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Lakhai Datta

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 Pankaj Kanda, central member of Bangladesh Adibashi Forum and Shalauddin Ahmed, president of Pahar Rokha O Unnayan Society, also spoke. Denying all allegations, Syeda Gulshanara, owner of Julekha Nagar Tea Estate, told this correspondent that they had leased the land from the government in the 70s and the land where the village is situated was also a part of the leased property. “Our men did not destroy their homes, crops or trees,” she claimed. Contacted, Pranesh Goala, UP chairman of Kalinghat Union, said, “I have spoken with the law enforcement personnel regarding the safety of the villagers, hopefully they will look into it.” Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Srimangal Police Station, said, “There has been an ongoing dispute over the land. Both parties have filed cases regarding the issue. The court will decide on it.”

Philippines

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 terrorism and other transnational crimes to ensure the stability of the banking system.” Bangladeshi officials say the money was able to disappear into the casino industry because of systemic failures at RCBC, not just individual errors by some of its officers.

Local militants

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 Mujahideen Bangladesh) are almost the same as they have been unleashing terrorist activities including killing, bombing and arson attack using different names at different times. “This quarter is using names of different militant groups such as JMB, HuJI [Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami] and claiming themselves to be IS members, but they are home-grown.” Terming militancy a global crisis, Asaduzzaman said radicalism is not confined to any particular territorial boundary. “We are committed to not allowing militants to set up dens on the holy soil of Bangladesh.” He urged all concerned to build a strong resistance against militant outfits and terrorists and gear up the ongoing anti-militancy campaign by forming different committees in each locality throughout the country. Director General of Department of Immigration and Passports Masud Redwan, DG of Border Guard Bangladesh Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed Bhuiyan and local parliament members were present, among others.

NZ gets

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 The project is the brainchild of artist Vanessa Crowe, who first placed it in a former bank in the capital Wellington, saying she wanted to explore the role of machines for sharing feelings and experiences. It's also spent time in Auckland, and has now been brought to Whangarei by a local initiative focused on community engagement, Together Tahī. The group's spokesman, Ash Holwell, says the aim is to focus on people's well-being rather than money and economic growth. “So, is how we're feeling as a city a valid conversation to be having?” he tells the paper. “Rather than just ‘oh, we've created another 60 jobs at McDonald's.” He says that in Whangarei, the machine won't just be in one place, unlike in the other two cities. “We hope to really move it around so we can get a bit of a geographical map,” he tells Radio New Zealand, adding this could also be a “fun and light way” to get residents talking about local elections due in October.

Efforts on to rescue

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 added Mallick, who has been monitoring the elephant for more than two weeks. The joint team could not rescue the elephant yesterday also as it did not come out of the water apparently noticing a huge number of curious onlookers nearby. “Once the elephant comes out to a dry place, we will tranquilise and carry it to the Safari Park on a truck. But it hardly comes out to the land,” said Ashim. Earlier, at a press briefing at the Jamalpur Circuit House around 10:30am yesterday, retired conservator of forests Rithesh Chandra Bhattacharjee, one of the three members of the visiting Indian team, said they were finding it difficult to rescue the elephant, weighing around four tonnes, from the flood-hit char (shoal) area in Jamalpur, reports our correspondent there. “Unless they find the elephant staying on dry land for long, they won't go for the rescue operation,” he said. “So it may take some time to start the rescue operation.

Top IS leader

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 group south and southwest of the Sinai city of El-Arish. The operation destroyed depots where weapons, ammunition and explosives were stashed, it added. TRAIL OF DEADLY ATTACKS The military has poured troops and armour into the peninsula where security forces have been battling a jihadist insurgency since then army chief and now President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted Morsi more than three years ago. But the jihadists have remained defiant and kept up attacks mostly against the security forces using roadside bombs and ambushes. They have also targeted Egyptian Christians and claimed attacks on foreigners and diplomatic missions, including last year's attack on the Italian consulate in Cairo. In 2015 they the group also claimed to have beheaded a Croatian man who worked for French geoscience company CGG, after abducting him on a road running from the west of Cairo. Later that year the interior ministry announced the killing of top IS operative Ashraf Ali Hassanein al-Gharabi suspected of involvement in the abduction and murder of the Croatian and the bombing of the Italian consulate. In another of its worst attacks, the group claimed responsibility for bombing a Russian airliner carrying holidaymakers from an Egyptian resort last year, killing all 224 people

