

EARTHQUAKES DON'T KILL PEOPLE,
BUILDINGS DO! BUILD SAFE!KHAMARBAJI ROUNDABOUT
Traffic chaos
for poor
management

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The Khamarbari roundabout in the capital on the southeast end of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban has become a traffic nightmare largely due to inefficiency of traffic management.

Severe tailbacks during the day cause untold sufferings to city dwellers at the key roundabout.

Vehicles from Asad Gate and Mirpur get trapped in the chaos as buses from Sangsad Bhaban Avenue take a left at the roundabout to get on Khamarbari Road and stop at the gap in the central reservation just in front of the gate of Khamarbari.

They stop to pick up and drop off passengers as they change from left-only part of the road to go towards Farmgate.

Sometimes long queues on Khamarbari Road make the situation even worse.

This causes vehicles from Manik Mia Avenue to get stuck on the Khamarbari roundabout blocking the roundabout. As tailbacks form, vehicles, especially buses, on Manik Mia Avenue block the left turn lane towards Sangsad Bhaban Avenue.

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Immobile vehicles in a tailback in the capital's Khamarbari roundabout. Traffic goes haywire here almost every day because of poor traffic management at the busy roundabout near the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. Top right, vehicles on Manik Mia Avenue clogging the left turn lane towards Sangsad Bhaban Avenue. A lone policeman, bottom right, tries his best to control the chaos. Inset, a Google Map image of the roundabout.

Life term for
woman who
tortured
house help

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A woman was awarded life imprisonment for torturing an 11-year-old domestic help and dumping her into a dustbin in Dhaka nearly four years ago, assuming that she was dead.

Judge Jayarsi Samaddar of the Third Tribunal for Women and Children Repression handed down the sentence in the presence of the convict, Nawrin Jahan Nodi, in a packed courtroom yesterday.

The court acquitted Nawrin's mother Ihsrat Jahan as the charge brought against her was not proved.

Following the judgment, Nawrin started asking the on-duty policemen to take her to the roof of the court so that she could commit suicide by jumping off the fourth floor of the building.

Aduri, now 15, her mother and an uncle, who were present at the court, expressed satisfaction over the verdict.

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Eight truckloads
of rice seized

Food official, 4 others held over stealing
the rice from govt silo in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Law enforcers yesterday detained five people, including a food department official, and seized about 170 tonnes of rice stolen from a government silo in Chittagong city.

Rab-7, the unit of Faujkhil (Rab-7) was still conducting its raids when this report was filed around 9.30pm on Friday.

The detainees are: Pranayan Chakma, manager of the Central Storage Depot (CSD) in Chittagong's Halishahar, truck drivers Mizan, Shafiul Alam, and Md Osman, and a person named Shamshul Huda.

Rab said they were trying to locate Assistant Manager Faujkhil Alam of the silo. They believed Faujkhil was on the run.

Yesterday, Rab-7 seized eight trucks loaded with sacks of rice taken out of the silo, said the unit's commanding officer Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed.

Lt Commander Ashikur Rahman, another officer of Rab-7, said acting on a tip-off the previous night, they conducted drives at different spots in Halishahar area and seized four trucks loaded with stolen rice.

During interrogation, the truck drivers said Pranayan was involved and gave information about the locations of more trucks loaded with the stolen rice, Rab officials said.

Rab-7 raided the Kabir Colony area and seized three more trucks with 1,098 sacks of rice.

A total of 155 tonnes of rice was recovered, said Lt Col Miftah.

Late last night, another truck with 300 more sacks of rice, weighing another 15 tonnes, was seized at a private granary in the City Gate area.

The attempted theft happened at a time when the government was importing rice from Vietnam over the last one week in a desperate move to replenish granaries running low.

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2 cops sent
to jail over
extortion,
looting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Palma

Two police officers accused of looting and extorting traders on the Sirajganj highway were arrested and sent to a Sirajganj jail yesterday.

Sabu Inspector Md. Moinul Haque, sub inspector of the Natupara police camp in Kazipur upazila and Motiur Rahman, assistant sub inspector of Solonga police station were found guilty of looting and extortion, police said.

Officer in charge of Sirajganj detective branch (DB) of police Md. Waheduzzaman said the matter came to light following the looting of an onion truck on the Sirajganj Highway in Solonga, the capital of the district on July 13.

"A group of highway robbers looted the truck near the Hatikumukhi area of the highway on July 13. They had walked on two legs, were covered in feathers, grew to just under two metres long and would have weighed about 60kg. It is thought to have eaten a mixed diet of meat and plants.

