

8 illegal hill dwellers held

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Eight illegal hill dwellers were detained yesterday after they went to the Chittagong deputy commissioner with an application seeking electricity supply in their area.
The men are all residents on the hills and hill-slopes of Jungle Salimpur area under Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong where a landslide on July 21 took the lives of five people.
Electricity supply to the illegal hill-dwellers in the area was cut off after the incident.
The detainees were identified as Md Amjad Hossain, Abu Taher, Bashir Ullah, Jodu Mohon Das, Shoilen Baroi, Md Jamal, Moktar Ahmed and Md Chhadkur Rahman.
Md Touhidul Islam, staff officer to the Chittagong DC, said the men were detained at the direction of the deputy commissioner.
The application they brought carried signatures of the president and secretary of Chittagong City Chhinnomul Bostibasi Samonnoy Sangram Parishad, he added.
They have come with a 'caprice' he said which the authority is treating as proof of their confession that they are committing a crime by illegally residing in the area.
Legal action would be taken against them, the officer said.

Time to go home

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The victim and her mother demanded capital punishment of the accused and an exemplary punishment of local councillor Marzia Hasan Rumki.
"I want a remarkable punishment of Rumki. How could she torture a girl and her family being a woman herself?" her mother asked. "I urge the government to suspend her (Rumki) from the post of councillor."
Earlier in the morning, doctors told reporters that the victims had recovered physically.
Local MP Nurul Islam Omar on Saturday visited the victims at the hospital and provided them with some financial assistance. He said he would discuss about the heinous crime in parliament.
Meanwhile, a Bogra court sent Tufan and Ward Councillor Rumki to jail yesterday.
Tufan and Rumki, after being on remand for seven and six days, refrained from giving confessional statements, police said.
However, Tufan's cohorts Atik, Munna and barber Jibon Rabi Das earlier confessed to their roles in the crime.
About the investigation, ASP Sonatan said, "The medical report found evidence of the crime. We hope the charge sheet will be prepared soon."
On July 17, Tufan Sarker, convener of Bogra unit of the ruling Awami League's worker front, abducted the girl from her home and raped her and then asked his party cadres and the woman councillor to make sure everything was hushed up.
They picked up the student and her mother later, tortured them for four hours and then shaved their heads.
Victim's mother filed a case on July 28. Police arrested 11 people including nine accused in the case.

BTRC moves to adjust

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government also imposed an additional 5 percent import tariff on mobile sets.
In the July 24 meeting, the BTRC decided to propose that the ministry increase the minimum on-net call rate to Tk 0.35 per minute from existing Tk 0.25, and cut the off-net rate down to Tk 0.45 per minute from Tk 0.60.
"We sent the proposal to the government last week, but there are other realities. So we may discuss the issue again and revise it. We may bring some changes," BTRC Chairman Shajahan Mahmood told The Daily Star last night.
"This is not an unaffordable increase," said TIM Nurul Kabir, secretary general of the Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh.
"We are offering one of the lowest tariffs in the world and revenue per users in every month is also one of the lowest in this market, though per-capita income has increased significantly," said Kabir.
The move will also increase government's revenue earning, as the government gets 45 to 50 percent of mobile operators' revenue. "It will be a win-win situation," he said.
Telephone operators' expenditure has increased in the last few years but their earning from voice call have not. The earning from voice call has rather remained static at a minimum level amid extreme competitions in the market, the official said.
The BTRC also proposed slashing the maximum voice call rate to Tk 1.5/minute from Tk 2 now, said another official.
However, insiders say the change in ceiling rate won't have much of an impact because this level of call rate is now very rare.
In 2010, after a cost modeling study, the telecom regulator with assistance from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) fixed the floor and ceiling rate of the present voice call rate.
Before that there was no official study from the regulator and call rates used to be set arbitrarily. Back then, the call rate ranged between Tk 7 and Tk 10 per minute for long.
This time the telecommunication regulator has conducted a study of its own, which shows top operators will gain from this changes while the smallest operator, Teletalk, will lose.
Currently the country's total on-net call volume is around 1,865 crore minutes a month which has a value of Tk 446.24 crore, according to the study, which was done based on information of April-June this year.
The report says that if the government increases the minimum on-net call rate to Tk 0.35 and if the operators can maintain the same call volume,

