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FACEBOOK COMMENT Schoolboy gets bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Tangail schoolboy, who was jailed for two years under the ICT act for "threatening" a ruling Awami League lawmaker in Facebook over a week ago, was released on bail yesterday.

On September 20, the boy, Sabbir Shikder, a student of class-IX at Protima Bonki Public High School in Sakhipur upazila, secured bail in the case from the High Court.

"After the High Court order reached the jail around 4:00pm, he was freed around 5:15pm," Ritesh Chakma, jailer of Tangail district jail, told The Daily Star.

On September 17, a mobile court sentenced Sabbir, son of Shahinoor Alam of Protima Bonki village in the upazila, to two years' imprisonment.

Executive Magistrate SM Rafiqul Islam, also Sakhipur upazila nirbahi officer, passed the order a day after police detained the boy following the filing of a general diary by Anupam Shajahan Joy, lawmaker of Tangail-8 (Basail-Sakhipur) constituency.

The magistrate claimed that the boy was 19 years old and he wrote "abusive and humiliating words" in his Facebook message to the lawmaker on September 16. Maksudul Alam, officer-in-charge

of Sakhipur Police Station, said the lawmaker filed a GD with the police station in this regard later that day. Police then picked up Sabbir and

interrogated him. As he admitted sending the text, police produced him before the mobile court of Rafiqul the next day, the OC said. In a suo moto rule, the HC also

asked Rafigul and Maksudul to appear before the court on September 27 to explain their action on handing the punishment to the schoolboy.

Uber taxis

FROM PAGE 1 eight months."

An American multinational online transportation network company headquartered in San Francisco, California, Uber offers App-based taxi service allowing customers with

smartphones to submit a trip request

The software program then automatically sends the request to the Uber driver nearest to the customer, alerting the driver to the location of the customer.

Uber does not own any taxis. But anybody with a car can join the Uber team. In many countries, a passenger can share the taxi service with others to minimize the cost. However, this facility will not be available in Dhaka right now, a competent source said.

If the Uber taxi is travelling at a speed greater than 18 km/h, fare is calculated on the basis of distance, otherwise, it is calculated on the basis of total travelled time. Fare also depends on supply and

demand. It means fare is higher during rush hours and less during lean time so that more drivers are encouraged to operate their cabs during high demand.

Passengers can rate a misbehaving driver and similarly a driver can rate an errant passenger. Bad ratings can bar both the driver and the passenger from availing the Uber service.

Uber has actually revolutionised taxi experience worldwide. Many other companies have started copying its model and given birth to the word "Uberisation".

The Faridpur

FROM PAGE 1 physician said it was a miracle that

the baby, bleeding from different parts of her body, was still alive. The baby was under his care at the

Square Hospital, where she was admitted around 7:30pm on Saturday, after being flown by a helicopter chartered with funds received from an anonymous donor in Hungary.

During the day, the girl's father Nazmul Huda Mithu said: "Allah has brought my daughter back from the jaws of death. Insha Allah, she will survive ...

I wish to take her home well." He also blamed Rejia Alom, the doctor in Faridpur hospital who

declared the baby dead, for his daughter's infections.

"Why wasn't she kept under observation?" Nazmul said.

After the incident, Rejia told The Daily Star that the kid was born premature and that she did not find its pulse and heartbeat during examination. That's why she declared her dead.

The kid was then kept in a carton on the hospital floor, her grandfather Abul Kalam Mia had earlier alleged. Kalam then took the kid to

Faridpur Municipality Graveyard for burial around 3:00am on Thursday. As it was still dark, an employee asked him to wait till morning. Kalam obliged, keeping the carton beside a concrete grave.

In the morning, while reciting from the Quran the imam asked Kalam to open the carton. It was then that the baby cried out.

The management of Jahid Memorial Child Hospital where the

baby was born formed a committee

to investigate the incident.

Zika risk on rise

FROM PAGE 16 The virus can be transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes after they bite someone carrying it from abroad or someone infected with it from the environment, said Professor Saif Ullah Munshi of the virology department at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University

"We have not conducted any survey to check if Zika virus is here in Bangladesh, but it was found in the environment in India. So, it is not unlikely that Zika virus is also here in Bangladesh," he told The Daily Star.

Even if it is not found locally, the risk of its import has increased with the Zika outbreaks in Singapore and Malaysia, he said.

There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika infection that causes mild fever, rash and red eyes.

The recent-time Zika outbreak was

first detected in Brazil last year and has since spread across America and the Caribbean. Pregnant women are considered to be at greatest risk because the virus can

cause severe birth defects, including

microcephaly marked by small head and underdeveloped brains. In Brazil, Zika has been linked to more than 1,800 cases of

microcephaly. Prof AKM Shamsuzzaman, director

(communicable disease control) of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said the government had ordered medical teams in all international air, sea and land ports to keep careful watch on incoming travellers from the affected countries. Thermal scanners are installed at

the ports for health screening, he said.

