HIGHEST SELLING CEMENT for more than 12 years
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Tourists flock to the St Martin's Island, one of the main tourist attractions of the country. Many of them, *inset*, walking on corals, threatening the biodiversity of the island. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Biodiversity trampled in St Martin's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The environment of St Martin's Island can hardly cope with the pressure of 900 tourists a day, but nearly 10,000 people go there for overnight visits every day during peak season, Sultan Ahmed, director general of the Department of Environment, said yesterday.

It is happening despite a law prohibiting overnight visits, he pointed out.

The island's biodiversity is being destroyed by the overwhelming number of tourists, he said at a workshop on conservation of ecology in Cox's Bazar circuit house.

At this rate, residents of the island will not be able to live there.

Dying corals, fewer birds

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RECKLESS DRIVING

Eight killed in bus crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Faridpur*

Eight people were killed and 26 others injured as a bus plunged into a roadside ditch after hitting a tree at Birshordi in Gopalganj's Muksudpur early yesterday.

Passengers of the Barguna-bound bus from Dhaka blamed reckless driving for the accident.

Quoting locals, Azajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bhanga Highway Police Station, said the accident happened on Dhaka-Barisal highway when the bus driver lost his control over the steering around 3:00am. Six people were killed on the spot and 28 others wounded.

The injured were rushed to Bhanga Upazila Health Complex. Some of them were later moved to Faridpur Medical College Hospital where two more died from their injuries.

Six of the eight deceased were identified as Dipon Biswas, 28, of Barisal's Agailjhara upazila; Ashim Maji, 35, of Jhalakati's Nalchhity upazila; and Hasan Mridha, 30, of Patuakhali Sadar upazila; and Nojir Gazi, 36, of Barguna's Amtoli upazila; Jahurul Islam, 29, of Barisal's Mehendiganj upazila; and Bazrul Rahman

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A WAR FOR OIL-LAST PART

The Iraq War, in its aftermath, has created dreaded forces like the al-Qaeda, the IS, the ISIS, or the ISIL. As the various regions of the Middle East today lie in ruins, causing hundreds and thousands to flee as refugees, the Shias and Sunnis battle out their centuries-old rivalries to regain superiority in a land balkanized along ethnic identities.

The world today has turned into an unsafe place, the like of which the world has never known and it seems there is no end in sight.

The fragmented land

INAM AHMED *and* SHAKHAWAT LITON

Dhaka was free of its persistent dusts that Ramadan evening because of a monsoon shower. Iftar was just over at the end of a long day. Local and expat patrons had gathered to chat away a pleasant time inside the posh Spanish restaurant, Holey Artisan, right at the heart of Dhaka's diplomatic zone when five young men, all in their teens and 20s, entered with backpacks. The pleasant conversations over dinner were violently disrupted as the youths brought out automatic weapons from their backpacks and sprayed the helpless diners with small caliber bullets. They then finished the mayhem by butchering the survivors with machetes. Their target was the foreigners.

As things slowly and painfully unfolded, it became clear that the youths

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HSC exams start today

Examinees are to get lottery-picked questions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 13 lakh students sit for the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations this morning with the government taking various measures to prevent question leak.

Shutting all the coaching centres till the end of the exams, setting the question sets through a lottery 25 minutes prior to the test,

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JAMAAT	5-15	1-15	5-00	6-24	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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১-৭ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ জাতীয় কৃমি নিয়ন্ত্রণ সপ্তাহ সফল করুন

- ১-৭ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ প্রাথমিক ও মাধ্যমিক পর্যায়ের সকল শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে উপস্থিতির মাধ্যমে বিদ্যালয়গামী ও বিদ্যালয় বহির্ভূত ৫-১৬ বছর বয়সী সকল শিশুকে ১ ডোজ কৃমি নাশক ঔষধ খাওয়ানো হবে।
- একই সাথে পরিবারের অন্য সদস্যদেরকেও নিজ ব্যবস্থাপনায় কৃমি নাশক ঔষধ সেবন করতে হবে।
- উল্লেখিত সময়ে একই বয়সী সকল শিক্ষার্থীদের বিনামূল্যে স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষাও সম্পন্ন করা হবে।

করণীয়ঃ

- বছরে দুইবার, ছয়মাস পর পর আপনার শিশুকে কৃমির ঔষধ খাওয়ান
- আহারের পূর্বে ভালমত হাত সাবান দিয়ে ধুয়ে ফেলুন
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- স্বাস্থ্য সম্মত পায়খানা ব্যবহার করুন
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- নিয়মিত নখ কাটুন
- পায়খানা ব্যবহারের সময় জুতা বা স্যান্ডেল ব্যবহার করুন।

সবাই একসাথে কৃমি নাশক ঔষধ সেবন করি, কৃমিমুক্ত বাংলাদেশ গড়ি।

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No more secrets!

New machine can translate your thoughts

MAIL ONLINE

Scientists have developed an astonishing mind-reading machine which can translate what you are thinking and instantly display it as text.

They claim that it has an accuracy rate of 90 per-cent or more and say that it works by interpreting

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Mother, son found dead at home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

A mother and her son were found dead at a house in Kharpara residential area of Mirabazar in Sylhet city yesterday morning.

Her five-year-old daughter was rescued alive from the house.

The deceased were identified as Rokeya Begum, 40 and her son Rabiul Islam Rupon, 16.

Police suspect that they were murdered on Friday afternoon or night. Several knife wounds were found in the woman's throat, hands and thigh; the boy appeared to have died from suffocation by a pillow.

Paritosh Ghose, additional commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP), said police found finger

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