then the value will increase by Tk 186 crore to Tk 653 crore a month.
In the off-net segment, average call volume was 463.38 crore minutes worth Tk 278 crore a month. If the government slashes the rate, earnings will come down to Tk 209 crore.
The rate hike will increase Grameenphone's income from on-net calls by Tk Tk 112 crore a month. However, it will lose Tk 19 crore from the off-net segment. At present, the company's monthly earnings from these two segments stand at Tk 280 crore and Tk 754 crore respectively.
The newly merged operator Robi's on-net income will increase by Tk 45 crore a month, which is now Tk 104 crore. In the off-net segment, the company will lose Tk 26 crore from its current monthly revenue of Tk 112 crore.
Banglalink's on-net earnings will increase by Tk 29 crore, while its off-net section will lose Tk 20 crore a month, according to BTRC's study. Its current on-net call earning is Tk 71 crore and that from off-net Tk 78 crore.
State-run Teletalk now earns Tk 2.32 crore in on-net revenue a month and Tk 20 crore from off-net segment. If the BTRC proposals are approved, it will earn Tk 1 crore more per month from the on-net calls and lose Tk 5 crore from off-net calls.
At present, there are 13.5 crore registered mobile subscribers.

25kg gold

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about to go past the "green channel" half an hour later when officers intercepted him.
He attached the bars to his body before boarding the aircraft in Singapore and requisitioned a wheelchair claiming to be ill, the customs official said quoting Jamil.
Customs officers seized a total of 110kg gold at the airport in Dhaka since January.
Last August, another man named Ataul Mujib was caught with 23kg gold while coming out of the airport on a wheelchair.
Both Jamil and Mujib are from Nilphamari's Syedpur upazila.
Jamil told officials that an unknown man handed him the bars at Singapore and asked him to take them out of the airport in Dhaka. Someone was supposed to take the gold from him. Legal action is being taken against him, Ahsanul added.
In another development, customs officials found six gold bars weighing 6kg wrapped in black tape in the toilet of an aircraft soon after it landed around 7:45am yesterday. No one could be arrested.

Drug tests

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Eight JCD leaders of the upazila unit gave their urine for the drug test.
"If anyone wants to be a member of the upazila unit of Chhatra Dal, he must be free from drugs and be healthy. A leader is an idol of society," said Zafar, also a member of the BNP Central Committee.
"We collected urine from eight boys and their urine will be sent to Dhaka for tests," he told journalists yesterday afternoon.
Walid Morsalin, a candidate for the post of president of the upazila unit of JCD said, "We went there [Zafar's home] and gave our urine for testing. We want to help our nation. So I think we should be free from all kinds of drugs."
It was an excellent idea for all, he added.
Md Pikul Mia, who hopes for the General Secretary position of the unit said, "We willingly gave our urine. If I pass, I will be a leader and otherwise I won't. I take it positively."
Modasar Ali, General Secretary of Faridpur District said, "This is a funny system. It is not a real process to electing any leader."
Central JCD General Secretary Akramul Hasan said electing or selecting leadership of JCD in any stage is no one's business but theirs.
"There has never been any process or history of conducting urinary tests for choosing Chhatra Dal leaders in the country," he told The Daily Star.

EC to meet

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In the talks, most civil society members spoke for restoring "no vote" system and ensuring a level-playing field for all political parties to hold the next election in a free, fair and participatory manner.
The EC secretary also said the commission would start holding talks with the political parties from the last week of this month.
The commission will sit with six political parties, two parties each day, before Eid-ul-Azha, he said.
As per their current decision, he said each of the parties would be allowed to join the dialogue with 10 representatives. "The number of political parties' representatives for participating in talks may be increased."
After the Eid, the EC will resume the talks with the other political parties on September 10, he said.
All the 40 registered political parties will be invited to the dialogue gradually following the registration list of the parties from the bottom.