Initially, palaeontologists thought the fossilised remains belonged to its close relative, the Troodon, reputed to have been the cleverest of the dinosaurs because of the large size of its brain compared to its body.

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Fossil of bird-like
dinosaur found

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A bird-like dinosaur has been discovered in Alberta, Canada.

The creature, named Currie's Alberta hunter, stalked the Red Deer River Valley about 71 million years ago, according to a paper published in the Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences.

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Hajj flights
begin on
July 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first Hajj flight for pilgrims is set to take off on July 24.

A total of 27,198 pilgrims will perform the annual ritual this year from Bangladesh.

The first Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight will leave Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah with 419 passengers on board at 7:55am.

The last Hajj flight to leave Dhaka is on August 1.

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Now erosion
takes toll on
flood victims

STAR REPORT

Flood situation is improving as water is receding, but river erosion has taken a serious toll in different parts of the country that devoured several houses and farmland.

The erosion is turning very seriously in Tangail and Fardighor because of strong current in the Jamuna and Padma rivers.

Many people in the affected areas have been passing sleepless nights in fear of erosion, while many have already shifted their homes, report our district correspondents.

Besides, the people who have already lost their houses have taken shelter on different roads and flood control embankments or at the Jamuna in last one week.

In Tangail, several 200 houses, several education and religious institutions, shops and vast tracts of cropland were devoured by the Jamuna in last one week.

During a visit to Char Poule in Tangail Sadar

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Trump health
care reform
collapses

2 more Republican senators oppose
the controversial legislation

AFP, Washington

Two more US Republican senators announced their opposition Monday to their party's efforts to revamp Obamacare, dealing the controversial legislation in its current form and potentially dealing a monumental setback to Donald Trump.

Republican leaders had sought for a major legislative victory this year, and kept to fulfill their 20 health care reforms of their predecessor Barack Obama to fulfill the Affordable Care Act.

But they had no vote to spare. Republicans control 52 of the chamber's 100 seats. Democrats are united against the controversial legislation, while Republicans Susan Collins and Rand Paul declared their opposition last week.

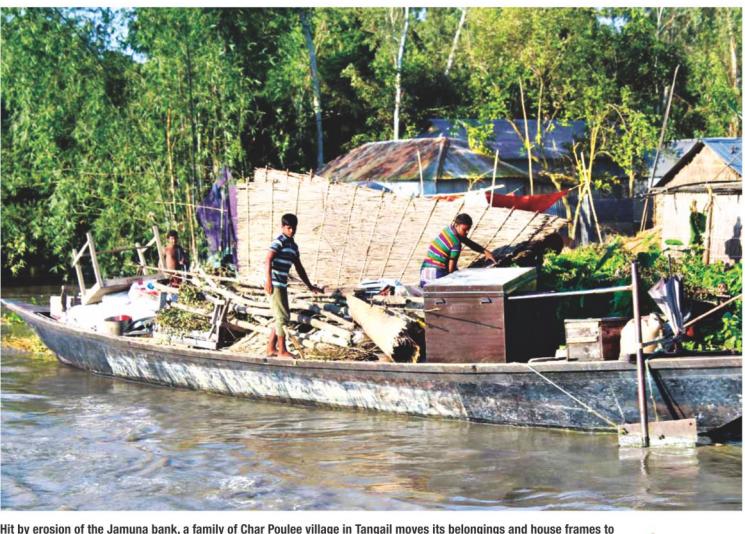
So when Senate conservatives Mike Lee and Jerry Moran announced late Monday they could not support the bill, the news sent shockwaves across Washington.

"We should not put our stamp of approval on bad policy," Moran said. "It faces considerable opposition at home in Congress to the point of gridlock."

Moran's move faces considerable opposition at home in Congress to the point of gridlock, adding that the new bill "fails to repeat the Affordable Care Act or address health care's rising costs."

For Lee, "in addition to not repealing all of the Obamacare taxes, it doesn't go far enough in lowering premiums for middle class families; nor does it create enough free space from the most costly Obamacare regulations."

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Hit by erosion of the Jamuna bank, a family of Char Poule village in Tangail moves its belongings and house frames to a new location. The river has devoured some 200 homes, two schools, a madrasa, a mosque and croplands in three unions of Tangail Sadar upazila in the last one week. The photo was taken on Monday.

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MIRZA SHAKIL

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