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Lawachhara in danger

Railway wants to cut down 25,000 trees on both sides of tracks

MINTU DESHWARA, from Lawachhara

The Lawachhara National Park in Moulvibazar faces further shrinkage as the Bangladesh Railway wants to cut down more than 25,000 trees to ensure safety of train passengers.

The railway authorities' appeal came following disruptions in train services in the last two years, caused by fallen trees on the railway lines that run through the forest.

They have sought permission from the forest department in this regard.

However, environmentalists noted that the biodiversity of the reserve forest must be protected and suggested moving the lines from the forest area, instead of cutting down the trees, to ensure passengers' safety.

According to Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department, a letter signed by Bangladesh Railway's Divisional Engineer-II Arman Hossain was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) (wildlife) on April 9. The letter said that during storms and rain, trees fall on the 5km line of the Dhaka-Sylhet rail route that goes through

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A railway line inside the Lawachhara Reserve National Forest in Moulvibazar. The Bangladesh Railway has recently sought permission from the forest department to cut down more than 25,000 trees there, saying trees fall on the rail track during storms and disrupt communications. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
18	24		6-53
19	25	3-40	6-53
20	26	3-41	6-53



PRAYER TIMING JUNE 24

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	3-46	12-30	5-00	6-53	8-17
JAMAAT	3-51	1-15	5-15	7-03	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BB will not extend deal with FireEye

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Bank will not extend the contract of US cyber security firm FireEye to investigate the theft of \$81 million of its money because of the high cost involved.

The board of the central bank made the decision in a meeting yesterday.

The board said it had found the main findings of the probe so the contract of FireEye's Mandiant forensic division would not be renewed, according to an official of the BB.

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No extrajudicial killings by cops

Claims DMP boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cops never indulge in extrajudicial killings in the name of "crossfire", but if under attack, they open fire in self defence, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday.

"Bangladesh police do not kill anyone in crossfire. It's totally a misconception and I think it's also a motivated and negative propaganda," he said, replying to queries from journalists after a meeting on law and order at the capital's Gabtoli yesterday.

"We will catch a criminal, file a case against him and then make him face trial. This is what we do," he said.

"But," the DMP boss said, "While discharging our duties, if we come



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GRID FAILURE Rajshahi suffers 16-hr blackout

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Owners and employees of different shops who usually pass hectic days before the Eid were seen sitting idle on the stairs outside. Some were sitting inside with palm-leaf fans in their hands with no customers in their shops.

This was the scene at Shaheb Bazar Zero point, Rajshahi city's main business area, around 2:00pm yesterday when the city was enduring a 16-hour blackout since early yesterday.

It became worse as water supply got snapped following the blackout.

"It was a complicated system protection failure on the national grid following a fault in the power distribution line during

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Tragic death of a journalist

Ekattor TV videographer Ripon covered food crisis in Thanchi where he got malaria

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At the end of last month, Ali Hossain Ripon had gone deep inside Thanchi upazila of Bandarban to cover the month-long food crisis that struck the impoverished people of the remote area.

The videographer of Ekattor TV worked hard from behind the scenes and presented the viewers the powerful

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Gunman killed after German hostage drama

REUTERS, Viernheim

A masked man took hostages at a cinema in western Germany yesterday before police stormed the complex and shot him dead, police said.

No other people were injured, a police spokesman said.

The attacker, who carried a rifle or "long gun", acted alone and appeared to have been a "disturbed man", the interior minister of Hesse state, Peter Beuth, told the regional parliament.

Police had not identified

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A youth jumps to avoid a mud splash from a bus on the battered Arakan Road in Rahattarpool area of Chittagong yesterday. Whenever it rains, people suffer because of large potholes on the road.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

ডেঙ্গু প্রতিরোধে চাই জনসচেতনতা

- ডেঙ্গু কি?**
ডেঙ্গু একটি ভাইরাস জ্বর। এডিস মশা ডেঙ্গু ভাইরাসের একমাত্র বাহক। এই মশার কামড়ে ডেঙ্গু ছড়ায়। এডিস মশা সাধারণত ভোরে এবং সন্ধ্যায় কামড়ায়।
- ডেঙ্গুর প্রতিরোধে করণীয়**
- ❖ বাড়ির ভেতর/বাহির/ছাদ এবং আনাচে-কানাচে পড়ে থাকা অপ্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবহৃত পাত্র ও প্যাকেটসমূহ ডাষ্টবিনে ফেলে দিন। বাড়ির আশপাশের বোপবাড় এবং আগুনা পরিষ্কার রাখুন।
 - ❖ অব্যবহৃত গাড়ির টায়ার, নির্মাণকাজে ব্যবহৃত চৌবাচ্চা, পরিত্যক্ত টিনের কৌটা, প্লাষ্টিকের বোতল/ক্যান, বিস্কুট বা চিপস এর প্যাকেট, ভাঙ্গা কাঁচ, গাছের কোটর, পরিত্যক্ত বা ভাঙ্গা হাড়ি, ডাবের খোসা ইত্যাদিতে ৫(পাঁচ) দিনের বেশি যেন পানি জমে না থাকে সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন এবং প্রয়োজনে অপসারণ করুন।
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- ডেঙ্গুর ব্যবস্থাপনা**
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 - ❖ দ্রুত জ্বর কমানো একান্ত জরুরী। এজন্য মাথা ধোয়া, ভিজা কাপড় দিয়ে গা মোছা এবং প্যারাসিটামল খেতে দেয়া যেতে পারে। এ্যাসপিরিন জাতীয় ঔষধ কোনভাবেই খেতে দেয়া যাবে না।
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