First case after cop clearance

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before registering any case under section 57.
On Saturday night, an Awami League leader filed the case with Baliakandi Police Station in Rajbari against Rafik Mollah in connection with posting a distorted image of the prime minister on his Facebook account.
Rafik, 32, of Lakhondia village in Baliakandi upazila, was arrested around 5:00am yesterday.
Dipon Kumar Mondol, officer-in-charge of Baliakandi Police Station, told The Daily Star that they registered the case after Superintendent of Police in Rajbari had consulted with the police headquarters and took permission in this regard.
The OC also told our Faridpur correspondent that Rafik posted a distorted image of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on his Facebook account. So, Shamim Mia, general secretary of Jamalpur union unit AL, lodged the case against Rafik under section 57.
Talking to this newspaper, Shamim said, "I noticed the distorted image of the prime minister on Rafik's Facebook account last Monday. I then raised the issue before a meeting of upazila Awami League and filed the case against him under section 57 of the ICT Act."
Locals said Rafik returned home from Singapore two months ago, and that he was not involved with any political parties. But his family is a supporter of the BNP, they added.
Journalists have been demanding the repeal of section 57 of the ICT Act

for its "widespread misuse to muzzle freedom of speech and the press". They say the section has vague wording, allowing it to be used for silencing journalists and social media users.
Amid widespread criticism, Law Minister Anisul Huq on several occasions said the section would be repealed. However, cases filed under the section are piling up.
In this context, Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque issued an instruction for all police stations to consult the legal wing at the police headquarters before registering any case under section 57.
BFUJ, DUJ LEADERS FOR SCRAPPING SECTION 57
Leaders of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday demanded repeal of the section.
Terminating the section a "black law", they said the particular provision was a tool to oppress journalists and urged the government to scrap it. They came up with the call at a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club.
The journalist leaders also demanded immediate formation of the ninth wage board for media persons.
Their other demands include end to "torture and harassment" of journalists and reopening of media outlets shut down by the Awami League government.
Pro-BNP journalist and acting editor of daily Amar Desh Mahmudur Rahman and BFUJ President Ruhul Amin Gazi, among others, were present at the programme.

Syria army advances against IS, approaches Deir Ezzor: monitor

AFP, Beirut
Syrian government troops advanced overnight against the Islamic State group in the country's north and centre, drawing closer to the key battleground of Deir Ezzor, a monitor said.
The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor, said the army had made "significant progress" south of Raqa city.
"There is now just four kilometres between regime forces and the town of Madan, which is the last town controlled by IS in the Raqa countryside," the Observatory said.
Madan lies next to the border between Raqa province and Deir Ezzor, an eastern province that is mostly held by IS.
Jihadists have besieged government forces and civilians inside the provincial capital Deir Ezzor city since 2015.

Syrian loyalist troops are battling IS in the south of Raqa province separately from an offensive by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, a militia that is fighting the jihadists inside Raqa city.
The regime is also fighting IS in central Homs province, where overnight they captured the last jihadist-held town in the area, the Observatory said.
The capture of Al-Sukhna opens the route for government troops to advance towards Deir Ezzor on a second axis.
There was no official confirmation of Sukhna's capture from Syria's government. State news agency SANA said the army had surrounded the town from three sides.
Since May, Syria's army has been conducting a broad military campaign with Russian support to recapture the vast Badia desert region that separates the capital Damascus from Deir Ezzor.

Israel set to close Al-Jazeera office

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Last month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would work to shut the network's offices in Israel, accusing it of inciting violence in Jerusalem, including over an Old City site that is holy to both Muslims and Jews.
Kara said he would ask the Government Press Office to revoke the accreditation of Al Jazeera's journalists in Israel, where it has about 30 staff. Cable and satellite providers have expressed their willingness to turn off its broadcasts, he said.
Kara added that he had asked Internal Security Minister Gilad Erdan to use his powers to close the station's offices in Israel, although a spokesman for Erdan said he doubted the minister had the authority to do so.
"Our ministry is not the address. Try the police," spokesman Daniel Barsaid.
Asked if shutting down Al Jazeera's operations would make