“When the congenial situation comes, we will tranquilise it, take it on a truck and then either take it to the Bangabandhu Safari Park or to Gajni area in Sherpur to let it go into the Garo hills of Indian Meghalaya state,” he said. The two other members of the Indian team are Goalpara district Forest Officer Suleman Uddin Choudhury and veterinary professor KK Sarma. The rescue team has also urged people not to gather near the elephant as it might hamper the rescue operation. The wild elephant got separated from her herd in Assam and entered Kurigram's Chilmari upazila, floating with the currents of the Brahmaputra river, on June 27. Since the elephant entered Bangladesh, it has travelled over 300 kilometres of riverine routes in the last 39 days. During the days, it was seen frantically moving from one place to another. Currently, the elephant is in a char area of Madarganj Upazila in Jamalpur.

on board. The group said it had smuggled a bomb on board at an airport in the south of the peninsula. The army has regularly announced the death or capture of jihadists, who have often claimed their attacks were in retaliation for a police crackdown that has killed hundreds and left thousands in jail since Morsi's ouster. The arid and rugged Sinai Peninsula borders Israel and the Palestinian Gaza Strip. El-Arish is the provincial capital of North Sinai where the jihadist group active.

Monk survives

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 Tain Dima is the chief monk of Dabonkhali Marma Para Buddhist Temple at remote Baishari union of Bandarban's Naikkhongchhari upazilla. The miscreants broke down the door of the temple but fled the scene when the monk used a loudspeaker calling locals for help, said Mong Hla Wai Marma, a resident of the area. “We are worried about our security as one after another brutal incident have been occurring in our area” said Mong Mrau Marma, chief (Karbari) of Dabonkhali Marma Para. Police said they have increased security in the temple. Earlier, a Buddhist farmer was hacked to death in the same area on July 1, less than two months after a Buddhist monk was brutally killed in Tain Dima Bikkhu.

Jamaat, Shibir

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 However, family members of the arrestees claimed that police had arrested their relatives earlier on Wednesday and they had visited them in police custody on Thursday morning. In Chittagong, police in a raid at a house in Fatikchhari upazila during early hours yesterday recovered four firearms, ten rounds of bullets, 400 pieces of yaba tablets, nine kilograms of cannabis and arrested a woman, a teenage boy and two others, our Chittagong correspondent reports. Police identified three of the arrestees as Mannan Mia, 33, Mohammad Rashed, 15, and Sajú Akter, 38, -- all from East Farhadabad village of the upazila. Identity of the fourth arrestee could not be determined as he was found unconscious from drug overdose during the raid, said Iktiar Uddin, sub-inspector of Fatikchhari Police Station, adding that he has been sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for treatment.

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 detained in connection with the incident, police said. Talking to The Daily Star, Mohsin said supporters of Yunus swooped on them with sharp weapons.

Rio

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 board a train -- the subway does not lead to the Olympic Stadium, rather it goes through a different route touching the Maracana -- the exhausting trip could be cut short to a matter of less than an hour and turned into a an eye-opening experience. The southern part of Rio, where the Copacabana and Ipenama beaches are located, is also the south-eastern tip of Brazil. Beyond this are the blue waters of the Atlantic. The more you move towards the north, the more rugged the terrains become and the sunny climes give way to more oppressive elements of nature. As the trains snake their way out of the planes and past the mountains, one is exposed to the harsh realities of life. Each of the hillocks is home to thousands of households, with flimsy single-storey concrete structures steeped on the slope leaning against each other. The people from the plains hardly ever go up the mountains in fear for their lives, but they do get services from those that come down to the plains in search of a living. They serve the dinner tables at restaurants and cafeterias; they work at street circus shows; they wipe the floors at posh apartment complexes and they sell themselves at midnight. The two worlds collide in Rio.

