### Monkeys

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Until now, the technique has been used to clone more than 20 different animal species, including dogs, pigs and cats, but primates have proven particularly difficult.

The birth of the now six and eightweek old macaque babies also raises ethical questions about how close scientists have come to one day cloning humans.

Humans could be cloned by this technique, in principle, said Poo, though this team's focus was on cloning for medical research.

One day, the approach might be used to create large populations of genetically identical monkeys that could be used for medical research -- and avoid taking

monkeys from the wild. "In the United States alone they are importing 30,000 to 40,000 monkeys each year by drug companies," said Poo.

"Their genetic backgrounds are all variable, they are not identical, so you need a large number of monkeys. For ethical reasons I think having cloned monkey will greatly reduce the (number of) monkeys used for drug tests."

Monkeys are commonly used in medical research on brain diseases like Parkinson's, cancer, immune and metabolic disorders. "The method used for these experi-

ments is similar to that used to clone Dolly," in 1996 but with several "updates," said William Ritchie, an embryologist on the team that cloned Dolly the sheep at the Roslin Institute of the University of Edinburgh.

## 'No pride'

causes annual debate over indigenous sensitivities.

The Australian government said the vandalism was "disgraceful".

"These vandals are trashing our national heritage and should be prosecuted," tweeted Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Alan Tudge.

He told local radio station 3AW: " want Australia Day to be a great unifying day for our country. It has been for many decades now."

Police said they were investigating the incident but no suspects had been identified. The national celebration falls on 26

Britain's First Fleet landed in Sydney Cove. Captain Cook had made it to Australia's east coast in 1770. Many indigenous Australians have said Australia Day should be held on

January, the day in 1788 when

a different date, arguing the current celebration is hurtful.

Several protests are planned for around the nation today after similar events in recent years.

However, the government has consistently defended the celebration.

Last year, a statue of Captain Cook in central Sydney was also vandalised with messages including "change the date" and "no pride in genocide".

It followed a high-profile public debate about whether it was appropriate for the statue to carry a plaque saying "discovered this territory".

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull condemned the vandalism at the time, drawing a comparison with Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.

"When [Stalin] fell out with his henchmen he didn't just execute them, they were removed from all official photographs - they became non-persons, banished not just from life's mortal coil but from memory and history itself," he said.

"Tearing down or defacing statues of our colonial era explorers and governors is not much better than that."

# Dredger

FROM PAGE 20 tide in Halda."

"It is during this time when the dolphins find it more difficult to move. When they move, they get injured by the propellers of the dredgers," he added.

While visiting the Halda, he claimed to have found seven points, including in Modunghat, Sattarghat and Kalurghat areas where the dredgers are being operated.

He held rampant sand extraction responsible for the loss of lives of the marine mammals and leveled allegations against an unscrupulous syndicate engaged in the illegal trade.

Only 200 to 250 dolphins were found recently during a census by Prof Kibria. From the number of previous sightings alone, it is thought that there were many more dolphins in the river before.

Prof Kibria said once upon a time dolphin-sightings were a common scenario in the Karnaphuli river, another waterbody nearby. Over the years, due to pollution and manmade hazards, dolphins disappeared

from the Karnaphuli. "A few of them are still found

around the Sangu river", he added. Istiak Ahmed, former country

director of IUCN Bangladesh, told The Daily Star that the dolphin species is internationally enlisted by IUCN as endangered and in Bangladesh it is categorised as nearly threatened. He blamed indiscriminate fishing,

pollution, damage of food chains and plying of mechanised boats, particularly dredgers, for the death of the marine mammals.

# Javed Patwary new IGP

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upgraded to the rank of secretary in 2013. He will replace AKM Shahidul Hoque, who will go into retirement on that day.

Mir Shahidul Islam, additional

management) of Police Headquarters, will take charge as the SB chief. Known for his clean image in the police force, Javed joined police service

inspector general (human resource

after he topped the merit list of the police cadre in the sixth BCS, 1984. He played a vital role in collecting

documents based on which "Karagarer Rojnamcha" (Diary in Jail) was written on the prison life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

According to police sources, a number of senior police officials lobbied for months to get the job of the IGP.

The names of Additional IGP (admin) Mukhlesur Rahman, Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia were discussed along with Javed as the next IGP. Hailing from Mandari village in

Chandpur Sadar upazila, he did his honours and master's in social welfare at Dhaka University. He also obtained a PhD in public administration at Jahangirnagar University. His research topic was "Combating Terrorism in Bangladesh: Challenges and Prospects". Father of two sons and a daughter,

Javed was born into a respectable Muslim family on April 15, 1961. He completed his secondary and higher secondary education in Chandpur.

