

EARTHQUAKES DON'T KILL PEOPLE,
BUILDINGS DO! BUILD SAFE!PROUD
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Cops smell sabotage Video shows otherwise



MUNTAKIM SAAD and RAFIUL ISLAM

A video clip shows that Siddiqu Rahman collapsed to the ground when a policeman shot a teargas canister directly at the agitating college students at Shahbagh on Thursday.

But, four days after the incident, police smell sabotage saying both his eyes cannot be hurt by a teargas shell.

When more than a hundred protesters from seven government colleges demanding exam schedules were marching to Shahbagh intersection, some policemen tried to snatch away their banner.

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THE INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED - PAGE 2

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Pilgrims pray before this year's first hajj flight of Bangladesh Biman Airlines takes off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 7:54am yesterday. The flight with 418 passengers reached Saudi Arabia's Jeddah later around 2:15pm BST. Able Muslims are obliged to perform hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam, at least once in their lifetime. Story on page 2.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

UNO HARASSMENT

Barisal, Barguna DCs withdrawn**Cabinet division forms probe committee**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Commissioners of Barguna and Barisal have been withdrawn and made officers on special duty (OSD) attached to the Public Administration Ministry for their roles in the filing of a case and arrest of Barguna UNO Tariq Salman.

Ministry officials said a gazette was issued regarding the withdrawal of Bashirul Alam from Barguna and Gazi M Saifuzzaman from Barisal yesterday.

Meanwhile, the cabinet division on Saturday formed a committee to probe whether any law was violated in dealing with the matter.

The committee led by an additional secretary of the cabinet division was asked to submit its report within 15 working days. Cabinet Secretary M Shafiqul Alam told reporters after a cabinet meeting yesterday adding that steps would be taken after the committee submits its report.

Barisal Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Mohammad Ali Hossain, who dealt Tariq's case, informed the Supreme Court

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LATEST LANDSLIDE
Rain disrupts
rescue work
in Bandarban
Road communications
with Bandarban cut off

STAR REPORT

The search and rescue operation for the four people missing in Sunday's landslide in Bandarban was disrupted by heavy rain yesterday.

A teenage girl was also killed when a large chunk of mud fell on pedestrians at Dalian Para on the Bandarban-Ruma road around 9:30am on that day.

Meanwhile, road communications between Bandarban and other parts of the country snapped yesterday as Bajalia area of Bandarban-Chittagong highway in Chittagong's Satkania went under water due to incessant rain over the last two days.

In Sitakunda and Hathazari upazilas of Chittagong and in Khagrachhari, eight houses were damaged yesterday in fresh landslides. No casualties were reported.

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This part of the Rangamati-Khagrachhari Link Road was washed away by heavy rains in Sapchhari area of Rangamati in the early hours yesterday, stopping vehicle movement. This road was also badly damaged during the landslides in the district on June 13, but the Roads and Highways Department repaired and opened it to light vehicles recently.

Japan kicks off Telework Day



REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan yesterday launched a scheme to promote "telework", or working from home, in an effort to ease congestion when Tokyo hosts the 2020 Olympics, as well as soften a notoriously rigid work culture.

Almost 930 companies, including Suntory Holdings, Ajinomoto Co, and Tokyu Construction Co are participating in "Telework Day," to be held on July 24 each year from now until the Olympics opening ceremony set for July 24, 2020.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government has introduced policies to shorten working hours,

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**MISREPORTING
HC cautions
Akaura OC**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After offering an unconditional apology, the officer-in-charge of Akaura Police Station in Brahmanbaria yesterday secured exemption from a High Court rule that questioned the legality of misreporting a business man as dead.

The HC accepted the apology of OC Mosharrif Hossain Tarafdar and exempted him from the rule after cautioning him to ensure that such an incident



PRAYER TIMING JULY 25

Faiz Zohr Asr Magrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45

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Taliban suicide blasts kill 60 in Kabul, Lahore

Car bomb targets bus carrying Afghan govt employees; blast hits Pakistan police checkpoint

AGENCIES

A Taliban suicide attacker detonated a car bomb in the western part of Kabul yesterday, killing up to 35 people and wounding more than 40, government officials said, in one of the worst attacks in the Afghan capital in recent weeks.

Police cordoned off the area, located near the house of the deputy government Chief Executive Mohammad Mohaqiq in a part of the city where many of the mainly Shia Hazara community live.

Yesterday's suicide bombing, which struck a bus carrying government employees, continued the unrelenting violence that has killed more than 1,700 civilians in Afghanistan so far this year.

The assault came as another suicide bomber killed at least 25 people, many of them police, in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore yesterday, officials said, an attack which shattered a period of relative calm in Pakistan's second-largest city.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack which wrought carnage near the Lahore Technology Park in the centre of the city. Police deployed to clear street vendors from the area had been targeted, a police official said.

"We suspect that he (the suicide bomber) came on a motorcycle and he rammed it into a police checkpoint,"

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