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ANTI-GRAFT DRIVE

ACC now has armed cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty armed police members were attached to the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday to facilitate smooth execution of anti-graft drives.

There had been a long-time demand that the ACC be strengthened and its officials be secured against any untoward situation during raids.

In February, four, including three ACC officials, were beaten up at Sylhet deputy commissioner's office, as they caught a staffer red-handed while he was receiving bribe, and attempted to arrest him.

The ACC team members were attacked by colleagues of the corrupt officer. The public administration ministry later suspended him.

Following the latest move, Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, public relations officer of the ACC, said ACC officials often faced obstacles and hassles while conducting drives.

"It is difficult to carry out job for the unarmed ACC officials at the government offices like passport, land [offices] and BRTA where brokers are very much active."

Had there been police force during the raid in Sylhet, the assault would not have taken place, Pranab added.

ACC Director General Muhammad Munir Chowdhury said armed police added a new dimension to the activities of the commission.

"From arresting accused and leading drives to collect evidence, the police force will work for the security of ACC [officials]," he said.

The 20 member armed police team comprises one

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After all tanneries in the capital's Hazaribagh were closed, this canal in Gojmahal no longer spreads the unbearable odour it used to, allowing locals to once again breathe easier and better.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

11 cops sued over gouging of trader's eyes

BSS, Khulna

A case was filed with a local court yesterday against 11 policemen, including 11 policemen, for allegedly gouging a trader's eyes in the city nearly three weeks ago.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Shahedul Islam took cognisance of the case and fixed September 17 for passing an order in this regard.

Suma Begum, mother of trader Shahajal, the filed the case with the court. Among the accused are 11 Khulna Police Station (CC) Nasim Khan and 10 other cops of the police station.

Plaintiff's lawyer Mominul Islam told BSS that Nasim called Shahajal to the police station on the night of July 18 after taking bribe from two people.

Demanding Tk 1.5 lakh from Shahajal, the policemen threatened him that they would file a case against him if he didn't comply.

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I'm CJ thanks to country's liberation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said if the country had not been liberated, it would never have been possible for him to be at the helm of the apex court.

Founder of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamt of this country and brought independence to the country, he said, adding that as the country gained independence, remote areas of the country were being developed.

Sinha was speaking as the chief guest at the foundation laying ceremony of Moulvibazar District Bar Association Building-1 in

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Tangail road crashes kill 14 in 24 hours

Eid holidays turn tragic as 8 members of two families die in microbus crash; 2 more killed while racing motorbikes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 11 people, including eight members of two families, were killed and seven others were injured in road accidents in Tangail and Madhupur upazilas yesterday.

A microbus heading towards Dhaka from Sirajganj collided head on with a truck at Khudirampur on Dhaka-Tangail highway while overtaking an auto-rickshaw around 3:00pm. The collision left four people dead on the spot, said Sub-Inspector Jahangir Alam, in-charge of Tangail Highway Police Outpost.

Five more injured passengers of the microbus died at Tangail General Hospital, he said.

It was raining when the accident happened.

SI Muhammad Jakir Hossain of Tangail Model Police Station said Moniruzzaman Ratan, 40, an

employee of the health department, his family, and several of his in-laws were returning from his father-in-law's home in the rental microbus after spending Eid holidays in Sirajganj.

Moniruzzaman's wife Tahmina Akter Soma, 32, son Rezvee, 12, mother Momotaz Begum, 60, mother-in-law Ilazera Begum, 55, father-in-law Kasim Uddin, 60, brothers-in-law

PHOTO: NABILA KHAN

Raihan Uddin Shuvo, 30, Sohel Rana, 25, his relative Misha, 8, and driver of the microbus Bhalu, 32, were killed.

Moniruzzaman, his brother Saiful Islam Papon, his relatives and Misha's parents Shapla and Monsur, their four-year-old son Siam and one Sagar were in critical condition.

Trucker Omar Faruk, 40, and Shapla were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their conditions deteriorated. The microbus was wrecked beyond recognition.

Meanwhile, two youths were killed after their bike skidded off the road at Telki of Madhupur around 12:30pm.

Sohag, 26, with Himel, 24, as pillion was reportedly racing with other bikers on their way to Tangail from Mymensingh said Shaiful Islam, officer-in-charge of Madhupur Police Station.

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Clothes that grow with your child

Children outgrowing their clothes is an age-old - and very costly - problem for parents.

But the solution may have arrived thanks to a British inventor who has designed clothes which grow at the same time as the children wearing them.

Ryan Yasin, 24, has engineered a material which would allow garments to grow up to six sizes - saving parents thousands of pounds every time their child has a growth spurt.

After buying his young nephew clothes labelled for his age, and discovering that the baby had already grown too big for them, Yasin realised how frustrating clothes-buying was for parents.

Through his engineering degree, he was aware of structures in certain fabrics which can become

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MIGRANT AMNESTY 15 US states sue Trump

REUTERS, New York

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia filed a lawsuit on Wednesday challenging President Donald Trump's decision to end protections and benefits for young people who were brought to the United States illegally as children.

The multistate lawsuit filed by a group of Democratic attorneys general on Wednesday to protect beneficiaries of the

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MUKH PORA BECOMES RARE

The Capped Langur, locally known as Mukh Pora Hanuman. While the flamboyant creatures once boasted a large population, nowadays only a few remain in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. This photo was recently taken in Kaptai National Forest.

PHOTO: ANVIL CHAKMA

Paradise in pieces

Irma claims nine lives on Caribbean islands as region faces two more hurricanes

AFP, Pointe-à-pitre

Powerful Hurricane Irma cut a swathe of deadly destruction as it roared through the Caribbean, claiming at least nine lives and turning the tropical islands of St Martin and Barbuda into mountains of rubble.

One of the most powerful Atlantic storms on record, the rare Category 5 hurricane churned westward off the northern coast of Puerto Rico early yesterday on a potential collision course with South Florida, where at-risk areas were evacuated.

St Martin, a pristine island resort which is divided between France and the Netherlands, suffered the full fury of the storm, with rescuers on the French side saying eight people had died and 21 were injured.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said the hurricane had caused "huge damage" to the airport and harbour, leaving the Dutch part of the island unreachable, but there were no immediate reports of deaths.

"The priority now is to bring emergency aid to the people... consisting of sending food and water to 40,000 people over the coming five days," Dutch Interior Minister Ronald Plasterk said.

French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb spoke of "massive destruction" and said more than 100,000 packages of combat rations were en route.

And Britain is sending a military vessel to assist victims which should reach the affected areas later yesterday, while earmarking £12 million (\$15.7 million, 13 million euros) in aid.

"The British Virgin Islands were also not spared the hurricane's full force," Alan Duncan, a junior foreign minister, told parliament.

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