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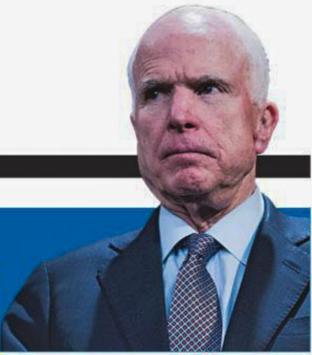
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FIELD ADMINISTRATION

Into quizzical hibernation

UNOs turn blind eye to child marriages; DCs claim slide in law and order is due to absence of their power to hold on-the-spot trial

SHAKHAWAT LITON

As eight underage girls were about to be married off in Dinajpur's Chirirbandar upazila on Friday, locals sought help from the upazila administration to stop the marriages.

But the administration didn't respond to their call, alleged a number of locals. Asked, Chirirbandar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Golam Rabbani claimed he could do nothing about it, as they were unable to run mobile courts to stop the child marriages following the High Court verdict declaring illegal the operation of mobile courts by executive magistrates.

In Natore's Gurudaspur, the upazila administration also had information that child marriages were taking place in the area.

Monir Hossain, UNO of Gurudaspur, said at least four child marriages took place in the upazila in three days till Saturday. But he couldn't take any action for not having the power to run a mobile court.

In Narayanganj's Fatullah area, an underage girl was married off on Sunday. Locals protested the marriage and sought help from the Sadar upazila administration.

But the administration refused to act, saying it didn't have the power to run a mobile court to stop the marriage, alleged some locals.

Contacted, Tasneem Jebin Binte Sheikh, UNO of Narayanganj sadar upazila, said she got phone calls from locals but it wasn't possible for her to run a mobile court to prevent the marriage following the HC verdict.

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Mustafizur Rahman (2nd from L) gave Bangladesh an early breakthrough, dismissing Luke Ronchi for 27, but New Zealand eventually chased down the victory target of 258 with four wickets in hand and 15 balls to spare during their tri-series ODI at the Clontarf Cricket Club in Dublin yesterday.

PHOTO: NZC



Kiwis canter past Tigers

STAR SPORT DESK

Bangladesh's wait for an elusive win over New Zealand away from home was extended as they lost to the Kiwis by four wickets in their second tri-series match at the Clontarf Cricket Club in Dublin yesterday. Having never beaten the Black Caps away from home or at a neutral venue, Bangladesh would have hoped they would eventually get one over the under-strength Black Caps yesterday, but a promising start wasted by a late batting collapse coupled with the inability to stifle the run chase eventually condemned the Tigers to their 21st defeat in 29 matches against the Black Caps.

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FARUQ AHMED CHOUDHURY (1934-2017)

Faruk Ahmed Choudhury passes away

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Former foreign secretary Faruk Ahmed Choudhury, a top diplomat who oversaw the emergence of Bangladesh while in the foreign ministry, died in yesterday at the age of 83.

He breathed his last around 4:30am at the capital's Square Hospital. He had been suffering from multiple diseases of heart, liver and kidney for some time.

Faruk had an outstanding diplomatic career and was the country's top foreign affairs official during 1984-86.

TRIBUTE

A man one couldn't help loving

MAHFUZ ANAM

I did not know Faruk Ahmed Choudhury the diplomat, though I heard he was among the best that there could be - I will let others write about his professional achievements. My knowledge of Faruk Bhai, the strong supporter of the independent media, and Faruk Bhai the 'ultimate' modern Bengali is personal and intimate.

I first met Faruk Bhai when I went to see him in New Delhi where he was the High Commissioner. He agreed to see me briefly--more because of a reference from his friend SM Ali than for anything else. His height, his physique and his reputation overwhelmed me. I was really lost for words which he helped me overcome with his natural amiability. This was the beginning of a relationship of mutual admiration and affection-admiration from my side and affection from his that lasted till the very end.

He rejoiced when democracy was restored in Bangladesh in 1991. His rejoice reached greater heights when he saw his childhood friend SM Ali

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BANANI RAPE

Key accused Nayem held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nayem Ashraf alias Halim, one of the prime accused in the Banani rape case, was arrested in Lohajang upazila of Munshiganj last night.

Acting on a tip-off, a special team from the police headquarters with the help of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested Nayem in Khidirpara area around 8:00pm, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia told The Daily Star.

The arrestee was being taken to the DB office on Mintoo road in the capital, he said.

Nayem had been absconding since the case was lodged with Banani Police Station on May 6.

With him, all the five accused in the case filed for raping two private university girls in The Raintree Dhaka hotel in Banani on March 28 have been arrested.

Meanwhile, Apan Jewellers yesterday failed to show the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate any valid documents of the 498kg of gold seized in recent drives on its five outlets, said CIID officials.

The owner of Raintree hotel, Shah Adnan Harun, son of a Jhalakathi



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Fever all around

Second Chikungunya outbreak in Dhaka in three months

PORIMOL PALMA

In a gap of three months, the capital is witnessing a second outbreak of mosquito-borne chikungunya virus, raising a new public health concern in addition to dengue.

Moreover, patients with viral fever and cough have also been thronging city hospitals over the last few weeks.

"Over 80 cases of chikungunya have been recorded between the last week of December and May 14 this year," said Prof Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Most of these were identified between mid-April and May, at least 25 in the first 14 days of this month, and 19 between late December and mid-January, she said.

People showing symptoms of the viral disease are coming in every day, but only half are testing positive, Sabrina said.

Zakir Hossain, deputy director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), said the outdoor section was treating 80 to 85 people for fever every day. The number was 60 to 70 earlier.

"Some are found to have been suffering from dengue ... We do not go for chikungunya tests," he told The Daily Star.

Shagufa Anwar, chief of communication of United Hospital, said 15 to 20 patients with fever, cough and joint pains visit the hospital every day. Some of them get admit-

ted, and very few are diagnosed with dengue. "Such a rise in fever patients is quite unusual," she said. The hospital does not have test facilities for chikungunya.

Prof Saifullah Munshi of virology department at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) said yesterday that they received about 60 patients with fever and joint pains in the last 17 days,

CARRIER: Aedes aegypti

SYMPTOMS: High fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue, rash, debilitating and persistent joint pain

WHAT TO DO

- Take rest, drink lots of water. Take painkillers only on doctor's advice
- Get tested for lingering fever, pain
- Destroy mosquito breeding grounds

and 18 of them were diagnosed with chikungunya.

SYMPTOMS OF CHIKUNGUNYA

The illness causes fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue, rash and often very debilitating joint pain which can last for days.

Aedes aegypti mosquito is the carrier of both chikungunya and dengue viruses.
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A grower with baskets of litchis at a market in Samataghat of Rangamati on Tuesday. Growers of the district are disappointed with low production of the juicy summer fruit this year which they blame on heavy rain during blossom time.

PHOTO: ANVIL CHAKMA



Engr. Ghulam M. Alomgir, founder Director of NRB Global Bank (Chairman of MAX Group) handing over donation cheque on behalf of the bank to honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Mr. Proshanta Kumar Halder, MD of the bank was also present at that time.

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