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For those who're able differently

JAMIL MAHMUD

In the busiest hour at a superstore in the capital's Gulshan, Shimu Gomez is busy putting an assortment of daily necessities in a specific order near the cash register.

The 19-year-old, who is a mute, is noticeably agile and deft. It is apparent that her disability does not come in the way of her work.

Communicating through sings, she says her colleagues are supportive and they often help her out.

She has been working at the store for the last two months. She attended a three-month skills development training at a vocational training centre in Mahakhali run by Parents Forum for Differently Abled (PFDA), which works for the development of persons with intellectual and neurological disabilities aged over 15.

Nusrat Jahan, PFDA programme officer, who regularly visits Shimu at her workplace, interprets what Shimu says in gestures.

"This job allows me to dream and think about future."

Not all persons with disabilities are as lucky as Shimu. Many are deprived of their basic rights due to social setbacks

A speech-impaired attendant communicates with a customer while another is busy packaging commodities at the counter of a super shop in the capital's Gulshan on Thursday. At least four persons with disabilities work at the outlet. Promoting the rights of people like them, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be observed worldwide tomorrow.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Faraaz Hossain Courage Award today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second Faraaz Hossain Courage Award will be conferred on the winner at a programme in the city's Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel at 5:30pm today.

The award was introduced last year in honour of the great sacrifice and courage shown by Faraaz, who refused to desert his friends and was brutally

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Favourites set clear paths

REUTERS, Moscow

The favourites to win next year's World Cup in Russia were given a fairly straightforward path to the last 16 with the coaches of Germany, Brazil, France, Argentina and Spain among those likely to feel relaxed after Friday's draw.

Hosts Russia, despite being the lowest-ranked of the 32 nations taking part, were also breathing a sigh of relief, after

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Taliban attack on Pak college kills 9

At least 38 injured; all attackers killed

AFP, Peshawar

Nine people were killed and dozens injured yesterday when burqa-clad Taliban militants stormed a training institute in the northwestern city of Peshawar as Pakistan marked the birthday of the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh), officials said.

Police said at least three militants opened fire at security near the gates of the Agriculture Training Institute, killing one guard and injuring another before making their way inside and targeting the student accommodation.

Authorities said the gunmen had been killed and security forces had cleared the area after searching for remaining militants.

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A rescue worker walks in a computer lab after the shooting at Directorate of Agriculture Institute in Peshawar, Pakistan, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Priest missing from Natore rescued in Sylhet

STAR REPORT

A priest from Natore was rescued in Sylhet yesterday, nearly five days after his "abduction" apparently for a ransom.

Bimal Rozario, elder brother of Father Walter William Rozario, claimed that his brother somehow managed to flee and ran to safety yesterday.

Bimal added that Walter contacted their younger brother Amal Rozario over phone from in front of a bus counter of Sylhet's South Surma upazila.

Police then rescued Walter from that place, he said.

An official of Sylhet Metropolitan Police said

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One single battery to power 30,000 homes

AFP, Adelaide

The world's biggest battery was officially launched in Australia yesterday, with the Elon Musk-driven project powered up early to meet peak demand amid a bout of hot weather, officials said.

Musk's Tesla built the Powerpack system, which can provide electricity for more than 30,000 homes, to ease South Australia's energy woes after the state was hit with a total blackout in 2016 following an "unprecedented" storm.

The maverick billionaire earlier this year offered on Twitter to build the battery farm, and

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Seven killed as bus hits truck

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Seven people were killed and 19 others injured as a bus crashed into a standing truck in Betgram area of Gopalganj Sadar yesterday evening.

Two of the deceased were identified as Yunus Khan, 45, a khadem of a mosque in the capital's Sadarghat, and Mohammad Mahi, 12, of Bagerhat's Fakirhat upazila. The identities of the others could not be known immediately.

The accident happened on Dhaka-Khulna highway when the Dhaka-bound bus from Pirojpur hit the log-laden truck, which was standing beside the highway, around 6:30pm, said

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PROBE ON TRUMP CAMPAIGN-RUSSIA COLLUSION

Ex-Trump aide pleads guilty to lying to FBI

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump's former top advisor Michael Flynn yesterday pleaded guilty to lying over his contacts with Russia, in a dramatic escalation of the FBI's probe into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Moscow.

The fourth, and most senior, figure indicted so far in the investigation into Russian interference in last year's election, Flynn appeared in federal court in Washington for a plea hearing less than two hours after the charges against him were made public.

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Michael Flynn



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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 2

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AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



JCM model project scheme: up to 50% financial support (grants) for Low Carbon Japanese Technologies

What is the JCM?

The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) is a new market mechanism that was initiated by the Government of Japan. Under the JCM, Japanese Government provides substantial financial supports to low carbon technologies. As return the project owners should transfer at least 50% of GHG emission reduction credits to the Government of Japan. The Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Japan signed on March 19th, 2013 to promote low carbon technologies in Bangladesh through the JCM. Department of Environment (DoE) serves the Secretariat of the JCM in Bangladesh.

Financial support for JCM Model projects

JCM offers up to 50% of investment cost as grants on low carbon technology based JCM Model projects. Financial support is determined based on the number of already selected JCM Model projects using a similar technology in the country.

Project Type	% financial support for new project as grants
The first Model Project	Up to 50%
2nd -4th Model project	Up to 40%
5th & onward project	Up to 30%

Sectoral Scope

Following sectors are eligible for JCM projects in Bangladesh: (i) energy industries, (ii) energy distribution, (iii) energy demand, (iv) manufacturing industries, (v) chemical industries, (vi) construction, (vii) transport, (viii) mining/minerals, (ix) metal production, (x) fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil & gas), (xi) fugitive emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride, (xii) solvents use, (xiii) waste handling & disposal, (xiv) afforestation & reforestation, and (xv) agriculture.

Who can apply for JCM Model project?

The JCM project can be undertaken by (i) Private company, (ii) Private association/federation and (iii) Public agency/autonomous corporation. Bangladeshi company and Japanese company will form a consortium and on behalf of the consortium, a Japanese company as representative of the consortium will apply for the JCM Model Project.

Status of JCM Model Projects in Bangladesh:

The following six (6) JCM Model projects are under implementation in Bangladesh. 1. Centrifugal Chiller project at City Sugar Mill, 2. PV-diesel Hybrid System project at YKK Bangladesh, 3. Air Jet loom project at a textile mill of Hamid Fabrics Limited, 4. 50MW Solar PV Power Plant Project to be connected with national grid at Sutiakhali of Mymensingh, 5. Centrifugal Chiller project at NEXT Accessories Limited and 6. Waste heat recovery project at Unitex Composite Limited.

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