Cards are also given to passengers in planes to be filled up so that they can report the countries they are travelling from and if they have any symptom, Dr Shamsuzzaman added.

Since 80 percent of the infected people are asymptotic, highest efforts should be put into preventing breeding of mosquitoes, said Prof Munshi of the BSMMU.

Prof Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director at the IEDCR, said the authority had adequate surveillance and screening arrangements. There is nothing to be panicked but public awareness has to be built, she added.

pregnant women not to travel to the Zika-affected countries. Measures to destroy mosquitoes are

The health ministry has advised

imperative, Sabrina said, adding that all should use mosquito repellents or nets to prevent mosquito biting. The World Health Organisation

advised men and women returning from the Zika-affected countries to have safer sex or not have sex for six months, regardless of whether they are trying to conceive or showing symptoms. It said it had found evidence of

Zika transmission from asymptomatic males to their female partners and a symptomatic female to her male partner, as well as evidence that Zika is present in semen for longer than thought. The authorities will arrange orienta-

tion for gynecologists so they screen pregnant women in case Zika infection is suspected, Dr Sabrina said.

3 policemen FROM PAGE 2

the actions taken by three of their personnel, the three members of the patrol team came to his house and apologised for their wrongdoings. They were later placed under the

custody of Sohel Ahmed, officer-incharge of Kotwali Police Station. Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy

commissioner of SMP, confirmed the incident, saying that the three police members have been closed temporarily.

Stern divisional action, upon conducting due investigation, will be taken against the members of the patrol team as they have committed a serious offence while on duty, said Faisal Mahmud, deputy commissioner of SMP.

Bangladesh, US

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Kamrul Ahsan would lead the Bangladesh delegation comprised of senior officials of the Armed Forces Division, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and different ministries.

Sources say the fifth dialogue will get special importance against the backdrop of the July 1 attack as Dhaka and Washington are committed to working closely to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

Diplomatic sources say the dialogue might have several sessions with specific agendas on identification of shared priorities in combating violent extremism and terrorism, military and security issues, UN peacekeeping operations, cyber security, global terrorism and technology and information sharing to face militancy and natural disasters, vulnerability to disasters, and secured navigation system.

Bangladesh and the US will seek intensified cooperation in a broader spectrum involving issues like counterterrorism, vulnerability to disasters, secured navigation system and

internal and regional security issues. Sources said Bangladesh and the US would discuss ways to further strengthen security cooperation between the two countries with specific focus on mechanisms to counter

extremism and terrorism in a better way linking recent spate of attacks which ISIS reportedly has taken credit for.

Highly-placed sources say the US has planned for an extensive engagement with the Asian countries, including Bangladesh, for global security against terrorism and secured navigation to protect the world trade process. According to the Department of

State, the US recognises that Bangladesh has been playing a vital role in ensuring security and stability regionally and globally. It has also recognised the strategic importance of Bangladesh and considered Dhaka as an important partner of the US in dealing with many traditional and non-traditional security threats.

Dhaka and Washington currently have three structured forum for dialogue -- US-Bangladesh Dialogue on Security Issues, Bangladesh-US Partnership Dialogue and US-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa).

The first security dialogue was held in Dhaka on April 19, 2012, the second one in Washington in April 2013, the third on April 22, 2014 in Dhaka and the fourth dialogue in Washington on September 11, 2015.

UNSC meets again

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They have achieved their strongest position in years thanks to Russian and Iranian support and launched a fresh offensive for a decisive battlefield victory on Thursday. Residents and rebels say thousands have been killed in the new strikes.

"What Russia is sponsoring and doing is not counter terrorism, it is barbarism," Samantha Samantha Power told the 15-member council. "Instead of pursuing peace, Russia

and Assad make war. Instead of helping get lifesaving aid to civilians, Russia and Assad are bombing the humanitarian convoys, hospitals, and first responders who are trying desperately to keep people alive."

The French and British foreign ministers also took aim at Russia, saying it could be guilty of war crimes. But Russia defended its position.

"In Syria hundreds of armed

groups are being armed, the territory of the country is being bombed indiscriminately and bringing a peace is almost an impossible task now because of this," Russian UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told the

council. Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said Russia was guilty of prolonging the war in Syria and may have committed war crimes by targeting an aid convoy.

And planes continued to pound residential areas yesterday, flattening buildings, rebels and residents said. Residents said cluster bombs rained down on Saturday night on eastern

parts of the city. "The Assad regime and with direct

participation of its ally Russia and

Iranian militias has escalated its criminal and vicious attack on our people in Aleppo employing a scorched earth policy to destroy the city and uproot its people," a statement signed by 30 mainstream rebel groups said yester-

Russia and the United States agreed on Sept 9 a deal to put the peace process back on track. It included a nationwide truce and improved humanitarian aid access but it collapsed when an aid convoy was bombed killing some 20 people.

