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Shift terminal to save it from Padma erosion

BIWTC suggests about Daulatdia Ferry Ghat; BIWTA takes no heed

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Daulatdia ferry terminal in Rajbari's Goalanda is under serious threat of being entirely devoured by the mighty Padma river, says BIWTC, which supervises ferry service at the terminal.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation has suggested shifting the terminal to a safer place.

Ferry service on the Paturia-Daulatdia route has been hampered since 2013, as river erosion is damaging ferry landing stations at the terminal.

In the last three months, all its four landing stations were affected four to five times, causing untold suffering for the people of 21 south and south-western districts wanting to cross the river.

Shafiqul Islam, manager (commerce) of BIWTC at Daulatdia ghat, said the approach road of landing station-4 was eroded on Saturday and it was closed later. The landing station-2 was damaged earlier. Two of the four landing stations were now operational.

Thousands of people from the south and south-western districts returning to Dhaka after Eid-ul-Azha vacation have to wait at the terminal for hours to get ferries as the two landing stations have gone out of service.

Ferry service on the Paturia-Daulatdia route had been suspended for six days since August 6, as three landing stations at Daulatdia were damaged by

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Workers dump sandbags to prevent erosion by the mighty Padma near a landing station of Daulatdia ferry terminal. Two of the four landing stations at the terminal are out of service as the river has devoured its bank near the pontoons, severely disrupting ferry service between Paturia and Daulatdia.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Even home not safe

Couple killed as bus ploughs into roadside houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A man and his wife were killed in their sleep and 10 others injured as a Dhaka-bound bus crashed into several houses in Rajshahi city early yesterday.

The dead are Bashir Uddin, 40, a rickshaw-van puller, and his wife Reshma Begum, 35, who used to work as a domestic help.

Shafiqul Islam, Rajshahi Metropolitan Police commissioner, said the accident occurred around 1:30am on Rajshahi city bypass highway when the Dhaka-bound bus from Chapainawabganj veered off the road and ploughed through the roadside houses near Baharpur level crossing.

"The driver was sleepy and he was driving the bus so speedily that it crossed a footpath and broke a traffic light post before hitting the houses," the police official

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A wedding of different kind

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Like any other marriage ceremony, there was a festive mood yesterday at the Chittagong zoo where a lion and a lioness "tied the knot".

The whole area was decorated with colourful balloons and festoons. A beautiful gate was also erected, through which over a thousand visitors came to see and wish the bride and bridegroom in the morning.

Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Mesbah Uddin inaugurated the unique ceremony by cutting a cake at

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CROSS-BORDER RAIDS IN KASHMIR India backs off major retaliation

REUTERS, Srinagar

For all the shrill rhetoric immediately following Sunday's attack on an Indian army camp in Kashmir, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan, the threat of a sudden escalation in hostilities between the nuclear-armed rivals has receded for now.

Two days after 18 Indian soldiers were killed, in the biggest blow to security forces in the disputed Himalayan region for 14 years, some officials called for a measured response and plotted a diplomatic offensive to increase pressure on Pakistan.

Military action was limited to skirmishes near the Line of Control separating the countries in Kashmir, with Indian troops killing ten people they said were trying to cross the de facto border and separately fighting four or five suspected militants.

India's Federal Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said there was a deep sense of outrage about the attack in the border town of Uri, and that patience with Pakistan was wearing thin.

But he added: "Whatever decisions the government takes in this regard will be done with full diplomatic and strategic maturity." Prasad also warned against loose talk of conducting cross-border strikes.

Pakistan has dismissed Indian allegations of involvement in the Uri attack, saying the administration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had apportioned blame even before the investigation was complete.

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday tweeted that "Pakistan is a terrorist state."

The attack presents Modi with the most serious crisis involving Pakistan since his election in 2014, with Hindu nationalists who helped him sweep to power expecting a more robust reaction than that of the last government.

Yet the response so far resembles the path of "strategic restraint" that

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PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES Govt suggests written tests for teachers' appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has suggested taking written tests along with viva voce for appointment of teachers at public universities so that irregularities can be contained in the recruitment process.

The education ministry yesterday published a notice on its website drawing attention to the matter.

"Only viva voce for appointing teachers and officials creates scopes for irregularities," it quoted the secretary of the University Grants Commission (UGC) as saying.

Therefore, written exams alongside viva voce will be helpful in testing the merits of applicants for teaching positions, reads the directive.

The ministry also asked for verification of applicants'

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FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE 30 nations set to ratify Paris deal

AFP, United Nations

At least 30 countries were set to formally join the Paris agreement on climate change yesterday, moving it closer to reality, according to the United Nations.

The global body said 30 states were set to submit their ratification at the UN General Assembly including Latin American heavyweights Argentina, Brazil and Mexico.

Other countries include Bangladesh, Singapore,

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বৈদেশিক শর্ট কোর্সে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য দরখাস্ত আহ্বান

চলতি ২০১৬-২০১৭ অর্থবছরে জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের আওতাধীন Strengthening Government Through Capacity Development of the BCS Cadre Officials শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের আওতায় নিম্নোক্ত কোর্সসমূহে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য ক্যাডার সার্ভিসের অগ্রাহী কর্মকর্তাগণের নিকট থেকে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। কোর্সের বিবরণ ও অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি নিম্নরূপঃ

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TOURISM IN TURKEY Recovering from shock

SHAKHAWAT LITON, back from Istanbul, Turkey

Selma Yilmaz had never experienced such a slump in her 24-year career as a tourist guide in Istanbul. She used to work four to five days a week throughout the year but she had been without work for three months since June.

She finally got work on September 7, albeit for only half a day.

"The number of tourists has decreased by more than 80 percent in comparison to the number of this time last year. Therefore, I could not find work," she told this correspondent in Istanbul.

She worked as a guide for a group of journalists including this correspondent who were visiting.

The tourist industry is gloomy in Turkey as people are scared of visiting the country. Two incidents -- deadly terror attack at Ataturk airport in Istanbul in June, which killed 42 people, and a failed army coup in July, which saw 270

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