Kabiguru's 75th

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 “Bigotry tries to keep truth safe in its hand with a grip that kills it,” he once said. But what about violence that stems from intolerance? It has its origin in our dissatisfaction with our hive-wall arrangement, -- the too-exclusive enclosure that deprives us of the perspective which is so much needed to give us the proper proportion in our art of living, as the Kabiguru said in one of his thought-provoking books, The Religion of Man. And that's how he remains deeply relevant today, 75 years after his death on 22 Srabon, 1348, of the Bangla Calendar. Popularly known as Biswakobi, his enormous body of works reshaped Bangla literature and music in a way that academic pursuits in these fields remain incomplete without studying his works. In his seven decades of endeavours in different genres of Bangla literature, the great bard, playwright, novelist, composer and painter enriched Bangla language and literature and elevated its position in the global arena. His unsurpassable creations touch us in so many ways and give expressions to so many of our emotions that we feel his ubiquity every so often. Born on 25th of Baishakh, 1261 (Bangla year) or May 7, 1861, the Nobel Laureate left his mark on all the genres of Bangla literature: songs, poetry, novels, essays, short stories and dramas. Before his journey to the great beyond, he left for the world 52 poetry collections, 38 dramas, 13 novels and novellas, 36 essays and 95 short stories. For Bangladeshis and Indians, their first introduction to Tagore comes through the national anthems of the two countries. He composed more than 1,900 songs comprising Rabindra Sangeet, one of the most popular genres of music in the Indian Subcontinent. His work inspired Bangalees of East Pakistan to break free from the oppression of West Pakistan that tried to wipe out his name from the hearts of Bangalees during its 24-year rule. The cultural movement that started in the early 60s through the celebrations of Tagore's birth anniversary defying an unofficial ban on Rabindra Sangeet hardened Bangalees' resolve for liberation. Tagore's brilliance touched every fields of art while his philosophies regarding science, society, economics and politics put him in lively debate in great minds like Mahatma Gandhi and Einstein. His creation of Visva-Bharati in Shantiniketan is the epitome of educa-

tion, which has been striving to open the minds of students through interaction with nature and philosophies of life. Tagore spent a considerable time in the eastern part of Bengal, present-day Bangladesh, where he not only wrote many of his masterpieces, including *Chhinmapatra*, but left his mark in the hearts of ordinary people who lived under his father's land tenancy, by introducing modern agriculture methods as well as opening a bank. But to return to the talk of religion and its interpretation, Tagore had his own ideas. “The individual man must exist for Man the great, and must express him in disinterested works, in science and philosophy, in literature and arts, in service and worship. This is his religion, which is working in the heart of all his religions in various names and forms,” he wrote in The Religion of Man.

Attack in Assam

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 The six killed have been identified as Mazhar Ali, Salam Ali, Danda Basumatary, Moniram Basumatary, Parmeswar Basumatary and Tapan Chakraborty. Kokrajhar town in lower Assam is located about 220km from Guwahati. It is Bodo tribal-dominated area. This sudden incident of firing on people at a public place in broad daylight is first of its kind in Assam. The shootout occurred when the state was in a state of high alert in view of the coming Independence Day. NSA MEETS ASSAM CM National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and discussed the Kokrajhar attack. The CM said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to him and conveyed their condolences. Sonowal condemned the killings and directed the district authorities to provide medical aid to the injured. He also directed Finance, Education and Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to rush to the spot and review the situation in the area, where more security personnel have been deployed. Sonowal, who was sworn in as the first BJP chief minister of Assam on May 24, said his government is committed to ensure the safety of life and property of the people of Assam. “We will not tolerate any threat from any group. The government will not bow to any pressure while tackling terrorist groups,” he said, adding all deputy commissioners and superintendents of police across the state have been directed to be on high alert following the attack and in view of the upcoming Independence Day.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)

OTM

Tender Notice Number: 02/2016-2017

Memo No. LGED/EE/Sunam/D-156/2016/7159 Date: 03/08/2016
 Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender security (Tk.)	Time for completion (day)	Price of tender documents (Tk.)
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GOB Maintenance

01	LGED/SUN/GOBM/ MMT/16-17/W-02	Supply of Materials for Mobile Maintenance under Sunamgonj District.	10000	30	300
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1.	Source of funds	:	GOB
2.	Date, time and place of pretender meeting	:	Date: 10/08/2016, Time: 11:00am and Place: Office of the undersigned.
3.	Last date, time and places of selling tender documents	:	Date: 28/08/2016, Time: 12.00 noon.

Places: The Superintending Engineer, LGED, Sylhet Region, District: Sylhet The Project Director, LGED, Dhaka/The Deputy Commissioner, Sunamgonj/The Superintendent of Police, Sunamgonj/The Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet/Office of the undersigned/The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Dharmapasha/Tahirpur/Sunamgonj Sadar/Jamalgonj/Chhatak/Jagannathpur District: Sunamgonj.

