

BSRM
www.bsr.com

Earthquakes Don't Kill People. Buildings Do! Build Safe!

BSRM Ultima
Designed for Superior Safety

HIGHEST SELLING CEMENT for more than **12 years**

SHAH CEMENT

Worsening flood grips vast region

STAR REPORT

The flood situation in northern and northeastern areas worsened further yesterday due to the onrush of upstream water in the Teesta, Brahmaputra, Dharla, and Surma rivers.

Thousands of people were marooned. Many of them were forced to leave their homes.

According to reports received from our correspondents, the rise of water level of the major rivers deteriorated the flood situation in Kurigram, Bogra, Lalmonirhat and Sunamganj.

In some areas, river erosions have taken a serious turn, forcing people to move their valuables to other places.

Many people are spending sleepless nights at makeshift camps built on the embankments. Many said their houses were washed away as rivers were devouring new areas.

"Our eight hens, three ducks and a goat were washed away by flood water on Sunday night," said Nurjahan Bewa, 56, of Shiberkuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Our correspondents from the flood affected areas report, hundreds of educational institutions remain closed as those either went under water or were being used as camps for the flood affected people.

Water of the Brahmaputra, Teesta and Dharla was flowing above the danger level. Flood control embankments have been damaged at many points in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



People stand on the edge of badly damaged 120-metre dam of Water Development Board at Shiberkuti village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. Heavy water flow from the Dharla river washed away a big chunk of the dam, inundating six villages in the upazila. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

YAHOO!

verizon

Yahoo's core business sold for \$4.83b

REUTERS, San Francisco

Verizon Communications Inc (VZ.N) said yesterday it would buy Yahoo Inc's (YHOO.O) core internet properties for \$4.83 billion in cash to expand its digital advertising and media business, in a deal that ends a lengthy sale process for the fading Web pioneer.

The purchase of Yahoo's operations will boost Verizon's AOL internet business, which it bought last year for \$4.4 billion, and give it access to Yahoo's ad technology tools, BrightRoll and Flurry, and assets such as search, mail and messenger.

The deal, expected to close in early 2017, marks the end of Yahoo as an operating company, leaving it

SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

Missing youth returns with newlywed wife

Cops earlier termed him militant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Kamruzzaman Tuhin alias Munna had left his Jessore home about three years ago following a row with his mother. Since then, he had had no contact with his family.



Tuhin

In the aftermath of the recent militant attacks in Gulshan and Sholakia, his father Abdus Sobhan on July 10 filed a general diary with Kotwali Police Station about his "missing" son.

Much to the surprise of his family members, Tuhin along with his newlywed wife returned to his parental home at Shankarpur in Jessore town yesterday, two days after Kotwali police pasted a poster with photographs of five "missing" people on the wall in front of the police station, describing them as militants. Tuhin was among the five.

The 24-year-old later went to the police station to have his name taken off the list of suspected militants. Kotwali police said the youth has no criminal record.

Talking to newsmen, he Tuhin he went

SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

Gunfire erupts at Florida nightclub

Shooting leaves two dead, 14 hurt as Club Blu was hosting a teen event; three detained for questioning as motive remains unclear

AFP, Miami

At least two people were killed and 14 others wounded when a shooting broke out early yesterday in the parking lot of a Florida nightclub that was hosting a party for young teenagers.

The shooting comes just six weeks after a gunman killed 49 people at a gay club in the state the worst massacre on US soil since 9/11.

Officers have detained one "person of interest" and two other individuals for questioning over the latest shooting, which happened at Club Blu in Fort Myers. But the motive for the shooting remains unclear.

Witnesses described people scattering when gunfire broke out shortly after midnight, ducking and running behind a nearby apartment building, with children as young as 13 reportedly among the injured.

"It was a young teen event. There were kids. The kid I was holding in my lap, he was 14 years old that got shot," Tatian Nouhailo, a neighbour, told ABC News.

"And then there was a little girl who also got shot and she was 13. One of the security guard's daughter got shot, so I mean there was kids 13, 14, 15, 16."

