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Fight militancy with stronger prosecution

Govt taskforce worried at militants getting out of jail on bail, suggests permanent attorney service

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An anti-money laundering taskforce will ask the government to introduce a permanent attorney service engaging competent lawyers to fight militancy. The taskforce under the finance ministry made the decision at a meeting chaired by Finance Minister AMA Muhiht at the secretariat yesterday. The 16-member body -- the National Coordination Committee on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism -- is tasked with overseeing the government's initiatives to prevent terror financing and money laundering. Concerns were raised over the release of a number of militant suspects on bail in recent times "due to weaknesses of the prosecution", several officials who attended the meeting told The Daily Star. When a suspected militant gets bail, it's the prosecutors' duty to inform the Attorney General's Office about it, but they don't do it in most cases, a number of officials said at the meeting. Talking to this newspaper, one of the officials said the ministries concerned would sit and discuss how to introduce the service in the country. "Many issues are involved here. It needs to get the nod from the highest echelon of government," added the official. In its mutual evaluation report last year, the Asia/Pacific Group on



Rickshaws clog the Dhanmondi Road-1 in Dhaka yesterday afternoon. A large number of rickshaw pullers from other districts through the capital ahead of Eid to earn some extra money. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



GoT course offered in UK university

PTI, London

A university in the United Kingdom is offering a new course next month on philosophy based on the popular Game of Thrones fantasy TV series. Over two

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Con woman held with 2 cohorts

She targeted people with relatives abroad

MUNTAKIM SAAD

If your loved ones live abroad, beware. You may be the next target of fraudsters who trick people by posing as an acquaintance of their relatives abroad, win their trust by providing detailed information and then finally rob them of a hefty amount of cash and ornaments. Three members of such a gang, including a woman, were arrested on Friday at Mirpur in the capital. The woman, donning sunglasses with a scarf around her head, would arrive at her victim's home in a car. Appearing all agreeable and well off, she would introduce herself as a neighbour or wife of a person who is friends

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Huge forest fires kill 62 in Portugal

More than 50 injured; hundreds of firefighters still battling the blaze; 3 days of mourning declared

AFP, Penela

Raging forest fires in Portugal have killed at least 62 people, most of whom burnt to death in their cars, the government said yesterday, in one of the worst such disasters in recent history. The fire broke out on Saturday in the municipality of Pedrogao Grande in central Portugal, before spreading fast across several fronts. Nearly 900 firefighters and 300 vehicles were still battling the blaze yesterday afternoon as scenes of devastation could be seen around the town. "Unfortunately, this seems to be the greatest tragedy we have seen in recent years in terms of forest fires," said a visibly moved Prime Minister Antonio Costa, who declared three days of mourning. The flowing expanse of hills situated

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AL factional clash leaves 1 dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A ruling Awami League activist was killed and 10 others were injured in a factional clash in Mirpur upazila yesterday evening. The dead, Sahabuddin Sahin, 30, son of Sahar Ali, was an AL activist of Mirpur upazila unit who used to run a garment shop at Amla Bazar. Anwarul Islam, joint general secretary of the upazila unit, alleged that the

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Neighbour kills boy, buries him inside house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A minor boy was beaten to death and buried in the house of a neighbour over previous enmity with his father in Aladipur village of Pabna's Sujaganagar upazila. Police yesterday dug out the body from the house of Dulal Mallik and arrested Dulal and his wife Jobeda Khatun for their alleged involvement in the murder. The victim, Hafizul Islam, 8, was the son of Rajab Ali. Quoting the victim's family, police said Hafizul

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War heroine Roma Chowdhury under treatment at Metropolitan Hospital of Chittagong on Wednesday. PHOTO: SHAHADAT HOSSAIN

WAR HEROINE Roma fights for her life

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Tragedies have stalked Roma Chowdhury all her life. A war heroine, she spent months hiding in the jungle with her kids after the Pakistan Army tortured her and burnt her house down. She eventually lost her sons. Her husband, who went to India as the war broke out, never returned or contacted her. Roma's youngest son, who survived the war, died in a road crash in 1998. The tragedies left her unstable for years. The woman, ostracised by neighbours in Chittagong's Boalkhali for being violated by the Pakistan army, was valued by people later, said Alauddin Khokon, the publisher of her autobiography. Now in her late 70s, Roma is fighting acute pancreatitis, diabetes and breathing difficulties, doctors said.

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Ramadan June	Sehri	Iftar
23	19	6-52
24	20	3-38 6-52



PRAYER TIMING JUNE 19

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
 AZAN 3-44 12-45 5-00 6-52 8-15
 JAMAAT 3-54 1-15 5-15 7-02 8-45

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Trump not under investigation in Russia probe

Says his personal lawyer

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump's personal lawyer said yesterday that Trump is not under investigation in the probe into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential race, adding that the president has not received any notification that he is being investigated. Jay Sekulow, a lawyer who is part of a team hired by Trump to deal with allegations of collusion by his campaign with Moscow, appeared to contradict Trump's statement on Twitter on Friday that he was being investigated for firing his FBI director last month. Trump had tweeted: "I am being investigated for firing the FBI Director by the man who told me to fire the FBI Director! Witch Hunt."

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