He is supposed to go on post-

retirement leave on April 14, 2020.

Javed carried out duties as additional IG of SB, Criminal Investigation Department and Police Headquarters. He also served as the commissioner of Rajshahi and Khulna metropolitan police.

Besides, he was deputy inspector general in CID, special police superintendent in Dhaka city SB, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, staff officer to IGP, additional superintendent of Sylhet, ASP of Netrakona and police liaison officer to president.

He was also in the UN peacekeeping missions in Sudan, Kosovo, Sierra Leone and Croatia.

During his service life, Javed was awarded Bangladesh Police Medal, the highest national police award, in 2010

and 2011. He was also awarded IGP's Exemplary Good Service Badge twice.

sional training and obtained certificates from University of Leicester, University of Virginia, and Harvard University. He teaches at Police Academy in

The new IGP also received profes-

Rajshahi, Police Staff College in Dhaka, Detective Training School in Dhaka, Ministry of Public Administration and Bangladesh Secretariat as a resource person. Besides, he is a guest teacher of

Victimology and Restorative Justice of Dhaka University's Social Welfare and Research Institute and Department of Criminology and Police Science at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University.

# Uniform question

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admission tests, and state-owned banks' recruitment exams over the last couple of years. In most cases, questions were leaked allegedly through Facebook. The education ministry initially

brushed aside those allegations. It then took some measures to stop the leak, but the leaks continued. Asked whether there would be a risk

of question leak due to the unified question papers, Secondary and Higher Education Division Secretary Sohorab Hossain said they made the decision as there were criticisms that the standards of question papers varied from board to board.

Examinees of all education boards would take part in the exams under the same question papers, he added.

But if the evidence of question paper leak is found to be true during and even after a test, it will be cancelled, said Sohorab.

About the closure of coaching centres, Nahid said the coaching centres were the "hubs" of question leak.

"They [the coaching centres] get more students if they can manage to get the questions leaked. The coaching centres will remain shut down from

Friday until the exams end," he said, asking representatives of law enforcement agencies to take proper measures in this regard. Nahid said only the centre secretary

could keep "normal cell phones", not smart phones with them during the exams.

"No one can keep cell phones in the examination hall. Even we will also keep the cell phones outside if we go to visit centres," he said. Asked about shutting down of

Facebook, Nahid said, "We are discuss-

ing with Bangladesh

Telecommunication Regulatory Commission about closing of Facebook for a short period during the SSC exams. A decision would come in a day or two." Secretary Sohorab said the ministry would make the decision public within

a day or two after it consulted with the authorities concerned regarding blocking of the social networking site. Sheikh Nazmul Alam, joint com-

missioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, who was present at yesterday's meeting, said executive magistrates and centre secretaries must be present when the question papers would be collected from treasury offices.

# The pen stops

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But the pen of Shawkat Ali, a giant of a writer in Bangla literature, has stopped.

He died at a city hospital yesterday morning at the age of 82. The celebrated author, who also

wrote poems and stories for children, was admitted to the Labaid Hospital with lung infections and kidney and heart ailments on January 4.

He was put on life support on January 6. Later, he was shifted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital where he breathed his last.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed their deep shock at his passing. Both described it as an "irreparable loss for Bangla literature".

Leading writers, poets, cultural personalities, eminent citizens and hundreds of his admirers also expressed shock. Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu and Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor were among the many who mourned his death.

"Shawkat Ali created a colourful world in Bangla literature. He was unique and created a different style for his stories and novels," said noted storyteller Hasan Azizul Haque.

"His writings contributed immensely to Bangla literature and language. His works will inspire us for years," he said. Born on February 12, 1936, at

Raiganj in Dinajpur of West Bengal, Shawkat began writing when he was a class-nine student. He wrote poems in his early career. In the college years, he involved him-

self in communist movements. Subsequently, he wrote for Nutan Sahitya, a mouthpiece of leftist politicians. Many of his stories, poems and write-

ups for children were published in Dainik Millat, monthly Samakal and Daily Ittefaq. Shawkat Ali received a number of prestigious awards -- Bangla Academy

Award in 1968, Ekushey Padak in 1990, Philips Literary Award in 1986, Lekhak Shibir Medal in 1978 and Ajit Guha Literary Prize in 1982.

