, and the culprit, with the help of his associate, took the victim to Kushtia General Hospital and left.

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**IN REMEMBRANCE**



A year ago on this day, 17th of May, 2015, Mr. Abu Zafar Humayun (Robi) left us on his eternal journey. Family, friends and well wishers are requested to pray for him. May Allah Grant him the highest place in Jannah.

**-The Humayun family**