

JUST A HOOK TO SOME LOVED ONES' SAFETY TO US



Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

Work in progress using Shah Cement

Veg prices soaring

City traders blame it on supply shortage, crop loss for flood, rain

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Picking up a bitter gourd at Karwan Bazar Kitchen Market, Ahammad Hossain asked the seller for its price. Upon hearing the reply, Ahammad's face instantly fell.

"It's 100 taka. Don't bargain. Take it or leave it," the seller said.

"It's small and can only serve two people. At most it should cost Tk 40. How can you ask for such a price?" Hossain, an employee of a private firm asked. As the shopkeeper did not relent, Hossain left the shop after buying a half kg of teasle gourd, locally known as kakrol, at Tk 35.

Due to flood and heavy rainfall, this year's crops were badly damaged and this created a shortfall in its supply triggering a crisis at the kitchen markets and subsequently increasing the price of vegetables, according to retailers, wholesalers and the Department of Agricultural Marketing.

Mostafa Kamal, owner of the vegetable wholesale shop "Gawasia Bhandar", said a month ago he received a supply of five to six trucks of vegetables. "Now, the supply has become half and I receive only two to three trucks," he said.

Vegetables usually come to Karwan Bazar from northern districts that include Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh,

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BRINJAL
Tk 70-80
Tk 48

BITTER GOURD
Tk 70
Tk 50

POINTED GOURD
Tk 60
Tk 37.5

TOMATO
Tk 120-140
Tk 100-120

NO RESPITE FOR CONSUMERS

LADIES FINGER
Tk 80
Tk 40

PRICE A MONTH AGO
PRICE ON OCT 8, 2017

Per Kg
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, SELLERS AND SHOPPERS OF KARWANBAZAR, SHANTINAGAR, MOGHBAZAR AND NEW MARKET

BOTTLE GOURD
Tk 60-80/piece
Tk 50-60/piece

POTATO
Tk 25
Tk 20

GREEN CHILI Tk 200-250 Tk 95

BEAN
Tk 180
Tk 140-160

TEASLE GOURD
Tk 70
Tk 55

MALABAR-SPINACH
Tk 30/ per bundle
Tk 15-Tk 20 / per bundle

CUCUMBER
Tk 60-90
Tk 35

STRING-BEAN
Tk 80
Tk 60



US professor wins Nobel in economics

AFP, Stockholm

US economist Richard Thaler won the Nobel Economics prize yesterday for showing that economic and financial decision-makers are not always rational, but mostly deeply human.

Bridging the gap between economics and psychology, Thaler's research focuses on behavioural economics which explores the impact of psychological and social factors on decisions by individuals or groups in the economy and financial markets.

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POLLS DIALOGUE WITH EC JP proposes interim govt

Says it should be formed with representatives of parties having seats in Jatiya Sangsad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition in parliament Jatiya Party yesterday proposed "interim government" with representatives from all the parties having presence in the current parliament to oversee the next general election.

Led by party chief HM Ershad, a 25-member JP delegation placed the eight-point written proposal during a dialogue with the Election Commission at the EC office in the capital.

Ershad, also special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, had talks with Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda.

Emerging from the two-hour long meeting from 11:00am, Ershad said the BNP would have no representative in the interim government as the party had no member in the 10th parliament.

According to the proposal, the interim government will be formed dissolving the present parliament, and members of the interim cabinet will be appointed as per recommendations of the political parties' chiefs. Different parties will have representation in the election-time government body in proportion to their representation in the current parliament.

The JP also proposed bringing three important ministries -- LGRD, establishment and home affairs -- under the jurisdiction of the EC. If necessary, the constitution will have to be amended to make that happen, it said.

The party also proposed deployment of armed forces across the country

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MEXICO BORDER WALL Trump ties it to 'Dreamer' programme

Democrats reject his immigration proposals

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump, who pledged to help protect young people known as "Dreamers" brought illegally to the United States as children, called on Sunday for money to fund a border wall to be part of any immigration deal.

In a list of "principles" laid out in documents released by the White House, the Trump administration also pressed for a crackdown on unaccompanied minors who enter the United States, many of them from Central America.

The plan, which was delivered to leaders in Congress on Sunday night, drew a swift rebuke from Democrats, who are seeking a legislative fix for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that Trump ended last month.

"The administration can't be serious about compromise or helping the

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Scientists grow drugs in eggs



AFP, Tokyo

Japanese researchers have genetically engineered hens whose eggs contain drugs that can fight serious diseases including cancer, in a bid to dramatically reduce the cost of treatment, a report said yesterday.

If the scientists are able to safely produce "interferon beta", a type of protein used to treat illnesses including multiple sclerosis and hepatitis, by rearing the hens, the price of the drug -- currently up to 100,000 yen (\$888) for a few microgrammes -- could fall significantly, said the English edition of the Yomiuri Shimbun.

Researchers at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in the Kansai region kicked off the process by introducing genes that produce interferon beta

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Acting CJ for cooperation among state organs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is now carrying out the duties of the chief justice, yesterday underscored the need for mutual understanding and cooperation between the three branches of the state for producing the best strategy and solution for Bangladesh and its future development.

He was speaking at a

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SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center

PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 10

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-45 7-15

JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A bus of Government Science College travelling against traffic in front of Bishal Centre near Moghbazar Wireless Gate in the capital around 8:30am yesterday. Moments after the photo was taken, around 30 students came down from the bus and snatched the camera away from The Daily Star photojournalist. The photographer then chased down the bus and was able to recover his equipment with the help of locals and a few policemen.

Man 'beaten to death' by policemen

4 cops suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Four policemen including two sub-inspectors have been suspended in Joypurhat after they allegedly beat up a man to death during a raid in Kalai upazila yesterday.

The suspended police officials are sub-inspectors Rafiqul Islam and Md Asaduzzaman and constables Rashedul Islam and Selim Reza of Kalai Police Station.

Sazzad Hossain, assistant superintendent of Joypurhat police, has confirmed their suspensions.

The dead was identified as Saidur Rahman, 38, son of Kazem Ali of Harunza village.

Nuruzzaman Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Kalai Police Station, said a team of law enforcers raided Harunza village around 5:30am yesterday to arrest Md Shapla Hossain, an accused in a case filed under

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PREMIER cement

Tigers Profile

Soumya Sarkar

Soumya Sarkar is a cricketer who came into cricket with the proverbial silver spoon. Since he came onto the stage for Bangladesh in the fifth ODI against Zimbabwe in Dhaka on December 1, 2014, the country has won 21 out of 39 ODIs -- a golden age of sorts in the context of Bangladesh cricket.

He played a big part in that peak in ODI cricket that continues till this day. His easy elegance and natural timing were there for all to see from the start, and the start was a high-profile one as from his second ODI he was playing the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. Batting in the top order, he invariably scored at more than a run a ball as his career strike rate of 97.08 proves. His moment of glory came in the three home series that followed, as he sealed the whitewash over Pakistan with an unbeaten 127. Then a fifty against India in the first ODI laid the foundation for a famous win. In the South Africa series, innings of 88 not out and 90 in the second and third ODIs sealed a come-from-behind series win.

However, apart from 86 in Christchurch and a string of fifties against Sri Lanka earlier this year Soumya, like many others, is yet to prove himself a genuine Test prospect.

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