Israel appear to oppose freedom of the press, an official close to the prime minister said the country accepted diverse opinions but not incitement.
"The prime minister is not too pleased with the constant incitement that you see and hear on Al Jazeera, a lot of it in Arabic. There is a lot being broadcast on that channel that is frankly dangerous," the official said.
"There is no shortage of free speech in this country. There are plenty of dissenting voices. In democratic countries there are also things that are unacceptable, and a lot of what Al Jazeera is saying and broadcasting falls into that category."
In his news conference, to which Al Jazeera was not invited, Kara said steps had to be taken against "media, which has been determined by almost all Arab countries to actually be a supporter of terror, and we know this for certain."
"We have identified media outlets that do not serve freedom of speech but endanger the security of Israel's

citizens, and the main instrument has been Al Jazeera," Kara said.
He was referring to recent violence in and around a Jerusalem site that is revered by Muslims and Jews in which six Palestinians and five Israelis, including two policemen, were killed.
Al Jazeera said in July it would take all necessary legal measures if Israel acts on its threat. It said Israel was aligning itself with four Arab states that have severed diplomatic and commercial ties with Qatar.
The Foreign Press Association in Israel criticised the planned moves.
"Changing the law in order to shut down a media organisation for political reasons is a slippery slope," association executive secretary Glenys Sugarman said.
Al Jazeera has also faced government censure in Egypt. In 2014, Egypt jailed three of the network's staffers for seven years and closed its offices. Two staffers have been released but a third remains imprisoned.

Family feels

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their children," she added.
In his reaction, Bishwajit's elder brother Uttam Das said, "We never thought such a verdict will come. Many including journalists talked with us and said the [trial court's] judgment would be upheld. We felt relieved. But what we had today was totally beyond our expectations."
Uttam added he wanted to go to the High Court but did not do so as family members forbid him to go out of fear.
After the brutal killing on December 2009, 2012, Uttam intentionally avoided the footage of the killing on TV.
"But after today's [yesterday] verdict, I have seen the footage. Five to seven people were seen attacking him. Then how come only two were given the death penalty?" he asked.
He also expressed anger that the fugitives were not being held. "Rajon is absconding. If the government tried, he could be arrested anywhere in the world."
Asked if they would file an appeal with the Appellate Division, he said they would consider it after talking with other family members.
He added his other family members, relatives and many local journalists began to gather at their house in Shariatpur since yesterday morning to know about the judgment.
"But all of them were frustrated," he said.

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suspects," Hasan said, adding that it was taking time as Rifat only knew organisational names of the six suspects.
Asked about the charge sheet, he said they could submit it once the real identities of the accused were known and they were arrested.
Prime accused in the case, who goes by several names -- Shariful, Sakib, Saleh, Arif and Hadi -- was killed in a "gunfight" with police in Khilgaon on August 22 last year. He was trainer for ABT, Hasan said.

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HEQEP Faculty of Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University HEQEP Round 4, Window 1, CP: 6203 Invitation for Tender (IFT)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2.	Agency & procuring entity name	Faculty of Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine, Sheikh Kamal Faculty Building, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka-1207.
3.	Procuring entity name	Faculty of Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine.
4.	Procuring entity code	-
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6.	Invitation for	Tender for Goods (Single Lot).
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	SBAU/HEQEP/ASVM/2017/118
8.	Date	06.08.2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government and IDA Credit).
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project/programme code	9131
13.	Project/programme name	Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP).
14.	Tender package No.	G3
15.	Tender package name	Supplying of Photocopy Machine.
16.	Tender publication date	07/08/2017
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18.	Tender closing date and time	Up to 28/08/2017 at 12.00 noon.
19.	Tender opening date and time	28/08/2017 at 12.30pm.
20.	Name and address of the office selling, receiving & opening tender document	Office of the Sub Project Manager, CP 6203, Faculty of Animal Science & Veterinary Medicine, Sheikh Kamal Faculty Building, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
21.	Place/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22.	Eligibility of qualifications of tenderer	The maximum 01 (one) number of arbitration against the tenderer over a period of last 05 (five) years. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. The tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum 03 (three) numbers supply contract of similar goods and related services within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum 2.5 million BDT under maximum 02 (two) or a single contracts in the last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is 3.2 million BDT.
23.	Brief description of goods	Supplying of Photocopy Machine.
24.	Brief description of related services	N/A
25.	Tender document price	BDT 1,000.00 (Bangladesh Taka one thousand) only.
26.	Identification of lot	Location Tender security amount in Taka Completion time
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