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KHAMARBARI 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 Avenue 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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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON / IMAGE: GOOGLE MAP

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

The tribunal said the prosecution proved the charge brought against the woman beyond any doubt. It also fined her Tk 1 lakh, which will be handed over to the victim's family in compensation.

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

Hearing the judgment, Nawrin started asking the on-duty policeman to take her outside the courtroom so that she could commit suicide by jumping off the fourth floor of the building.

Audi, 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.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) was still conducting its raids when this report was filed around 9:00pm last night.

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

Rab said they were trying to locate Assistant Manager Fakhrul Alam of the silo. They believed Fakhrul 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 Ashkur 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 Pranayak 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 around 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, Patna

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

Sub inspector Md Moinal Haque, sub inspector of the Natupara police camp in Kaipura 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 thana under the district on July 13.

"A group of highway robbers looted the truck near the Hailkumal area of the highway on July 13,"

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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.

It walked on two legs, was 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.

However after analysing its bones they

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Haji flights begin on July 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

A total of 1,27,198 pilgrims will perform the annual ritual this time 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

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 19
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

JAZAN	4-15	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-15
AMMAN	4-50	1-15	5-15	6-58	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Hit by erosion of the Jamuna bank, a family of Char Poulee 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.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Now erosion takes toll on flood victims

STAR REPORT

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

The erosion is turning worst especially in Tangail and Faridpur 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 houses, 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 their relatives' houses.

In Tangail, around 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 Poulee 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 repeal Obamacare, derailing the controversial legislation in its current form and potentially dealing a monumental setback to President Donald Trump.

Republican leaders are desperate for a major legislative victory this year – and keen to fulfill Trump's campaign pledge to dismantle the 2010 health care reforms of his predecessor Barack Obama, formally called the Affordable Care Act.

But they had no votes 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 – who faced considerable opposition at home in Kansas to the measure – said in a statement, adding that the new bill "fails to repeal 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 on lowering premiums for middle class families; nor does it create enough free space from the most costly Obamacare regulations."

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