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SAIDPUR AIRPORT EXPANSION

Homes built to hike land price

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

The government plan to upgrade Saidpur airport from domestic to international has had an unexpected consequence—a rush to build homes around the runway.

Residents of the northern town believe the authorities will pay better prices for homesteads when acquiring land for expansion of the airport. As a result, many have gone on what appears to be a home-building spree on farm land with no utility connections.

"This is our little effort at getting better prices. The value of land in the area would double or triple in a couple of years. But that will be of no use to us, as the government is acquiring the land soon," said Haider Ali, who recently built a house on his land near the airport, said.



Like him, many residents of Telipara, Bhujaripara, Baroishal, and Chowmohoni villages around Saidpur Airport have built homes mostly of corrugated iron sheets and bamboos.

Officials, however, have a less charitable view towards the landowners in the area.

Shahin Ahmed, manager of the airport, SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



Only a few months ago this piece of land in Telipara near Saidpur Airport was arable but the owner has built a wall around it so that it appears to be a residential plot. The government plans to expand the runway to convert the domestic airport into an international one and land owners are in a race to turn their land into residential plots to get more compensation when they are acquired.

PHOTO: EAM ASADUZZAMAN

Mujibnagar Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The nation is observing the historic Mujibnagar Day today to recall the oath-taking of the country's first government in 1971.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued messages, marking the day.

In his message, the president said the country had achieved independence through a nine-month struggle on December 16, 1971 under the leadership of the Mujibnagar government.

Nations from across the world had extended their support and cooperation to the Bangalee nation due to constitution of the Mujibnagar government, he added.

The president hoped the present generation would be able to know the real SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

Trump 'morally unfit' for office

Says ex-FBI chief, faces heat of US president, Republicans

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump yesterday fired back at James Comey, saying he is guilty of "many crimes," as the former FBI director opened a book tour with an interview in which he labelled the US president "morally unfit" for office.

Trump accused Comey of lying to Congress and exonerating



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BANGLADESH-INDIA-NEPAL BUS SERVICE

Trial run on April 23

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

In a major development incross-border transport among three South Asian nations, trial run of a Bangladesh-India-Nepal bus service is set to be launched on April 23.

Preparations are now at the final stage for the trial run, which, according to diplomatic circle, is going to be another milestone in seamless passenger-vehicle movement under the sub-regional grouping.

Government officials and representatives from Bangladesh, India and Nepal will board two buses carrying more than 40 passengers from Dhaka to Kathmandu via Siliguri.

They would start a thousand-kilometre journey for two days under the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA). However, regular passenger service would take around 30 hours, transport officials in Dhaka said.

Currently, passengers use

Lalmonirhat-Burimari-Changrabandha-Siliguri route to go to Kathmandu. The new route will cut short the journey by more than 100km, while the passengers will be able to enjoy some of the lush green hills on the way.

The protocol for bus passengers will allow the three countries to operate the bus services on Rangpur-Banglabandha-Fulbari-Siliguri-Panitanki-Kakarvitta route which will reduce the Dhaka-Kathmandu journey

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Watermelons from across the country arrive in boats at Waiz Ghat on the Buriganga in the capital. The summer fruit is in season now and it is flooding the city markets. A number of consumers said the prices are still higher than they had hoped.

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Nasa to launch hunt for 20,000 exoplanets

AFP, Tampa

Nasa is poised to launch a \$337 million washing machine-sized spacecraft that aims to vastly expand mankind's search for planets beyond our solar system, particularly closer, Earth-sized ones that might harbour life.

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, or TESS, was scheduled to launch at 6:32 pm yesterday atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Its main goal over the next two years is to scan more than 200,000 of the brightest stars for signs of planets circling them and causing a dip in brightness known as a transit.

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