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# A leader in education

Headmaster goes extra mile to spread education in Khagrachhari



SAIKAT DEWAN with ANDREW EAGLE

Six-year-old Al Amin from remote Nurul Islam Sardar Para in Khagrachhari's Matiranga upazila was used to working in his father's grocery shop. Al Amin comes from a struggling family. His father saw little value in sending the boy to school. Fortunately the headmaster of the local Bhabanicharan Rowaza Government Primary School is Ershad Ali. This award-winning teacher has garnered a reputation for going the extra mile to ensure attendance. In an area of high illiteracy, he has achieved cent percent enrolment, fostering a vibrant school community.

When last January Ershad Ali realised the boy working in the shop wasn't enrolled at any institution he spoke with Al Amin's parents. He convinced them to send their son, who now studies in class one. It's not an isolated case.

"In a remote area like this one," Ershad Ali explains, "many people, especially those from an indigenous background, face a lot of poverty and other challenges. There is a

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Even after the government snapped utility service connections to the tanneries in the capital's Hazaribagh, a number of small factories are still processing rawhides in the area and discharging toxic liquid waste into the canals connected to the Buriganga river. The photos were taken last week.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Armed forces need to work with people

PM at graduation ceremony of NDC

UNB, Dhaka

Praising the armed forces for their involvement in development activities, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said they needed to work together with people to ensure the country's development.

"We've to build our country, and our armed forces are getting involved in the development activities to make that happen," she said.

The premier was addressing the graduation ceremony of National Defence College (NDC) and Armed Forces War Course at Sheikh Hasina Complex of Defence Services Command and Staff College at Mirpur Cantonment.

Hasina said the government calls out the army whenever any tough job has to be carried out. "The Navy is working in some places while the Air Force is engaged somewhere else."

She said all the forces were working together to build the country. "As a result, we can now complete many projects so quickly."

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# Engineer found dead a day after going missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a marine engineer from an under-construction building in the city's Sukrabad area on Sunday night, a day after he had gone missing.



A resident of Uttara, victim Rafiqul Hasan Rimon was a captain of a foreign ship, said his family members.

According to law enforcers, the body of the 42-year-old was found on the ground floor of the 10-storey building. Injury marks on the body suggested that he was killed.

Police were probing family feud, enmity over the possession of an apartment and Rafiqul's alleged extramarital affair with a woman as motives behind the murder, said OC Atiqur Rahman of New Market Police Station.

Victim's relatives said Rafiqul recently decided to divorce his wife Kaniz Fatema.

Talking to The Daily Star, victim's father Khalil Ullah said his son sent his two children to their mother's parental home on Elephant Road through his friend Ripon around 7:50pm on Saturday after

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# PERSECUTION AGAINST ROHINGYAS UN official warns of genocide trial

Myanmar team in Dhaka to talk repatriation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The top UN human rights official has expressed determination to see that the perpetrators of the horrors committed against the Rohingyas in Myanmar face justice.

Speaking to the BBC, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, has not ruled out the possibility that Myanmar's civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and the head of the armed forces Gen Aung Min Hlaing could find themselves in the dock on genocide charges sometime in the future.

He, however, did not say which court could prosecute suspected atrocities, according to excerpts of his interview provided in advance by the BBC, reports Reuters.

Myanmar is not a member of the International Criminal Court, so referral to that court could be done only by the UN Security Council. But Myanmar's ally China could veto such a referral.

Zeid said the attacks on the Rohingyas had been "well thought out and planned", and he had asked Suu Kyi to do more to stop the military action.

He previously described the deaths and displacement of the Rohingyas as "a text book example of ethnic cleansing," and asked rhetorically if anyone could rule out "elements of genocide".

His latest remarks put the case plainly, toughening his stance.

"The elements suggest you cannot rule out the possibility that acts of genocide have been committed," he said.

"It's very hard to establish because the thresholds are high," he said. "But it wouldn't surprise me in the future if the court were to make such a finding on the basis of what we see."

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# 4 women of a family raped by robbers in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Criminals raped four women of a family while robbing a house in Karnaphuli upazila of Chittagong early Wednesday.

The victims filed a case accusing four unknown people under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Karnaphuli Police Station on Saturday evening.

Police yesterday arrested two suspects in Karnaphuli area.

They are Md Sumon alias Abu, 23, a mason, of Shahmirpur village in Karnaphuli, and Md Ismail, of Patiya upazila, said police.

"One of the victims has already identified Abu, saying that he was there during the incident," said Jahedul Islam, assistant commissioner (Karnaphuli zone) of Chittagong

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# Italy bakes world's biggest Christmas cake panettone

AFP, Milan



Forget mistletoe, Christmas is not Christmas in Italy without a slice of panettone -- and festivities kicked off in Milan on Sunday with free slices of the biggest Italian candied cake in the world.

Weighing in at 140 kilogrammes (308 pounds), the two-metre (over six foot) high marvel was sliced up into 1,200 pieces for sweet-toothed tourists and locals at the Victor Emmanuel II shopping gallery near the city's Gothic cathedral.

"Panettone is the Christmas dessert par excellence. Fashions may change, but panettone remains an unshakable tradition," Angelo

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# GOMES MILU MURDER 3 suspects arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested three people in connection with the murder of Milgrade Gomes Milu in the capital's Tejgaon on Friday.

The arrestees are Joyanal, Jamir and Parvez.

A team of Tejgaon police picked up Joyanal, a former house help of Milu, from his village home in Brahmanbaria's Bancharampur upazila early yesterday, said Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner (Tejgaon division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

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The scene of an Amtrak high speed train after it derailed from an overpass on Interstate I-5 highway early yesterday near the city of Takoma, Washington state. "Multiple" people were killed when the Amtrak passenger train derailed, sending cars flying off a bridge and onto a busy interstate, officials said.

PHOTO: AFP

# 'Several' killed as train derailed in US

AFP, Los Angeles

"Multiple" people were killed early yesterday when an Amtrak passenger train derailed in Washington state near the city of Tacoma, sending cars flying off a bridge and onto a busy interstate, officials said.

Pictures from the scene showed one train car overturned and crushed on the interstate highway and another dangling down from the overpass above.

The train, which was carrying 78 passengers and five crew, was part of a newly expanded faster rail service along the route linking Seattle and Portland, Oregon -- featuring new locomotives.

It derailed during the morning rush hour at about 7:40am (local time), about halfway between Tacoma and

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