4.	Last date, time and places of receiving tender	:	Date: 28/08/2016, Time: 01:00pm and Places: Office of the undersigned/The Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet/The Deputy Commissioner, Sunamgonj/The Superintendent of Police, Sunamgonj/The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sunamgonj Sadar/Jamalgonj/Chhatak/Jagannathpur, District: Sunamgonj.
5.	Date, time and place of opening of tender	:	Date: 28/08/2016, Time: 03:00pm and Place: Office of the undersigned.
6.	In this tender PPR-2008 and PPA (2nd Revision 2009) will be applicable.	:	
7.	Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This invitation for tender is available on the website: www.lged.gov.bd	:	

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Diseases spread as floodwater

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 said she was informed about the tablets. She also directed the upazila nirbahi officers to retrieve the distributed tablets from the flood-affected people through the chairmen of the union parishads. Around three lakh people of 43 unions of Farirampur, Daulatpur, Shivalaya, Ghior, Satura and Sadar upazila of the district are under threat of health hazards as the floodwater is receding. As the floodwater is receding, different waterborne diseases like diarrhoea and other intestine diseases are spreading fast among the flood-affected people of Teesta shoals, reports our Nilphamari correspondent. The flood victims there have taken shelter on different structures of the Water Development Board (WDB) in Dalia of the district. Acute shortage of pure drinking water in addition to lack of sanitation arrangement is responsible, said Rabiul Islam Shahin, chairman of Tapa Kharibari Union Parishad. The same situation is prevailing in Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Jamalpur and Chandpur. As there is lack of awareness

among the flood victims, they are drinking floodwater-mixed water and are being affected by different waterborne diseases , our correspondent in Lalmonirhat reports. Jahedul Islam, 48, a flood victim at Ananda Bazar village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said his widow mother Jahera Bewa, 72, has been suffering from diarrhoea after taking floodwater-mixed water. She has been admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital. “Our two children have also been affected and are under treatment at home,” he added. Pure drinking water is not available in the flood-affected areas, as all the tube-wells went under water at Khatiyamari Char village in Fulchhari upazila, our Gaibandha correspondent writes. Marjina Begum, a housewife in the area, said they have taken shelter on the Singria embankment. Flood victims, cattle and poultry are living side by side on the embankment, resulting in pollution in the living environment. “I have been suffering from dysentery for last three days, but it has been difficult to arrange preventive medicine,” said Ramjan Ali, a flood victim on the embankment.

Many of the children have been affected by intestinal diseases. Health workers often supply water-purifying tablets and oral saline, but those are not adequate at all, said Abdul Quddus, another flood victim.

Erosion continues in some points of the Padma river due to strong current, our Munshiganj correspondent reports.

Around 150-foot road was eroded due to strong current of the Arial Kha river at Dorga Bazar under Bhaga upazila in the district last Thursday, our Faridpur correspondent reports. The locals worked the whole night to prevent the erosion with the help of WDB.

Md Safikul Islam, a school-teacher, said the collapse started around 1:30pm, adding, when the strong current with wind hit the road, it eroded the stretch of the road around 4:00pm. Sultan Mahamud, executive engineer of the WDB of Faridpur, said, “We have continued our work to prevent the erosion. As the locals helped us prevent the collapse and save the road, we have succeeded to avert a big problem.”

He added they have already dropped 15,000 sand sacks and 2,000 bags full of bricks to protect the road.

in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), the Islamist group's North African branch.

Authorities in Ivory Coast and neighboring Mali have arrested a number of suspects since the raid.

The two soldiers, arrested in July and sentenced late on Thursday, knew members of the unit that carried out the attack and did not inform their superiors, said Colonel Ange Kessi.

Kessi said at the time of the arrests that the soldiers were not accused of participating directly in

the Grand Bassam plot.

“(The soldiers) were sentenced for associating with criminals and violating orders. We recommended 10 years in prison, which the court confirmed,” Kessi said.

AQIM has killed dozens of people in a series of attacks against high-profile civilian targets in Mali, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast since late last year. It says they are intended as revenge for a 2013 French-led intervention against Islamist groups in Mali.

AL-QAEDA TIES

Two Ivory Coast soldiers jailed

REUTERS, Abidjan

Two soldiers in Ivory Coast have been jailed for 10 years for associating with, and failing to denounce, suspected members of an al Qaeda cell which killed 19 people at a beach resort town in March, the military prosecutor said.

Gunmen shot swimmers and sunbathers before storming into several hotels in Grand Bassam, 40 km (25 miles) from the commercial capital, Abidjan, on March 13. The attack was claimed by al Qaeda