UN Syria mediator Staffan de Mistura appealed to the Council meeting to come up with a way to enforce a ceasefire. "I am still convinced that we can

turn the course of events," he said, adding that he would not quit trying to bring peace in Syria. The war has ground on for nearly six

years, drawing in world powers and regional states. Islamic State - the enemy of every other party to the conflict - has seized swathes of Syria and neighbouring Iraq. World powers appeared to believe

that neither Assad nor his opponents were capable of decisive victory on the battlefield. But Russia's apparent decision to

abandon the latest peace process could signal it now thinks that victory is in reach, at least in the western cities where the majority of Syrians live. Outside Aleppo, anti-Assad fighters

have been driven mostly into rural areas. Nevertheless, they remain a potent fighting force, which they demonstrated with an advance of their own on Saturday.

Boy tortured

known to be quite influential in the

Mehedi, who works for a local cable operator, was beaten up at Kamrul's house, said police.

Police said Mehedi had worked at Kamrul's house on the eve of the Eidul-Azha. Kamrul was suspecting him to be the thief after two mobile phones went missing from the house that day.

The boy was asked to go to that house on Saturday. The moment he went there, he was tied to a tree and tortured.

OC Zakir last night said a case was being filed.

Meanwhile, Mehedi's family says the boy was innocent and demanded that the torturer be punished immediately.

Giant telescope FROM PAGE 16

large as 30 football fields, it said.

FAST will use its vast dish, made up of 4,450 panels, to search for signs of intelligent life, and to observe distant pulsars -- tiny, rapidly spinning neutron stars believed to be the products of supernova explosions. China sees its ambitious military-

run, multi-billion-dollar space programme as symbolising the country's progress. It plans a permanent orbiting space station by 2020 and eventually a manned mission to the moon. Chinese President Xi Jinping cele-

brated the launch, with reports yesterday that he had sent a congratulatory letter to the scientists and engineers who contributed to its creation. The telescope represents a leap

forward for China's astronomical capabilities and will be one of several "world-class" telescope projects launched in the next decade, said Yan Jun, head of China's National Astronomical Observation (NAO), according to Xinhua. In a test run before the launch,

FAST detected electromagnetic waves emitted by a pulsar more than 1,300 light-years away, state media reported an NAO researcher as saying.

Earlier Xinhua cited Wu Xiangping, director-general of the Chinese Astronomical Society, as saying that the telescope's high degree of sensitivity "will help us to search for intelligent life outside of the galaxy".

Experts have been hunting for alien intelligence for six decades, pointing radio telescopes at stars in the hope of discovering signals from other civilisations, but have not yet found any evidence.

Govt to reply

Nasrul further said the government had earlier clarified various queries of Unesco regarding some technical issues of the Rampal plant.

The state minister's comments came as some contents of a Unesco report titled, "Report on the mission to the Sundarbans World Heritage site, Bangladesh" were recently published in some newspapers. Based on consultations with differ-

ent parties, the three-member mission visiting Bangladesh from March 22 to March 28 prepared the report. It was sent to the government last month. Expressing concern, the United

Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (Unesco) demanded the government relocate the plant to a "more suitable location" where it would not have a negative impact on the Sundarbans. The report stated that the Sundarbans was already facing serious shortage of freshwater flows as the

sweet water flows dropped signifi-

cantly following construction of the Farakka barrage. It led to the rise in salinity and siltation in the Sundarbans. Salt tolerant species are expanding replacing other varieties. The mission identified four core potential threats to the Sundarbans from the construction and operation of the 1,320MW thermal power plant -

- pollution from coal ash through air, pollution from wastewater and waste ash, increased shipping and dredging and the cumulative impact of industrial and related development infrastructure. The report also said associated activities which are already going on around the Rampal power plant site

also warned against unplanned development in coastal area. The Sundarbans World Heritage site has OUV (Outstanding Universal Value) and the government should introduce a system that allows management of the forest in a more inte-

will also harm the mangrove forest. It

grated manner, it read. The mission also recommended the government halt the site development for the Orion power plant in Khulna and any similar proposed development until independent, comprehensive and scientifically sound EIA is conducted

Meanwhile, the BNP yesterday said

the nation is shocked to see the government's rigid stance amid Unesco's recommendation for the plant's relocation. "Unesco has recommended relocating the power plant to a safer place as

there will be an irreparable loss if it is

said senior BNP leader Shamsuzzaman Dudu at a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan head office. "The nation is shocked as the gov-

built at Rampal near the Sundarbans,"

ernment is showing its rigid stance ignoring public interest and threats to the Sundarbans," he added.

