

বিশ্ব বলেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলো- 'কেন না!'

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**ROHINGYA REFUGEES**

**UN worried over safety**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UNHCR has said it is increasingly worried about the deterioration of the overall environment in which Rohingya refugees are living, facing a multitude of protection risks. Babar Baloch, spokesperson for the UN Refugee Agency, said it would start distributing around 200,000 items of clothing tomorrow to help the refugees in Bangladesh prepare for cooler weeks and months ahead. He was speaking at a press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva yesterday. The temperatures will soon decline in southern Bangladesh; the average

**Elderly woman murdered**

Three more found dead in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An elderly woman was killed in her apartment in the capital's Tejgaon early yesterday. The body of Milgrade Gomes Milu, 65, was found with a deep gash to the throat. She also suffered a knife injury on her right arm, police said. Her husband Hubard Anil Gomes, 80, who was the only one in the apartment at the time of the murder, told reporters that four to five masked men entered the apartment after he opened the door in the morning hearing knocks. The men blindfolded and tied him up and killed his wife, he added. Police and family members said the couple's four sons live in Canada and the USA. The woman seemed to have been murdered around 7:00am in the apartment on the second floor of the three-storey building owned by her husband, Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon Division Police,



Milgrade Gomes

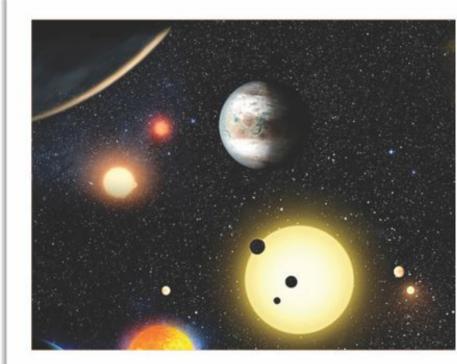


Women, either deserted by their husband or divorced, sewing kantha in Panchgachi Santiram village of Gaibandha's Sundarganj upazila. They have picked up the needle and thread to support their families. Each quilt fetches them Tk 600 to Tk 1,500. The photo was taken last week.

**16TH AMENDMENT Govt to file review plea this month**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will file a petition with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court by the end of this month seeking review of its verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment to the constitution empowering parliament to remove SC judges for incapacity or misconduct. The attorney general's office has finalised the draft of the petition containing around 100 grounds for seeking the review. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said his office is about to finalise the petition containing the grounds, on which the SC may consider the prayer for reconsidering its verdict.



**Nasa, AI find solar system like ours**

AFP, Miami

A solar system with as many planets as our own has been discovered with the help of Nasa's Kepler space telescope and artificial intelligence, the US

**Making the most of a cold winter**

K M REZAUL HOQUE with ANDREW EAGLE

Northern winters can be cold. At 67-years-old it would be understandable if Marium Begum, from Panchgachi Santiram village in Gaibandha's Sundarganj upazila, said she really feels it: not only the cold of the winter air but from long years of struggle. Twenty years ago her husband abandoned her, to raise a son and a daughter single-handedly. Nowadays her chil-

dren are independent, thankfully, and Marium has turned the winter into an asset. She supports herself through sewing "kantha" blankets and bed covers from old cloth. "I like to sew," she says. "I'm too old for physically demanding work but because of sewing I don't have to sit idle." Marium, who lives with her daughter, takes pride in being able to contribute to household costs. In Panchgachi Santiram she is not alone. Several other women includ-

ing neighbours Samiton, 55, and Anwara Begum, 53, who have been divorced or abandoned have also taken up the promise of the needle and thread. While most specialise in functional blankets like Marium's, some also create attractive embroidered "nakshi kantha" pieces. There are orders enough, particularly in winter, to drive their work. For the most part, these older women spend their days happily busy.

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**PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 16**

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AZAN 5-20 12-45 3-45 5-22 7-00

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