Club Blu said the shooting broke out as the "Swimsuit Glow Party" was winding down and parents were picking up their children -- and despite the fact there was armed security both inside and outside the venue.

"We are deeply sorry for all involved," the club said in a statement. "We tried to give the teens WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A SAFE PLACE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME," it added.

The Fort Myers Police Department reported that two individuals were

SEE PAGE 11 COL 2

Four-day DC conference begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The four-day annual conference of deputy commissioners of all 64 districts commences today in Dhaka where the menace of militancy in the country might top the agenda.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programme at the Prime Minister's Office. At the conference she is expected to give directives to the deputy commissioners (DCs) for implementing various decisions, policies and measures taken by the government.

Ministers will also address the DCs in separate sessions, some of which will focus on militancy and means of running motivational campaigns against it.

The conference of the administrative chiefs of the districts is taking place amid the growing fear of renewed strikes following two grisly militant attacks just six days apart early this month.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 2

The 'Papa' Hemingway look-alike winner



MAIL ONLINE

A white-bearded North Carolina man has won the 'Papa' Hemingway Look-Alike Contest.

Dave Hemingway — a 65-year old from Macon, North Carolina who is no relation to the famed literary figure — won the contest on Saturday night at Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West.

The contest is the highlight event of the annual Hemingway Days festival, which honours the author's literary legacy, and ended on Sunday.

Hemingway won the contest in his seventh attempt.

"I think it's about time that Hemingway won a Hemingway look-alike contest," he told CBS Miami.

He wore a wool, cream-coloured turtleneck sweater similar to what the late author favoured.

"Even though this sweater is really hot, it was part of my strategy to win this year and I think it worked well," he said.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

Inu apologises for remarks on MPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu last night apologised in parliament for his remarks accusing MPs of stealing money from Test Relief (TR) and Food for Work (Kabikha) programmes.

Amid blistering attack, criticism and strong protest from treasury, opposition and independent lawmakers, the minister first said "sorry" but failed to quell the anger and then offered an apology to the MPs for his comment.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was present and witnessed the whole incident.

Taking the floor on point of order, Awami League MP Abul Hasnat Abdullah started lambasting Inu's remarks and demanded that the information minister apologise to all the MPs in the House.

Senior AL and main opposition lawmakers also demanded a ruling from the Speaker in this regard.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 10

Turkey clamps down on journalists

Amnesty alleges abuse, torture of detainees

AFP, Ankara

Turkish authorities yesterday issued arrest warrants for 42 journalists in a new phase of the controversial legal crackdown after the failed coup, as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was to host opposition party chiefs for an unprecedented meeting.

Over 13,000 people have been detained so far in a vast sweep in the wake of the July 15 coup bid, which the authorities blame on the reclusive US-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen.

The crackdown has raised tensions with the European Union, further hampering Ankara's stalled membership bid, while a potential diplomatic crisis with Washington is looming if the United States refuses to extradite Gulen to Turkey.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 5



Police secure the area after an explosion in Ansbach, Germany, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Terror attack rocks German city

Syrian man, who pledged allegiance to IS, blows himself up with backpack bomb outside music festival; 15 injured; Berlin warns of anti-migrant backlash

AGENCIES

A Syrian migrant set off a bomb near a music festival in southern Germany, killing himself and wounding 15 others in the third attack to hit the region in a week, authorities said yesterday.

Berlin has identified the assailant as a 27-year-old failed Syrian asylum seeker, and said he had made a video pledging allegiance to Islamic State.

"A provisional translation by an inter-

preter shows that he expressly announces, in the name of Allah, and testifying his allegiance to (Islamic State leader) Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi ... an act of revenge against the Germans because they're getting in the way of Islam," Bavarian interior minister Joachim Herrmann told a news conference.

"I think that after this video there's no doubt that the attack was a terrorist attack with an Islamist background."

Meanwhile, Islamic State claimed

SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

SIBL
Social Islami Bank Limited
Shreef Lutfi

PRAYER TIMING JULY 26
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

United Hospital

Call 10666 9852466

24/7 Appointment Desk

For Appointment, Emergency & Ambulance