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Man killed in anti-drug raid in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An alleged drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with Rab in Chattogram city's Muradpur area around midnight on Thursday.

The dead is Asim Roy Babu, 40, of Banskhalhi upazila.

Family members and police sources said Asim was involved in politics of Jubo League. However, The Daily Star could not verify the information independently.

Mimtanur Rahman, senior assistant director of Rab-7 media wing, said a Rab team received a tip-off that drug peddlers would cross the Bibirhat Railway Gate area in Muradpur.

As the team signalled a car to pull over at a temporary check post in the area, its passengers opened fire on the Rab men.

Members of the elite force fired back, triggering the "gunfight".

The shooting ended after sometime and the Rab team found bullet-hit Asim lying injured on the spot. He was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Mimtanur said four Rab personnel, including the deputy director of Rab-7 (Feni camp), were injured in the "gunfight" as they were hit by bullets.

The injured are Squadron Leader Shafayet Jamil Fahim, DD of Rab-7, Maj Hasan, Lance Corporal Shahid and sainik Arif. They were admitted to Chattogram Combined Military Hospital (CMH). Yesterday evening, they were sent to



Asim Roy Babu

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, flanked by high officials of the Bangladesh Football Federation, tournament sponsors and other dignitaries, hands over the Bangabandhu Gold Cup trophy to the Palestine team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The Palestinians became new champions after beating 10-man Tajikistan 4-3 on penalties after regulation and extra time ended goalless. Palestine goalkeeper Rami Hamada became the hero of the final with two penalty saves.

PHOTO: STAR

Doctors warn of global C-section 'epidemic'

AFP, Paris

Worldwide Caesarean section use has nearly doubled in two decades and has reached "epidemic" proportions in some countries, doctors warned yesterday, highlighting a huge gap in childbirth care between rich and poor mothers.

They said millions of women each year may be putting themselves and their babies at unnecessary risk by undergoing C-sections at rates "that have virtually nothing to do with evidence-based medicine".

In 2015, the most recent year for which complete data is available, doctors performed 29.7 million

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DIGITAL SECURITY ACT SAHR calls for review

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR) yesterday expressed deep concern over passing of the Digital Security Act 2018 by the Bangladesh government despite strong criticism at national and international levels.

In a press statement, the rights organisation said some provisions of the act could be used to deprive citizens of their liberty and freedom of expression guaranteed by the constitution.

Urging the government to immediately review the act, it said the act could subject the citizens to "disproportionately high punishments" just for online speeches, which are

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BNP reacts to observations

It's similar to AL's political speech, says Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Court's observations in the August 21 grenade attack case verdicts "exactly reflect the ruling Awami League's political speeches", BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

Different newspapers on Thursday published reports on the court's observations in the judgments in the grenade attack cases, saying that the attack was carried out with the help of the then state machineries, he said.

"Like the countrymen, we have been stunned by such news," Fakhrul said while addressing a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan central office.

A Dhaka court on Wednesday found all the accused, including BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, guilty in the two cases filed over the grenade attack on an AL rally on

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MISSING SAUDI JOURNO

Turkey says it has proof of murder

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Turkish authorities have audio and visual evidence that shows journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul just over a week ago, a source familiar with the ongoing investigation told CNN.

The source, who was briefed by a Western intelligence agency, says the evidence showed there had been an assault and a struggle inside the consulate. There is also evidence of the moment that Khashoggi was killed, the source said.

The foreign intelligence service was shocked by the nature of the evidence, provided in a briefing from Turkish officials, the source told CNN.

Khashoggi, a columnist for the Washington Post, walked into the consulate in Istanbul on October 2 intending to get paperwork that would allow him to marry his Turkish fiancée. He hasn't been seen in public since.

Saudi Arabia firmly denies any involvement in his disappearance and says he left the consulate that afternoon. His fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, who was waiting outside says she did not see him re-emerge. Turkey has called on Saudi officials to provide evidence that he left the consulate, as they claim.

The Washington Post reported late Thursday that the Turkish government had told US officials that it was in possession of audio and video recordings proving that Khashoggi was murdered in the consulate, citing



Khashoggi

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Heavy rain to continue for one more day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rainfall and low temperature might continue in the country for one more day as an impact of the deep depression over the Indian state of Odisha.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely in Chattogram, Barishal, Khulna, Dhaka, Rajshahi, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions as deep depression lies over Odisha," said an official of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

Thundershowers and squally wind are also likely to occur alongside rain, he said, adding, day and night temperature might fall slightly over the next one day.

"However, the temperature is likely to rise once

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Mice born of two genetic mothers



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have been able to breed mice with same-sex parents using a breakthrough technique involving stem cells and gene editing.

Researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences have produced healthy mice with two mothers, who were then able to go on to reproduce themselves.

Mice with two fathers were also born during the study, but only survived for a matter of hours.

Using female same-sex parents, the scientists were able to produce a total of 29 live mice from 210 embryos.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Some unscrupulous fishermen have been netting hilsa in the Meghna defying a 22-day ban, and selling those at a makeshift market in Munshiganj Sadar upazila for last few days. Inset, traders buying hilsa from fishermen by the river in Bakchar area yesterday morning.

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh elected UNHRC member

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has been elected a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the next three years.

The election to the council was held in New York yesterday.

"Bangladesh has so far won thrice -- 2009-2012, 2015-2017 and 2019-2021 -- during the tenures of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam told UNB.

Bangladesh bagged 178 votes in the election where the members of the UN General Assembly voted, he added.

The state minister also said the election result signified international community's trust and confidence in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh secured more votes than Bahrain and Philippines (165 votes). The Human Rights Council is an

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