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একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলেন-
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Justice elusive

2 years into Tonu murder, no visible progress in probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even two years after the murder of college student Tonu, justice seems elusive for her family.

Investigators have failed to identify any suspects, let alone arrest any.

All they say is "investigation is on".

The pace of the probe keeps disappointing us. For the last two years, CID officials have been telling us that they are looking into the case. Actually, they are dilly-dallying over bringing the culprits to book," Tonu's mother Anwara Begum told The Daily Star recently.

"We doubt that we would ever get justice," she said, adding that her husband, Yaar Hossain, has become sick thinking about their daughter.

Talking to this correspondent, Yaar said, "What will I say? ... It seems the matter is deliberately being covered-up."

Khairul Anam Raihan, spokesperson for Comilla Gonojagoron Mancha, a platform that staged several protest programmes demanding the arrest of Tonu's killers, said, "The CID seems hazy about the investigation. But we won't stop [our movement] until Tonu's murderers are arrested. We are planning for another gathering this month."

Sohagi Jahan Tonu, a student of Comilla Victoria College and also a theatre activist, was found murdered inside the Comilla Cantonment on this day in 2016.

The incident led to an outrage across the country. Numerous rallies and other protest programmes were



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UNHYGIENIC... A street vendor makes fruit juice on a cart near Shahbagh intersection in the capital yesterday. With the source of water remaining unknown, such drinks are prepared and served in unhygienic conditions. However, many ignore the issue and drink them apparently to get relief from the heat, putting their health at risk.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

MOSQUITO BREEDING DSCC to run mobile court in homes

Warns of legal action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Residents of Dhaka South City Corporation area will have to face fine or imprisonment or both if any breeding ground of Aedes mosquitoes, responsible for the spread of dengue and chikungunya, is spotted at their homes.

"If any Aedes mosquito breeding ground or its eggs or larva is found at any house, action will be taken against the homeowner," DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon said at a views-exchange meeting at the Nagar Bhaban yesterday.

He said a mobile court will carry out drives at houses in the city's different areas on April 8. Copies of a notice would be sent to the 1.65 lakh homeowners soon urging them to make sure that there was no breeding spot of Aedes mosquitoes at their homes, he added.

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Nat'l Defence Policy okayed

Armed forces will be in command of all other forces during war, crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All paramilitary and auxiliary forces will come under the operational command of armed forces in times of war or crisis, said Cabinet Secretary Shafiqul Alam citing a draft of the National Defence Policy-2018.

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft in principle.

The draft is based on the current defence policy formulated by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1974.

It was approved at a cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at her office, Shafiqul Alam told reporters at the secretariat.

"The policy was prepared with a vision of building people-oriented, modern and professionally competent armed forces to protect the country's independence and sovereignty and ensure public welfare," he said.

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RELOCATION OF 1 LAKH ROHINGYAS Preparations on in Bhasanchar

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Around one lakh Rohingya refugees are going to be relocated to Bhasanchar of Hatiya upazila in Noakhali as works of building shelters and housing are in progress.

The relocation may start before the upcoming rainy season depending on completion of the construction works, said officials of the divisional commissioner's office.

Contacted, Divisional Commissioner Abdul Mannan said primarily they are planning to relocate nearly one lakh Rohingyas from Ukhia to Bhasanchar.

"The Bangladesh Navy is building the shelters, houses and doing protection works in Bhasanchar. We have requested the principal secretary of the Prime Minister's Office to form a committee in this regard as the district administration is the owner of the land," he added.

The divisional commissioner expressed the hope that they would start the relocation before the upcoming rainy season.

The Rohingyas who are sheltered in Kutupalang and Balukhali in Ukhia would be shifted first, said Kamal Hossain, deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar.

"We have estimated that around 1.31 lakh Rohingya refugees are at risk of being affected in floods and 24,000 more are at risk of landslides as they live in the slopes of hills," he added.

According to a report of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, 40 percent works of building 120 shelters and 1,440 houses have already been completed.

The report was presented at a meeting on Safeguard and Security of

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'Unwell' Suu Kyi scraps public speech

AFP, Sydney

Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday pulled out of a public speech and question-and-answer session in Sydney because she was "not feeling well", the event's organisers said.

Suu Kyi has been under fire internationally for her public silence about a military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state that has seen nearly 700,000 of the Muslim Rohingya minority flee to Bangladesh.

Suu Kyi, who attended a special Asean-Australia summit on Friday-Sunday, was in Canberra for talks with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. She had been due to make a keynote speech at the Lowy Institute think-tank in Sydney today.

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Hawking predicted 'end of the universe'



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A theory explaining how we might detect parallel universes and a prediction for the end of the world was completed by Stephen Hawking shortly before he died, it has emerged.

The renowned theoretical physicist was working right up until his death last week on his final work - A Smooth Exit from Eternal Inflation - which is currently being reviewed by a leading scientific journal. In it he predicted that the universe would eventually end when stars run out of energy.

But Hawking also theorised in his final work that scientists could find alternate universes using probes on space ships, allowing humans to form an even better understanding of our own universe, what else is out there and our place in the cosmos.

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Cop hurt in late night raid in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A policeman was shot late last night after police cordoned off a house in Madhya Pirerbagh area of Mirpur during a raid.

Teams from the Detective Branch of police and Mirpur Police Station conducted the raid around 11:30pm yesterday following a tip-off

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JAMAT 5-30 1-15 5-00 6-20 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A man comes right in front of a moving bus in the middle of Elephant Road in the capital, stops the vehicle and gets into it, inset, yesterday. This practice is not uncommon in the city and a momentary lapse of control by drivers can be dangerous.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

No trace of 2 hill women leaders

UPDF blames splinter faction for abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Two leaders of Hill Women's Federation (HWF) have been abducted from Kutukchhari area of Rangamati Sadar upazila.

The victims are: Manti Chakma, central general secretary of HWF, and Doya Sona Chakma, general secretary of Rangamati unit HWF, an associate organisation of United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF).

Protesting the abduction and demanding release of the two, HWF, Pahari Chhatra

Parishad and Democratic Youth Forum jointly called a dawn-to-dusk road and waterway blockade for tomorrow in Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts, said press releases of HWF and UPDF.

Around 9:30am on Sunday, criminals attacked the house of Dharma Sing Chakma, president of Democratic Youth Forum's Rangamati unit, in Kutukchhari and opened fire. He suffered bullet injuries, said a press release signed by Niron

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