His most celebrated books include Prodoshe Prakritojon, Dakkhinayaner Din and Uttarer Khep, Kulay Kalsrot,

Shesh Bikeler Rod, Sthayee Thikana, Kahini O Kathapokathaon.

Of them, Prodoshe Prakritojon is considered as his magnum opus. Published in 1984, it tells the story of the oppression faced by the lower-caste people in the times of Sena Empire that ruled the Bengal through 11th and 12th centuries. It is also a story about how the "untouchables" stood up to their oppressors.

Uttarer Khep was made into a film in

A number of his writings are yet to be published.

He was laid to eternal rest at Jurain graveyard after Asr prayers yesterday.

Earlier in the day, his body was kept at the Central Shaheed Minar from

3:00pm to 4:00pm where people of all

strata of life paid their last respect. He passed his IA from Surendranath College in 1951 and BA in 1955, subsequently completing his MA in Bangla literature from Dhaka University in

1958. He joined daily Millat news desk in 1955. Later, he went to Thakurgaon to start working as a schoolteacher, but returned to Dhaka within six months to start his MA.

He taught Bangla at Jagannath College in Dhaka between 1962 and 1987. Later, he joined the Dhaka head office of District Gazetteer as an assistant director and later became its director. He was made principal of Government Music College in 1989 from where he retired in 1993.

### Abduction

FROM PAGE 2 Dakkhin Khan Police Station took

away Tk 40,000 from one Alauddin while searching his body. The SI was forced to return

Alauddin the money after the latter filed a written complaint with the deputy commissioner of Uttara Zone of DMP. In Brahmanbaria, two policemen

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and a woman were arrested on November 21 last year for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping of one Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan of Dewra village in Sarail and realising ransom for his release.

#### Police sue

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lawmaker Shamim Osman attacked the mayor's supporters, leading to a clash on Bangabandhu Road in the city's Chashara area on January 16 over eviction of hawkers from footpaths.

Quoting the case statement, the OC said hawkers started throwing brickbats when Ivy, councillors and her supporters arrived by foot in the Chashara area An altercation and fight took place between Ivy's supporters and one Niyajul Islam and his supporters.

During the clash many, including Ivy and journalists, sustained injuries. Police finally were able to disperse the crowd by firing blank shots and releasing tear gas. Asked about the delay in filing the

case, the OC said a general diary was filed following the incident. The current case was filed after investigation. Earlier on Tuesday, Narayanganj

police refused to record an attempted murder case against some local leaders and activists of Awami League and its front organisations in connection with attack on Ivy. However, police recorded a general

diary in this regard. Niyajul Islam, who brandished a firearm during the incident, has been named in the GD as the main accused.

#### Bangladesh

The 180 countries were scored on 24 performance indicators across 10 categories, including air quality, water and sanitation, heavy metals, biodiversity and habitat, forests, fisheries, climate and energy, air pollution, water resources, and agriculture. The report says, "We draw special

attention to the issue category of Air Quality. As the dominant source of diseases and disability in our data countries that score poorly in the 2018 EPI on air quality, such as India [Air Quality score of 5.75], China [14.39], and Pakistan [15.69], face a public health crisis that demands urgent attention."

Bangladesh scored 4.12 on air quality.

Switzerland emerged as the leading country in overall environmental performance with a score of 87.42. France, Denmark, Malta and Sweden were in the top five while the United States made it to the 27th rank. Seychelles ranks as the most-

improved country over the past decade, rising from a baseline score of 47.05 to a 2018 EPI score of 66.02, equivalent to a jump of 86 places in the rankings. This improvement springs largely from its commitment to combatting greenhouse gas emissions.

Analysing the environmental trend, the report said the overall global environmental quality was improving, indicating that the global community was moving closer to many of its development goals. The pace of progress, however, may

not be fast enough to achieve the

targets outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals and other international objectives, it added.

# Ex-AB Bank chair held

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According to the case statement, "Saiful introduced his friends and members of international fraud syndicate Khurram Abdullah and Abdus Samad Khan to Wahidul to launder money from the AB Bank."

