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WHERE IS CIVIC SENSE!

When the Dhaka South City Corporation initiated the move to install roadside, small bins in April, its counterpart followed suit. Together, they set up 6,700 bins nearly at every city junctions, neighbourhoods and at regular intervals on many footpaths. They banked heavily on Dhakaites civic sense to keep the city clean. Three months later, many of these bins, however, are in a sorry state largely because of users' callousness. Though these are not meant for dumping household waste, some tend to do so. Some even do not mind stealing them. City officials say they tried to engage with people to ensure proper use and maintenance of the bins. They hope people's civic sense would prevail upon the mishandling of the bins. Besides, they say, they try to replace the old or unusable bins with new ones time to time.



Household waste crammed into a bin



Garbage thrown under a bin moved upside down, leading to public disgust



Somebody stole the bin



A bin turned sideways as people throw household garbage in it, spreading odour



A bin missing from the holder



A bin turned upside down as household waste is dumped into it



A bin used and maintained properly

PHOTOS: STAR

Mess owners in Jhenidah alarmed

'Sholakia attacker Abir shared mess with Nibras'

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Owners of students' messes in Jhenidah are alarmed after two militants linked with the recent terror attacks were found to have lived at a local's house for months and left it just before the incidents.

The house owner at Sonalipara, Kausar Ali, a 50-year-old retired employee of Bangladesh Army, and his two sons were picked up on July 6 by the Rapid Action Battalion and police, Kausar's wife Bilkis Nahar said earlier. Talking to The Daily

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BNP-Jamaat ties to continue

Opposing voice mute amid Khaleda-Tarique stance

RASHIDUL HASAN

Despite pressure from both inside and outside the party to sever ties with Jamaat for its anti-liberation role and alleged patronisation of various militant outfits, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is still unwilling to do so, according to party insiders.

Considering "the politics of votes", the BNP chief wants an electoral coalition with the Jamaat-e-Islami, a key component of the 20-party alliance, they said, adding that the Islamist party has vote banks in more than 100 constituencies where BNP's success in elections depends on the Islamist party.

Besides, the BNP thinks the government might try to get Jamaat on its side if it parts with Jamaat, and this would weaken the opposition further.

The issue of severing ties with Jamaat surfaced after the BNP-led 20-party alliance on Thursday at a meeting decided to hold an anti-militancy national convention in the capital, keeping Jamaat a part of it.

However, some pro-BNP professionals and intellectuals suggested that the BNP chief should cut ties with Jamaat before starting her move to unite the nation against militancy.

A day after the gruesome terror attack in the city's Gulshan Holey Artisan café, Khaleda at a press conference urged the government to create a national unity to fight militancy.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES BCL desire all too disturbing

INAM AHMED

So politics is going to enter the private universities, which so far remains outside the realm of student politics that has emerged so acrimonious and often violent. The announcement by Bangladesh Chhatra League to form committees in all private universities to fight militancy has made us all worried.

The logic behind Chhatra League's decision is strange and daft. It feels that militancy grew in private universities in absence of a 'progressive force' like League. So BCL is going to sort that thing out. Nothing could be lamer than this.

A worrying thing is: Why private universities are being singled out in this whole

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The robots that risk it all

BBC ONLINE

Robots go where humans fear to tread. Of their many applications, bomb disposal is one of the most hazardous, where the risk of death lurks with every move.

Bomb disposal robots have been used to safely disable explosive ordnance for over 40 years, where they have been deployed hundreds, if not thousands, of times. However, the term "bomb disposal robot" is something of a misnomer, as they are not technically robots.

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JS session resumes today

UNB, Dhaka

The 11th session of the 10th parliament resumes at 5:30pm today after a 16-day recess.

On July 30, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury adjourned the session till July 17, after the passage of the Tk 3,40,605 crore budget for the 2016-17 fiscal.

The budget session began on June 1 and Finance Minister AMA Muhith placed the proposed budget the day after.

A total of 242 lawmakers took part in the discussion on the proposed budget for 58 hours and 11 minutes.

The current session is scheduled to continue till July 28.



A rickshaw crossing the TSC area on the Dhaka University during yesterday's rain. The Met office says light to moderate rain or thundershowers is also likely today in many places of the country, including in the capital.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Protect rights of Artisan 'detainees'

HRW asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Watch has called on Bangladeshi authorities to protect the rights of Hasnat Karim and Tahmid Khan detained for questioning in connection with the July 1 Dhaka café attack.

Hasnat, 47, and Tahmid, 22, were taken into custody along with other survivors by the Detective Branch of police for interrogation after the 11-hour-long siege ended with a military

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Pak celebrity killed by brother 'for honour'

AFP, Muzaffarabad

A Pakistani social media celebrity whose selfies polarised the deeply conservative Muslim country has been murdered by her brother in a suspected honour killing, officials said yesterday, prompting shock and revulsion.

Qandeel Baloch, praised by many of the country's youth for her willingness to break social taboos but condemned by conservatives, was strangled near the city of Multan, police said.

"Qandeel Baloch has been killed, she was strangled to death by her brother. Apparently it was an incident of honour killing," Sultan Azam, senior police officer in Multan, told AFP.

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Qandeel Baloch

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