Police capture

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"We're really having a tough time right now," her sister Karen Van Horn told The Seattle Times. DETAILS EMERGE ON GUNMAN

Authorities had initially described the suspect as a Hispanic man in his late

teens or early 20s. Members of the public called in with numerous tips that helped lead to the arrest, police said, adding that

Cetin's family was cooperating. While Cetin was born in Turkey, he is a legal permanent resident of the United States, said Lieutenant Chris Cammock, criminal investigations chief for the

Mount Vernon Police Department. He is due in court today.

A Facebook page that appeared to belong to Cetin -- and which has since been taken down -- said he was born in the southern Turkish city of Adana. It also said he went to Oak Harbor

High School, which is about a 30-mile

drive from Burlington, and had

worked at a grocery store on nearby Whidbey Island. In February, he posted a link to a "Call of Duty" first-person shooter videogame practice session, in an eerie foreshadow-

ing of the real world violence he is suspected of perpetrating. YouTube users posted lewd comments on that page and Cetin's Twitter page in response to the mall shooting.

arrest, last year, for assault. 'CHANGED FOREVER' It was the latest chapter in America's epidemic of gun violence.

Police said Cetin had one prior

Burlington Mayor Steve Sexton's voice trembled as he noted that the randomness of gun violence in America -- which causes an estimated 30,000 deaths a year -- had hit his small town.

"We suffered a devastating loss of five treasured members of our community who had done nothing more than what we all would have done on any given day: gone to the shopping mall," he said.

"It changed those families forever. And we keep them in our prayers. It changed our community, I'm afraid, forever."

Great calibre sees

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death overs after some poor bowling up front, but it was the true professional Shakib Al Hasan who was the real hero in denying Afghanistan another upset like the one in the 2014 Asia Cup match in Fatullah. They could have achieved a much better start in their first ODI of the year had they not dropped a few vital catches or leaked runs in the field after some poor batting at the end of their innings, which saw them lose the last seven wickets for 62 runs. In the end however, the way the Tigers managed to overcome the pressure and win only showed the maturity of a team and the hallmarks of a big side.

Shakib scored 48 off 40 balls and then took two wickets for 26 runs in 10 overs to become player of the match. These were merely the statistics but his true impact on the game was much more impressive. While the other batsmen struggled against the Afghan leg-spin, the left-hander showed his true character and the brilliance of his left-arm spin under pressure in the 47th over virtually took the wind out of the visitors' sails, after they rode on a 144-run third wicket stand between Rahmat Shah and Hasmatullah Shahidi to get so close to the 265-run target.

Afghanistan were well placed, needing 28 to win with five wickets in hand, when Shakib started the 47th over. The left-arm spinner conceded only one run to tip the balance in the home team's favour after earlier providing the much needed breakthrough to the Shah-Shahidi partnership, removing Rahmat Shah (71) to become Bangladesh's leading wicket-taker in all three formats -- the only cricketer in the world to achieve the feat.

Then the hitherto expensive Taskin grabbed the initiative to complete the job in style. Taskin killed any Afghanistan hope by removing Mohammad Nabi and Asghar Stanikzai in the 48th over. His cunning slower off-cutter to dismiss Nabi was particularly brilliant. Rubel Hossain gave away only eight runs in the penultimate over leaving Afghanistan to score 13 runs from the last six balls with two wickets in hand, but Taskin nailed the yorkers and removed the two remaining obstacles to seal Bangladesh's tense win. Skipper Mashrafe also contributed heavily to the win

through his bowling, recording the team's second most economical figures after giving away just 42 in his ten overs. He also claimed two wickets, the more important one being that of opener Mohammad Shahzad, who had, before being caught behind off Mashrafe, plundered a 21-ball 31. Taskin's success must have been sweet relief for Imrul Kayes, who put down Mohammad Shahzad in the second

over to deny Taskin immediate success on his comeback from suspension. Mahmudullah Riyad would have been similarly relieved as he dropped a sitter at deep midwicket to give Shahidi a life when the batsman was on 63. Earlier, half-centuries from Tamim Iqbal and Riyad should have given Bangladesh a big score but a middleorder collapse left them stranded on 265 and these two

batsmen were at fault as their wrong shot selection at the wrong time prevented them from capitalising on good innings to take the team's total over the 300-run mark. Tamim was brilliant during his 98-ball 80 before committing an error while Riyad executed some brilliant shots in his

74-ball 62. The duo batted with authority after the early departure of Soumya Sarkar, who made his first duck to continue his poor form, and the shaky innings of Kayes, who made 37 runs. Rashid Khan changed the momentum when he removed Mushfiqur Rahim and Sabbir Rahman with googlies in his last two overs and the late blows slowed down the Bangladesh

charge, restricting them to just 69 in the last 10 overs. Bangladesh trained long and hard before entering the series but they were not up to the mark. Eventually however, their greater experience and calibre came into play as they won the match under pressure.

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