

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

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# Saving Halda's broodfish

*Vigilantes patrol river to stop indiscriminate fishing, help natural spawning*



MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chittagong

As residents of Uttar Madarsa village in Hathazari upazila settle in for the evening, a group of 30 vigilantes gear up to keep an eye on the Halda River to stop the indiscriminate fishing of broodfish.

Two teams of 15 members each patrol a 40-kilometre stretch of the river -- from Sattar Ghat to Moduna Ghat -- from dusk till dawn.

These teams set off on their mission to save the fish on their own in January last year.

In 2010, the Department of Fisheries had imposed a ban on fishing in the 40-km river stretch that crosses through the Hathazari and Raozan upazilas, to help the natural spawning of fish.

But with little to no monitoring, some locals took advantage and fished in seclusion and at night when no one was around.

As a result, fish yield and variety were both negatively impacted.

The local fishermen joined hands early last year as no

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Bangladesh batsman Sabbir Rahman (L) was part of a collapse that saw the hosts losing their last five wickets for just three runs to be bundled out for a paltry 110 on the second day of the second Test at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## 'LEAKED' SSC QUESTIONS Examinees continue to be lured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every question paper of the first five exams of the ongoing SSC has been leaked.

The leakers have even declared to reveal the math questions hours before the exam scheduled for 10:00am today.

"I would try to give you the part with creative questions in hand written form by night while the multiple choice questions with solutions will be given in the morning. Be added in our new group if you want to get it," wrote one user yesterday afternoon in a Facebook messenger group titled, SSC Helper 2018.

Even though the leakers sell question papers the day before the exam, they give it away for free in groups on Facebook and

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# Historic show of Koreas' unity

*Winter Olympics open with hope; two Koreas march under one flag, Kim Jong Un's sister, South's president shake hands*

AFP, Pyeongchang

The two Koreas marched together under one flag and South Korea's president shared a historic handshake with Kim Jong Un's sister as the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics opened in a spirit of intense rapprochement yesterday.

At a glittering ceremony, South and North Korea brought the crowd to its feet as they entered behind the blue-and-white Korean unification flag.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in shook the hand of a smiling Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as he entered the VIP seating section, and again as the Korean athletes marched.

It cemented what has been a rapid improvement in Korean ties since North

Korea -- after months of fierce nuclear rhetoric and missile tests -- agreed last month to attend its first Olympics in the South.

Kim Yo Jong, the first member of the North's ruling dynasty to venture South since the Korean War, forms part of the highest level delegation ever to cross the border.

South and North Korea last marched together at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. They also made the symbolic gesture at the opening of the 2000 and 2004 Olympics in Sydney and Athens.

"You will inspire us all to live together in peace and harmony despite all the differences we have," said International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach, before Moon declared the Games open.

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## Maldives crisis may get worse

*Warns top UN official; pro-opposition broadcaster shuts*

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A senior UN official warned the Security Council on Thursday that the situation in the Maldives where the president has declared a state of emergency may deteriorate even further.

The top UN body met behind closed doors to discuss the crisis sparked by President Abdulla Yameen's decision to arrest judges who had ordered the release of his political opponents.

UN Assistant Secretary-General Miroslav Jenca told the top UN body that while there were no reports of violent clashes, "the

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## Mars on Earth!

*Astronauts simulate Martian life in remote desert of Oman*



MAIL ONLINE

Astronauts are spending a month in isolation on a simulated 'red planet' in the desolate Dhofar desert in Oman to help prepare humanity for a future mission to Mars.

Using a drone, robotic rovers and an inflatable greenhouse, the astronauts will carry out 19 experiments on this barren area, picked for its resemblance to Mars.

Seen from space, the Dhofar Desert is a flat, brown expanse and few animals or plants survive its temperatures that can top 125 degrees Fahrenheit, or 51 degrees Celsius.

On the eastern edge of a seemingly endless dune is the Oman Mars Base -- a giant 2.4-ton inflated habitat surrounded by shipping containers turned into labs and crew quarters.

More than 200 scientists from 25 nations have chosen it as their location to field-test technology for a manned mission to the red planet which Nasa

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## Schoolboy stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified criminals stabbed a schoolboy to death in Majidpur area of Noakhali's Senbagh upazila on Thursday night.

The dead, Abu Shakher Shaheen, 15, a class nine student of Kabilpur High School, was a son of Jubo League leader Khorshed Alam.

Khorshed, president of ward-3 unit of Jubo League, said Shaheen received a phone call when they were returning home after offering Esha prayers at a mosque. Shaheen then told

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**PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 10**

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	5-25	12-45	4-30	5-57	7-15
JAMAAT	6-00	1-15	4-45	6-01	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



## Road crash kills 8-yr-old boy in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An eight-year-old boy was killed as he was hit allegedly by a police vehicle in the capital's Sayedabad yesterday.

The accident happened around 3:00pm when the boy was playing along with other children by the roadside.

The victim, Mohammad Raj, a class three student at Karatitola Government Primary School, was a son of Hanif Mia, said Anisur Rahman, officer-in-charge

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South Korean President Moon Jae-in shakes hands with Kim Jong Un's younger sister Kim Yo Jong at the Winter Olympics opening ceremony in Pyeongchang yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

**বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক**

**অননুমোদিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে লেনদেন হতে বিরত থাকার বিষয়ে সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি।**

অনলাইনে পেমেন্ট সুবিধা দেয়া হয় মর্মে কিছু প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক সম্প্রতি বিভিন্ন সংবাদ মাধ্যম এবং ইন্টারনেটে বিজ্ঞাপন প্রচার করা হচ্ছে যা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের গোচরীভূত হয়েছে।

সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ১৯৪৭ মোতাবেক শুধুমাত্র বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত প্রতিষ্ঠানই বৈদেশিক মুদ্রায় লেনদেনের প্রাধিকারপ্রাপ্ত। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত নয় এমন প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে বৈদেশিক মুদ্রায় লেনদেন না করার জন্য জনসাধারণকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।