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2,700 old trees to be traded for a wider highway

MOHSIN MILON, Benapole

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Jessore has decided to fell 2,700 trees, many of those century-old, for the widening of Benapole-Jessore highway.

Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Enec) at its meeting on March 21 discussed the necessity of cutting down trees on both sides of the highway to widen a stretch of 38 kilometres, as stipulated in a project. The meeting then approved the project that would cost Tk 323 crore, said sources at the RHD, Jessore.

However, there has been a strong reaction against felling age-old trees.

Mattur Rahman, chairman of port sub-committee of the India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce, said the road-widening work was possible without cutting down the trees.

History says landlord Kali Poddar Babu in 1840 took the initiative to build a road from Jessore to Kolkata so that his mother could travel to take a bath in the Ganges river. A lot of saplings were planted on both sides of the road thinking of a way to make journeys of passers-by pleasant, as instructed by the landlord's mother.

It is not right to fell those trees, making widening of the highway as an excuse, Mattur said.

Rabiu Alam, a freedom fighter in Jessore, said the trees were witnesses to the country's Liberation War.

"Thousands of people as refugees passed through the road in 1971. The allied forces also came by this road," he said, adding that the project work could be done without cutting down the trees.

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The Jessore Roads and Highways Department has decided to fell 2,700 trees, mostly rain tree, along the 38-km Benapole-Jessore highway for widening the road. Local people and green activists insist that the expansion work could be done saving the trees. They worry felling so many trees would harm the environment. The photo was taken late last month.

PHOTO: HOKAMEL SHUVO



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

IS chief dead

Says key Syria war monitor citing top IS leaders

ATP, Beirut

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor yesterday said it had information from top Islamic State group leaders confirming the death of the jihadist organisation's chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

The US-led coalition fighting IS in Syria and Iraq said it could not confirm the report.

"Top tier commanders from IS who are present in Hama and Idlib provinces have confirmed the death of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, emir of the Islamic State group," said the report.

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DEMO AGAINST RAMPAL PLANT

Four injured in attack on N'ganj cultural activists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Unidentified assailants swooped on cultural activists in Narayanganj last evening at Chashara Shaheed Minar after a rally against Rampal power plant.

The attack left poet Arif Bulbul, 45, singer Shamin Mahmud, 35, cultural activist Amol Akash, 35, and poet Ahmed Bablu, 35, injured.

Witnesses said the four were attacked around 6:45pm after the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port staged a demonstration at Toli Moncho of Chashara Shaheed Minar protesting the government's decision to set up the coal-fired power plant near the Sundarbans.

Bulbul injured Arif was sent to Dhaka.



Injured Arif Bulbul

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Flood hits schools hard in north, northeast

STAR REPORT

Academic activities in nearly 580 education institutions are being seriously hampered in the northern and northeastern regions due to the ongoing spell of floods.

The education institutions, mostly government primary schools, are either submerged or have been turned into shelters for flood victims for over a week.

Half-yearly examinations at many secondary schools in Sylhet and Moulvibazar have been postponed.

However, the education and primary and mass education ministries are yet to prepare a list of the affected institutions.

Education Minister Nural Islam Nahid said they would prepare a list of the affected schools centrally as soon as the water starts receding.

The field office officials were collecting information about the flood-hit institutions, he added.

"We will repair the damaged school buildings and give textbooks to students who have lost those due to the flood," said the minister.

The Daily Star correspondents in the flood-hit districts talked to some education officials and compiled a list of the affected institutions.

Meanwhile, the overall flood situation in the northern districts remained grave yesterday as nine

rivers, including the Teesta, Jamuna and Brahmaputra, were flowing above the danger level at several points due to the onrush of water from upstream and downpours.

Academic activities at 313 primary schools and 80 high schools in Sylhet and Moulvibazar have been suspended for the last two weeks. Of them, 27 institutions are being used as flood shelter centres.

The two districts have been experiencing floods since the last week of June.

Monir Uddin, whose son studies at Monsurjan Government Primary School, said classes were supposed to resume on July 1 after the Eid vacation, but the school has been hit by flood.

"My son stays home, but doesn't want to study. His second term exams are likely to begin next month, but I don't know what would be the [flood] situation then."

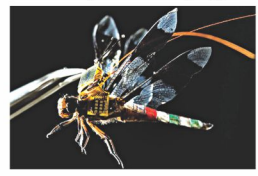
Classes at 161 and 152 primary schools in Sylhet and Moulvibazar remained suspended, according to the respective district primary education officers.

Tahmina Khatun, deputy director of the primary education department in Sylhet division, said the flood-affected schools have around 65,000 students.

She added they were assessing the losses of infrastructure and furniture of the schools.

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GM cyborg dragonfly makes first test flight



MAIL ONLINE

A genetically modified cyborg dragonfly that can spy on anyone has successfully completed its first test flight.

Dubbed the DragonflyEye, the half-insect, half-machine is fitted with a fingernail-sized backpack, powered by a solar panel and remotely controlled by an operator.

The dragonfly can be used for 'guided pollination' as well as surveillance missions that will see the tiny insect reach areas that other drones can't, according to researchers.

Researchers from Draper and Howard Hughes

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SECTION 57

Journo, freedom fighter sued

STAR REPORT

Three cases have been filed against two journalists including a local correspondent of daily Prothom Alo under section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act.

In Chandpur, two cases have been filed against Prothom Alo's Haligan.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Floodwater on the Mahamudpur-Melandah road in Jamalpur's Melandah upazila has made the road impassable for vehicles since Monday afternoon. The photo was taken yesterday. Inset, students of Fakirpara Govt Primary School in Bogra's Shariakandi upazila wade through knee-deep floodwater on their way home on Sunday. The school's ground floor is being used as a flood shelter.

PHOTO: AMB AMINUL ISLAM/ COLLECTED

CRIMES AGAINST ROHINGYAS

US urges Myanmar to allow UN probe

REUTERS, United Nations


The United States has called on Myanmar to allow a United Nations fact-finding mission to investigate widespread allegations of killings, rape and torture by security forces against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

The Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council established the inquiry in March, but Aung San Suu Kyi, the de facto leader of Myanmar's civilian government and also its foreign minister, has rejected the allegations and opposes the mission.

A Myanmar official said on June 30 that the country would refuse entry to the UN investigators.

The US ambassador to the United Nations in New York, Nikki Haley, on Monday said, "It is important that the Burmese government allow this fact-finding mission."

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বাংলাদেশ নার্সিং ও মিডওয়াইফারি কাউন্সিল

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