

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

BSRM
building a safer nation

HIGHEST SELLING CEMENT for more than **12 years**

SHAH CEMENT

For the love of nature

Restaurateur strives to protect environment



KHALID BIN NAZRUL with ANDREW EAGLE

Zamil Khan is by profession a restaurateur. He runs a Bangla fare establishment called Nongor in Comilla's Jhawtala. But from a young age his foremost passion has been for nature. At a young age this passion led him to develop a nursery business; what is yet more remarkable are the voluntary, self-motivated activities he has undertaken since, to preserve, protect and enhance Comilla's natural environment.

"My first inspiration actually came from people's gardens," Zamil recalls. "I saw what neighbours had done and started to plant flower bushes in front of our house. As a child I often visited local nurseries in search of colourful flowers."

In 1989, he started a nursery of his own, Omi Nursery, first in Comilla Pouro Park and later in the Comilla Botanical Garden area. Ultimately he could not find a suitable permanent location for his nursery. It could hardly stop him.

In 1994 with the permission of the roads and highways authority, Zamil established a plantation beside the Dhaka - Chittagong highway, which only encouraged further zeal.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Vehicles stuck in a long tailback at Paturia Ferry Terminal in Manikganj early yesterday. The tailback formed as ferry service on the Paturia-Daulatdia route was suspended for four hours from 8:30pm Monday due to dense fog. Inset, vehicles boarding a ferry at the Paturia terminal to cross the Padma.



PHOTO: STAR

Fog disrupts ferry service

STAR REPORT

People in the country have started feeling the chill in the air; the days are shrouded with fog in early mornings and late at nights as winter has finally arrived, albeit a little late.

The two-month long season that begins with the arrival of Bangla month of Poush continues till end of Magh.

According to the met office in Dhaka, the lowest temperature recorded yesterday was 12.5 degrees Celsius in Panchagarh's Tentulia and the highest 29.7 degree Celsius in Cox's Bazar.

As the mercury dropped the people in the capital are also feeling a chill in the air; Dhaka's lowest temperature was recorded at 14.5 degrees Celsius yesterday.

The met office in its forecast said moderate to thick fog may occur during mid-night until morning over the country in the next couple of days, while the weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy skies.

The cold along with fog has already started disrupting ferry, plane and launch services, interrupting people's everyday life causing the most suffering to the poor and working people.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

ORPHANAGE GRAFT CASE
Prosecution seeks life term for Khaleda
Court to hear defence argument today
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Trump discloses nat'l security plan

Criticises Russia, China as revisionist powers; Kremlin, Beijing slam US imperialist mentality

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump used the launch of his first National Security Strategy on Monday to laud the benefits of cooperation with Russia, a striking departure from the document's more combative tone toward the Kremlin.

Unveiling a text that pilloried both Russia and China as "revisionist powers" bent on rolling back American interests, Trump hailed recent counter-terror cooperation between Moscow and Washington.

Trump claimed that a recent CIA tip-off about a terror attack on a cathedral in Vladimir Putin's home town of Saint Petersburg had prevented deaths "in the thousands."

"They were able to apprehend these terrorists before the event with no loss of life and that's a great thing, and the way it's supposed to work," Trump said, offering the prospect of better ties.

His conciliatory tone toward Putin came in sharp contrast to the 68-page strategy that was put together by key aides and which was designed to serve as a framework for the Trump administration's approach to the world.

The text uses remarkably biting language to frame Beijing and Moscow as global competitors.

"China and Russia challenge American power, influence, and interests, attempting to erode American security and prosperity," the document says.

It warns that "Russia aims to weaken US influence in the world and divide us from our allies and partners," while Russian nuclear weapons are



SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

Double blow to a family

Ctg stampede took son, a month after mother's death

ARUN BIKASH DEY and FM MIZANUR RAHMAN, Chittagong

Nirapada Das and his three brothers -- Haridhan, Krishnapada and Binay -- used to fish all day and return to their loving home in Chittagong city's North Kattali.

But now everything has changed.

First, the brothers lost their mother, who was suffering from old-age complications, on November 15 and then on Monday, Krishnapada, along with nine others, was killed in a stampede during the qulkhani of former Chittagong city corporation mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

The accident happened as several hundred people scrambled for food at the narrow entrance to Rima Convention Centre in the port city.

The family is now struggling to withstand the double blow.

"Our Ma left us a month ago. We just did her post-funeral rituals on Sunday. We were already in great shock and then the news of my brother's death struck us," 28-year-old Nirapada, who works at a local plastic factory, told this correspondent yesterday.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Longest wedding dress 'train' sets Guinness Record



NDTV ONLINE

A Guinness World Record has been set in France for the world's longest wedding dress train, measuring over 8,095 metres long.

Construction company Dynamic Projects, with the help of 15 volunteers, spent two months stitching individual pieces of the train before sewing them all together to form a whole. The team also incorporated part of the previous record-breaking garment that measured 1,203.9 metres.

The wedding dress was unveiled in Caudry, a French town famous for its production of lace, 11 years after the Guinness World Records title was first set there.

The measuring was overseen by professional

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Gaibandha MP dies from road crash injuries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Golam Mostofa Ahmed, lawmaker of ruling Awami League from Gaibandha-1, yesterday succumbed to the injuries he sustained in a road accident in Tangail one month ago. He was 65.

He breathed his last at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the capital around 8:30am, his son Mehedi Mostofa



SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center

PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 20

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-25 12-45 3-45 5-24 7-00

JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The bailey bridge on the Kakra river in Kurrent Haat area of Dinajpur's Chiribandar upazila collapsed early yesterday when a fertiliser-laden truck was crossing it. The accident snapped road communications between Parbatipur, Chiribandar upazilas and Dinajpur town.

PHOTO: STAR

Free Home Demo & Order
09613 105 105

Reverse Osmosis Purifier

Monthly Tk. 1666 / 12 Months EMI*

- RO**: Removes Odor and Gives Great Tasting Water
- AUTO SHUT OFF**: Safe Drinking Water Always
- IN LINE DEVICE**: Easy to use and Convenient

* Offer is available for credit card holders of: Standard Chartered, ZI, Abu Bank, NCC Bank, SmartPay, NRB Bank, NREC BANK

* MRP of Pureit Ultima is Tk. 20000

ADCCOM 2017