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It's mango time in Rajshahi

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Sitting on a rickshaw-van, Abdul Jalil Mondol was watching his son, grandsons and labourers pluck mangoes from the trees at his orchard.

Despite his humble attire comprising of a lungi, a white vest and a gamchha (cotton towel) hanging over his shoulder, he looked happy and content.

Wiping off the sweat from his forehead with the gamchha, he said, "I made this orchard in my youth. Now I earn the most from it."

The day's harvest was almost done by 8:00am, when this correspondent reached the orchard at Dhadhas, about 18km from Rajshahi city. The orchard was near Baneswar Bazar, the second largest mango market of the northeastern region.

"Mango plucking begins at sunrise. Orchard owners try to complete the job by noon to take the fruits to the market," said Jalil, adding that trading of the delicious fruit goes on all night and day in the market during the harvest season.

The labourers pluck mangoes with a "kota", a locally made tool consisting of a

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PHOTO: ANWAR ALI

Baneswar mango market in Rajshahi is abuzz with growers and traders. Right, people busy plucking mangoes from orchards at Dhadhas and Jhalmalia villages near the market, while female workers separate ripe mangoes from green ones at Jhalmalia. The photos were taken a few days ago.



Freed on bail, shot dead at jail gate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

An alleged criminal was shot dead by unidentified assailants in front of Jessore Central Jail gate soon after his release on bail last night.

The deceased is Hemayet Uddin of Malgati in the town. He was the alleged ring leader of a local criminal group, police said.

Hemayet came out of the jail at 8:00pm after getting bail in an arms case.

As soon as he stepped out of the jail gate, criminals, riding on two motorcycles, shot him thrice, leaving him critically injured, said Nahian, assistant sub-inspector of Jessore Kotwali Police Station.

Senior Superintendent of Jessore Central Jail Shajahan Ahmed said that although the jail guards chased them, the attackers managed to flee the scene.

Hemayet was taken to Jessore General Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Miracle made



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Kamruzzaman lying on a bed at Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka.

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Had it not been detected that Mohammed Kamruzzaman had the rare Bombay blood group in the first place, it would have been very difficult to save him.

"Perhaps many patients had died earlier for the improper diagnosis of blood group," said Md OFG Kibria immediately after successfully conducting a surgery on Kamruzzaman at the Apollo Hospitals yesterday.

According to him, Kamruzzaman is the first person in Bangladesh with the Bombay blood group.

On May 21, Kamruzzaman, who works for Arinoba Plastic Industries Ltd, was injured in a traffic accident. He was travelling in a lorry with company goods when it had a head-on collision with another truck between Mirer Bazar and Kanchan Bridge on Dhaka Bypass Road.

A hand and a leg of the office executive were broken badly and his pelvis was displaced.

Kamruzzaman's colleagues SK Tuhinur Alam, who had been attending to him from the beginning, knocked the doors of several large hospitals in the capital but none could find out why they could not

ARREST DRIVE SI closed for bribery

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A sub-inspector (SI) of Magura police was closed to the district police lines in connection with arresting four innocent people and releasing them after taking bribes from them during the recent countrywide special drive against militants by police.

Police said a Bangla daily published a report on this incident on June 18, quoting one of the victims. Nimoy Chandra Devnath of Magura Sadar Police Station was closed after the allegation was found to be true in the primary enquiry.

Nitish Chandra of Berakchhi village in Sadar upazila was one of the victims.

According to the allegation, a team led by SI Nimoy raided Berakchhi on the night of June 12 and picked up the four around 10:30pm.

They were kept in police station lock-up the whole night though there was no case against them.

The next morning, Nimoy demanded Tk 2,500 from each to release them and threatened to produce them before a court as militant suspects if the money was not given to him.

Abdus Salam, a member of Jogdal Union Parishad and also an Awami League activist, went to the police station to talk about the matter.

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The rabbit renaissance!



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Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, da Vinci and now, Bini the Bunny.

He may look like your average pet rabbit, but the small ball of fluffy cuteness known as Bini is quickly joining the ranks of the world's most revolutionary artists.

The four-year-old Holland Lop rabbit first entered the world of animal art in 2014, showcasing his dynamic ability to beautifully blend colours to millions of online viewers.

Given a blank canvas to work with, Bini grabs a brush with his mouth and begins adding red, blue and yellow paint to create an abstract work.

So sought after is the bunny's work that he has an online store where he sells his paintings and more than 50,000 Facebook followers.

However painting is not the only talent the small creature has to offer, with owner Shai Asor also teaching Bini how to be a hairdresser, play

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
15	21	3-40	6-52
16	22	3-40	6-52
17	23	3-40	6-53



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PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 21

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	3-45	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT	3-50	1-15	5-15	7-02	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Bus tickets for Eid trips vanish in few hours

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Ashrafal Alam had been standing in a queue at the Gabtoli counter of SR Paribahan since 8:00am yesterday to buy two advance tickets for June 4 to go to Dinajpur ahead of Eid.

Despite waiting for around six hours, he failed to get his desired tickets.

"When my turn came around 2:00pm, staffers of the counter told me that tickets for July 4 and 5 have been sold out," Ashrafal, a student of Dhaka University, told The Daily Star at Gabtoli.

Like Ashrafal, many people had the same experience yesterday, as tickets for July 4 and 5 of most of the reputed bus companies had vanished within a few hours on the first day of advance bus ticket sale which started yesterday.

Passengers also alleged that bus operators, like every year, were charging

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

People throng bus counters at the capital's Gabtoli Bus Terminal to buy advance tickets yesterday for celebrating the Eid-ul-Fitr at their village homes. Many of them say bus operators are charging fares higher than usual, taking advantage of the rising demand for tickets.

Record 65.3m displaced last year

Says UN report as nations observe World Refugee Day

REUTERS, Geneva

A record 65.3 million people were uprooted worldwide last year, many of them fleeing wars only to face walls, tougher laws and xenophobia as they reach borders, the United Nations refugee agency said yesterday.

The figure, which jumped from 59.5 million in 2014 and by 50 percent in five years, means that 1 in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, asylum-seeker or internally displaced in a home country.

Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has driven the latest exodus, bringing the total number of refugees to 21.3 million, half of them children, the UNHCR said in its "Global Trends" report marking World Refugee Day.

"The refugees and migrants crossing the Mediterranean and arriving on the shores of Europe, the message that they have carried is that if you don't solve problems, problems will come to you," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi told a news briefing.

"It's painful that it has taken so long for people in the rich countries to understand that," he said. "We need action, political action to stop conflicts, that would be the most important prevention of refugee flows."

A record 2 million new asylum claims were lodged in

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