Saiful, who is the chairman of Sky Aviation Services, general sales agent of FlyDubai, is believed to be one of the kingpins of the laundering syndicate. "They held several meetings in

Dubai," reads the case statement, also saying Wahidul and Mostafa held the meetings without informing proper authorities. The syndicate created Pinnacle

Global Fund (PGF), a Singapore-based fundraising and investment company, and opened an account of a company named Cheng Bao General Trading LLC at the UAE-based ADCB Bank, as per the FIR. Later, Wahidul and Mostafa pre-

pared a draft agreement and presented it at the 539th board meeting of the bank. The board imposed conditions that

after the release of \$60 million by PGF, the AB Bank will deposit its \$20 million bank guarantee to an account that would be operated jointly by the AB Bank and the PGF. Finally, the AB Bank struck a deal

with the PGF to invest \$20 million on

condition that the firm will give it eight

percent interest and invest \$80 million in it within 95 days of getting the \$20 million. "But for that, the AB Bank must have to take approval from Bangladesh Bank," reads the case statement, adding that Wahidul and Mostafa were also given condition that they would need

the board's approval before signing the contract. In its inquiry, the ACC found that the accused prepared the contract omitting "bank guarantee" and did not present it before the AB Bank's board.

Wahidul and Fazlur were the signatories to the contract.

In the interrogation, the ACC found that Wahidul and Mostafa flew to Dubai and got signatures of two representatives of the PGF. However, there were no mention of names and

#### Trump willing FROM PAGE 20

investigation. "I would like to do it as soon as possible," Trump said.

Trump said, however, that setting a date certain for an interview would be "subject to my lawyers and all of that." Asked whether he thought Mueller would treat him fairly, Trump replied: "We're going to find out."

Ty Cobb, the lawyer in charge of the White House response to Mueller's probe, said in a statement that Trump was speaking hurriedly to reporters before departing on his trip to Davos, Switzerland. Cobb said Trump emphasized that he remained committed to cooperating with the investigation and looked forward to speaking with Mueller.

addresses of the signatories of the PGF in the contract.

From Dubai, Mostafa directed his subordinates in the AB Bank to transfer \$20 million to the account of Cheng Bao General Trading LLC at ADCB

Nurul, on the instruction of Wahidul and Mostafa, released \$5 million on February 10, 2014; \$5 million on February 12, 2014 and \$10 million on February 13, 2014 from OBU unit of the AB Bank's Chittagong EPZ branch. "Soon after the transfer of the

money, the account was closed. The Singapore-based PGF Company had also been found non-existent since May 12, 2016," reads the case state-

AB Bank also sent \$25,000 as "consultancy fees" to another account of the fraud syndicate.

Khandaker Shaker Ahmed, officer-incharge of Kotwali Police Station, said police arrested Saddam Hossain, 24, and Pavel, 25, in Mymensingh town in connection with the killing of Ibrahim Khalil on Friday.

Islamic History and Culture department of Government Ananda Mohan College, was stabbed to death in town's Bolashpur area by muggers on the night of January 18.

Insan, 20, of Mymensingh town's Krishtapur area were involved in the killing and Nayeem was the "mastermind".

from Nayeem, a police team raided Bolashpur area around 3:30am yesterday to arrest his accomplices. They

cohorts started hurling cocktails and fired several bullets on the police team, the OC claimed. In retaliation, police also fired some 20 bullets. Nayeem was caught in the line of fire and he sustained bullet wounds in his abdomen when he

Mahbub and Constable Rashedul Islam -- were injured during the incident. They were given first aid.

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Notification of Award

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Bangladesh Bridge Authority Setu Bhaban

New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212 Website: www.bba.gov.bd

# **Invitation of Tender**

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA).
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6	Invitation for	Purchase of 0.1 (one) No.(30 Seats) brand new AC Minibus at Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka under Bangladesh Bridge Authority,
7	Invitation Ref No.	50.01.0000.119.00.04.17-23
8	Date	January 23, 2018.
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9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of official inviting tender Md. Monirul Alam. Designation of official inviting tender

Banani, Dhaka

Tel. No.: 55040318 Contact details of official inviting tender Fax No.: 55040331 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders. Special Condition: This invitation for tender notice will be available at Bangladesh Bridge Authority website www.bba.gov.bd

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Bank.

Without informing the central bank,

Besides, on Saiful's instruction, the

Key suspect

Ibrahim, a second-year student of

During interrogation, Saddam and Pavel confessed that Nayeem, 22, and

Police arrested Insan on Tuesday night and Nayeem early yesterday. Acting on information received

took Nayeem along with them. On sensing police presence, Nayeem's

attempted to run away from police custody, the OC said. He was rushed to MMCH immediately where the doctors declared him

Police recovered two knives from the spot and arrested one identified as Korshed Koshu, 25, an alleged accomplice of Nayeem. Korshed was being interrogated at the police station at the time this report was filed.

Two policemen -- sub-inspector