

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

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QUESTION LEAK
Govt, ministry not guilty, says JS body

RASHIDUL HASAN

Amid widespread criticism over the leak of question papers of even primary level students, a parliamentary standing committee yesterday blamed it all on the upazila level teachers' associations.

Although different quarters hold the government and the ministry concerned responsible for failing to check such incidents, the committee on primary and mass education thinks differently.

"Neither the government nor the ministry prepares the questions of class-I to class-IV. These questions are prepared by the upazila level teachers' associations. That's why none of the government or the ministry can be blamed [for the leaks]," Motahar Hossain, chief of the JS body, said after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Later at a briefing at the Jatiya Sangsad Media Centre, Motahar, also a former state minister for primary and mass education, repeated the comment.

There have been widespread allegations of leak of question papers of different examinations,

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UN VOTE ON JERUSALEM
Trump warns of cutting US aid

AFP, United States

President Donald Trump threatened yesterday to cut funding to countries that vote against the United States on a motion at the United Nations condemning Washington's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The UN General Assembly will hold an emergency session today to vote on a draft resolution that the United States vetoed at the Security Council after all other 14 countries backed the measure.

"They take hundreds of millions of dollars and even billions of dollars and then they vote against us," Trump said at the White House.

"Well, we're watching those votes. Let them vote against us. We'll save a lot. We don't care."

The draft resolution mirrors the vetoed measure, reaffirming that any decision on the status of Jerusalem has no legal effect and must be rescinded.

It does not mention Trump's decision but expresses "deep regret at recent decisions concerning the status of Jerusalem."

Diplomats expect strong support for the resolution, which is non-binding, despite the US pressure to either abstain or vote against it.

A council diplomat said Canada, Hungary and the Czech Republic might bow to US pressure and not support the draft resolution.

On Tuesday, US Ambassador Nikki Haley sent an email to UN envoys to put them on notice that "the president will be watching this vote carefully and has requested I report back on those countries who voted against us."

"We will take note of each and every vote on this issue," she wrote in the message seen by AFP.

On Twitter, Haley posted that "the US will be taking names" when the ambassadors of the 193-nation assembly cast their vote today.

"Nikki, that was the right message," Trump said.

"Threats" from Washington

Trump's December 6 decision to recognise Jerusalem broke with international consensus, triggering protests

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Chemical waste from tanneries in the capital's Hazaribagh area flows down a drain that falls into a canal connected to the Buriganga river.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Save rivers from pollution

Green activists urge govt to take action now as tanneries dump waste into Dhaleswari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the ongoing pollution in Dhaleswari River because of dumping of tannery waste, green activists yesterday said the imperfect design of the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate and utter mismanagement are putting the river and the neighbouring areas under threat.

They said the authorities need to address the flaws of the relocated tanneries and enhance their technical capabilities.

Speakers at a roundtable discussion titled 'How to protect Buriganga and Dhaleswari from Tannery Pollution', organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) at the Jatiya Press Club, called upon the concerned ministries to jointly work to save the river from pollution.

They said the authorities need to

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SHAHJALAL AIRPORT
Thirty flights delayed due to fog

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Flight operations at Hazra Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) were suspended for nine hours from 12:15am yesterday due to dense fog, resulting in the delay of at least 30 international and domestic flights.

Poor runway visibility forced the airport authorities to stop both inbound and outbound flight operations, said the Station Air Traffic Control (SATC) officer.

He said the fog was too heavy for flight operations after midnight. "The operations had resumed right after the fog began to clear," he added.

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Firefighters and villagers carefully tying ropes and hose pipes around a cow stuck in quicksand on the bank of the Padma in Rajshahi. It took almost two hours to rescue the Australian breed.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Frantic efforts to save a cow in danger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Firefighters and locals have pulled a cow free from quicksand on the bank of Padma river yesterday.

Residents of the city's Kumarpara area found the distressed animal around 8:30am.

"She was bellowing and struggling desperately. But it seemed like the more she struggled, the deeper she sank," said Abdul Wadud, one of the first few people to be at the scene.

He added that some of them tried pulling the lactating cow up from the quicksand for over an hour. But they could not help the

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বিসিএসআইআর বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প-প্রযুক্তি মেলা ২০১৮

বিজ্ঞান, শিল্প ও প্রযুক্তি বিকাশে এবং বিজ্ঞান মনস্ক জাতি গঠনে স্কুল কলেজের ছাত্র-ছাত্রী এবং বিজ্ঞান ক্লাব/স্বশিক্ষিত উদ্ভাবকদের নিয়ে বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিসিএসআইআর) ৩ দিনব্যাপী বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প-প্রযুক্তি মেলা ২০১৮ এর আয়োজন করেছে।

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London cafe unveils the 'selfieccino'

REUTERS, London

A cafe in London is taking barista art to a new level by giving customers the chance to sip on their own self-portraits.

The Tea Terrace, based in House of Fraser's Oxford Street branch, has become Europe's first location to deliver the "Selfieccino," which features an image of customers' faces on the frothy topping of their drinks.

Patrons send their headshots via an online messaging app to the barista and are given the choice of either a cappuccino or hot chocolate as their canvas.

The image is uploaded to the "Cino" machine

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DEVELOPMENT IN RESTIVE RAKHINE
India, Myanmar ink deal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India and Myanmar yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding for socio-economic development in Myanmar's restive Rakhine province and building prefabricated houses there to facilitate return of refugees from Bangladesh.

"Under the MoU, the Government of India proposes to take up, among others, a project to build prefabricated houses in Rakhine State so as to meet the immediate needs of returning people," a statement issued by India's Ministry of External Affairs said.

The MoU was signed by Indian Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar, who is on a visit to Myanmar, and Myanmar Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung.

The signing of the MoU is a follow-up of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first

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