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# Raw materials rotting away

Bamboo, soft wood remain unused at Karnaphuli Paper Mills for years due to broken machines

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Bamboo and soft wood worth around Tk 10 crore have been rotting at Karnaphuli Paper Mill (KPM) for over two years, after production of pulp was halted following "technical glitches" in machines at the pulp mill.

KPM stopped procuring bamboo and soft wood from 2014, when the machines first started malfunctioning. Since then, the authorities concerned began importing pulp wood and using rejected and recycled paper to keep the mill functional.

The machines in the pulp mill that are currently out of use are-- the chipper, the digester and those in the washing section, chemical recovery plant and chlorine plant.

As all these went out of order, the bamboo and soft wood collection stopped and consequently the production capacity of the mill also nosedived.

In its heydays of 2007-9, the mill was profitable as production reached 80 to 100 tonnes and workers also received a portion of the dividends. However, since the machines started breaking down, the production came down five to 10 tonnes.

Contacted M M Abdul Kader, managing director of KPM, told The Daily Star that since joining as the managing director, he had initially found only two parts of the mill not operating.

Due to technical glitches, the digester (the machine that crushes bamboo and soft wood) and the chemical recovery

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Unable to go to the sea to catch hilsa during the peak season due to inclement weather, fishermen cover themselves with plastic sheets in the rain and mend their nets to utilise their time at shore. The photo was taken at Fishery Ghat in Chittagong city yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Assam quake jolts parts of Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

A 5.3-magnitude earthquake shook the capital and some other parts of the country yesterday.

The epicentre of the quake was in Saptagram of India's Assam state, 293 kilometres north of BMD Seismic Centre in Agargaon, said Mominul Islam, a meteorologist at Dhaka Met office.

The tremor was felt at 10:50am, he added.

However, the US Geological Survey said the epicentre was nine kilometres away from Saptagram. It measured the earthquake's magnitude at 5.6.

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## India will expel them one by one

Says BJP president about 'illegal immigrants from Bangladesh'

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

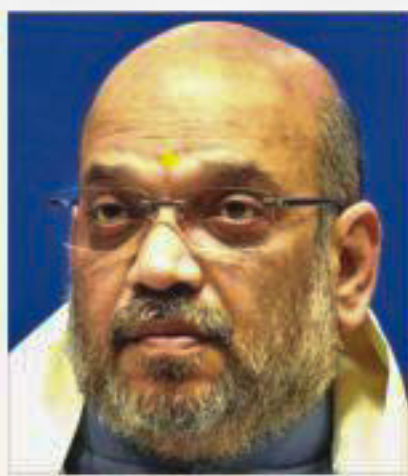
BJP president Amit Shah said Tuesday that the government will identify all illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in India and expel them, one by one.

Addressing party workers in Jaipur, Shah also said that the BJP would win every election, even if there were attempts by the opposition to revive issues such as the killing of Mohammed Akhlaq over suspicion of consuming beef or the return of awards by authors citing a climate of intolerance.

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress over the NRC, Shah said: "You oppose it as much you want, but the BJP's vision is that we won't let even one Bangladeshi infiltrator stay in the country...We will single them out, one by one, and expel them."

Later in the evening, addressing a gathering of senior party leaders and residents, Shah said that the BJP government will not go back on the issue of NRC.

"We have taken a firm decision that the BJP will not go back on the NRC."



Amit Shah

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## 6 more lives lost in road crashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least six people died, and four others injured, in separate road accidents on the Dhaka-Chittagong and Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highways yesterday. One of the accidents involved a slow vehicle, which are banned from plying on highways.

On the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway, four people were killed and four others injured in a road accident at Chakaria area.

It occurred just one day after another such accident took seven lives on the same highway.

Mizanur Rahman, in-charge of Harabang Police Outpost, said the accident took place as a Cox's Bazar-bound lorry rammed a battery-run slow three-wheeler, locally known as "easy bikes", at

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## President Weah's football comeback

REUTERS, Monrovia

Liberia President and former World Footballer of the Year George Weah made a surprise return to international competition in Monrovia on Tuesday, playing in a 2-1 loss to Nigeria a few weeks short of his 52nd birthday.

Liberia had arranged the friendly to retire the number 14 jersey made famous by Weah but fans

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AUG 21 ATTACK

## Trial of cases likely to end next week

Prosecution, defence directed to complete arguments by Sept 18

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The long-drawn-out trial of the August 21 grenade attack cases is likely to end next week as a Dhaka court has asked the prosecution and defence counsels to complete their closing arguments on legal points within two days.

After hearing the prosecution's rebuttal arguments against defence arguments for the fourth day yesterday, Judge Shahed Nuruddin of Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 set September 17-18 for hearing the closing arguments.

The tribunal will then set the date for delivery of judgment in the cases.

At the outset of the hearing yesterday, Special Public Prosecutor Abu Abdullah Bhuiyan cited different rulings and decisions of higher courts in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. He said the rulings and decisions would help the court deliver its verdict in the cases.

The lawyer said conspiracy and other charges brought against BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman and 48 others were proved beyond any doubt and they deserve the highest punishment for their involvement in the grenade attack.

At least 24 people were killed and around 300 injured in the grisly attack

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Russian armoured personnel carriers roll during military exercises in the Chita region, eastern Siberia. Inset, A Russian warship being loaded with a missile. Russia has launched what it called its largest ever military drills on Tuesday, with hundreds of thousands of troops taking part along with Chinese soldiers in a show of force which Nato condemned as a rehearsal for "large-scale conflict". The week-long war games dubbed "Vostok-2018"(East-2018) "have kicked off" in far eastern Russia. Taking part in the drills are around 300,000 soldiers, 36,000 military vehicles, 80 ships and 1,000 aircrafts, helicopters and drones.



PHOTO: MAIL ONLINE

## UN gets access to Rakhine

Myanmar grants permission to UN teams to operate there for the first time after Rohingya crackdown

AFP, Yangon

The UN began work inside Myanmar's violence-torn northern Rakhine state yesterday, the first time its agencies have been granted permission to operate there since more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fled the area last year.

The UN has been waiting for access to the epicentre of the military's "clearance operations" against the Rohingya minority since June when its refugee and development

agencies signed a deal with the government.

Its work is highly sensitive inside Rakhine, a state cut deep with ethnic and religious hatred and where Buddhist locals stand accused of helping the army chase out their Muslim neighbours.

Many Rakhine accuse international aid groups, including the UN, of a pro-Rohingya bias and foreign aid groups have been granted very limited access to the state.

The task is complicated further as the

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