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Move to check groundwater depletion

Govt to make rainwater harvesting mandatory for buildings with roof of 300sqm and above

HELEMUL ALAM

After years of neglect and a bit of experiment, the government is set to make rainwater harvesting mandatory. According to a draft of the revised Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC), which is waiting to be vetted at the housing and public works ministry, every building with a rooftop of 300 square metres and above must have the means to conserve rainwater and a well to recharge aquifers. The housing ministry in a circular on May 6 said every 500sqm or above building in the capital's Tejgaon Industrial Area must have the arrangements. The process includes collecting and storing rainwater for future use and injecting some of the water into the underground aquifers through specially designed recharge wells. Experts say the process reduces groundwater depletion. Many countries across the world, including India, have been harvesting rainwater and recharging the aquifers. To make sure only fresh rainwater is recharged into aquifers and qualified plumbers are involved in the process, the revised BNB code said rainwater harvesting system should not be installed without permission from the Rajdhani

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A Spanish all-female musical ensemble, Las Migas performs on the concluding night of the DIFF-2018 at the army stadium.

Melodic soundscape in the open

DIFF concludes on high note

ZAHANGIR ALOM

The fourth Dhaka International Folk Fest 2018 concluded on a high note yesterday, producing some of the best soundscapes of the grand event.

The third act of the evening, hailing all the way from Barcelona, was Las Migas, a unique, all-female, Spanish ensemble that creates a fascinating blend of Flamenco and Mediterranean styles, combining classic and contemporary rhythms and melodies that range from powerful to passionate to playful.

The four women of Las Migas come from four different cities that span not only the geography of Spain but also its cultural diversity -- Barcelona, Sevilla, Cordoba and Lerida. The two Andalusians are the guitarists: Marta Robles and Alicia Grillo. The two

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CONVICTION FOR GRAFT Khaleda may file appeals this week

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia may file separate appeals this week challenging her conviction and jail sentence in the Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust graft cases with an aim to contest the upcoming parliamentary polls.

"We will file separate appeals on behalf of Khaleda Zia in connection with the Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust cases within this week for her acquittal. If the appeals are filed, Khaleda Zia can contest the upcoming national election."

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KHASHOGGI KILLING CIA blames Saudi Crown prince

Saudi Arabia dismisses claims in US media

AGENCIES

The US Central Intelligence Agency has concluded Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was behind the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, US media reported Friday, citing people close to the matter.

The US assessment directly contradicts the conclusions of a Saudi prosecutor one day prior, which exonerated the prince of involvement in the brutal murder.

But The Washington Post, which broke the story, said the CIA found that 15 Saudi agents flew on government aircraft to Istanbul and assassinated Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate.

Queried by AFP, the CIA declined to comment.



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GAS CYLINDER BLAST Nine injured at Rohingya camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least nine Rohingya refugees were injured as a gas cylinder, used for inflating balloons, blasted at a camp in Ukhia upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday morning.

Md Abul Khair, officer-in-charge of Ukhia Police Station, said the injured were admitted to a medical camp in the upazila's Kutupalong area.

A cylinder went off with a big bang when a vendor was inflating balloons at the

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Reverse Pinocchio Researchers find that your nose shrinks when you lie



ODDITY CENTRAL

Pinocchio may be just a children's fairy tale, but Spanish scientists at the University of Granada recently investigated the so-called 'Pinocchio effect' and found that our noses don't grow when we tell a lie, but actually shrink a bit.

Dr Emilio Gómez Milán and his team developed a lie detector test that used thermography to tell if people were lying, and found that whenever participants in their research were being untruthful, the temperature of the tip of their nose dropped up to 1.2 degrees Celsius, while the temperature of their forehead increased up to 1.5C. Scientist also found that drop in temperature at nose level actually caused it to slightly shrink, although the difference is undetected by the human eye.

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BSS Managing Editor Shahriar passes away

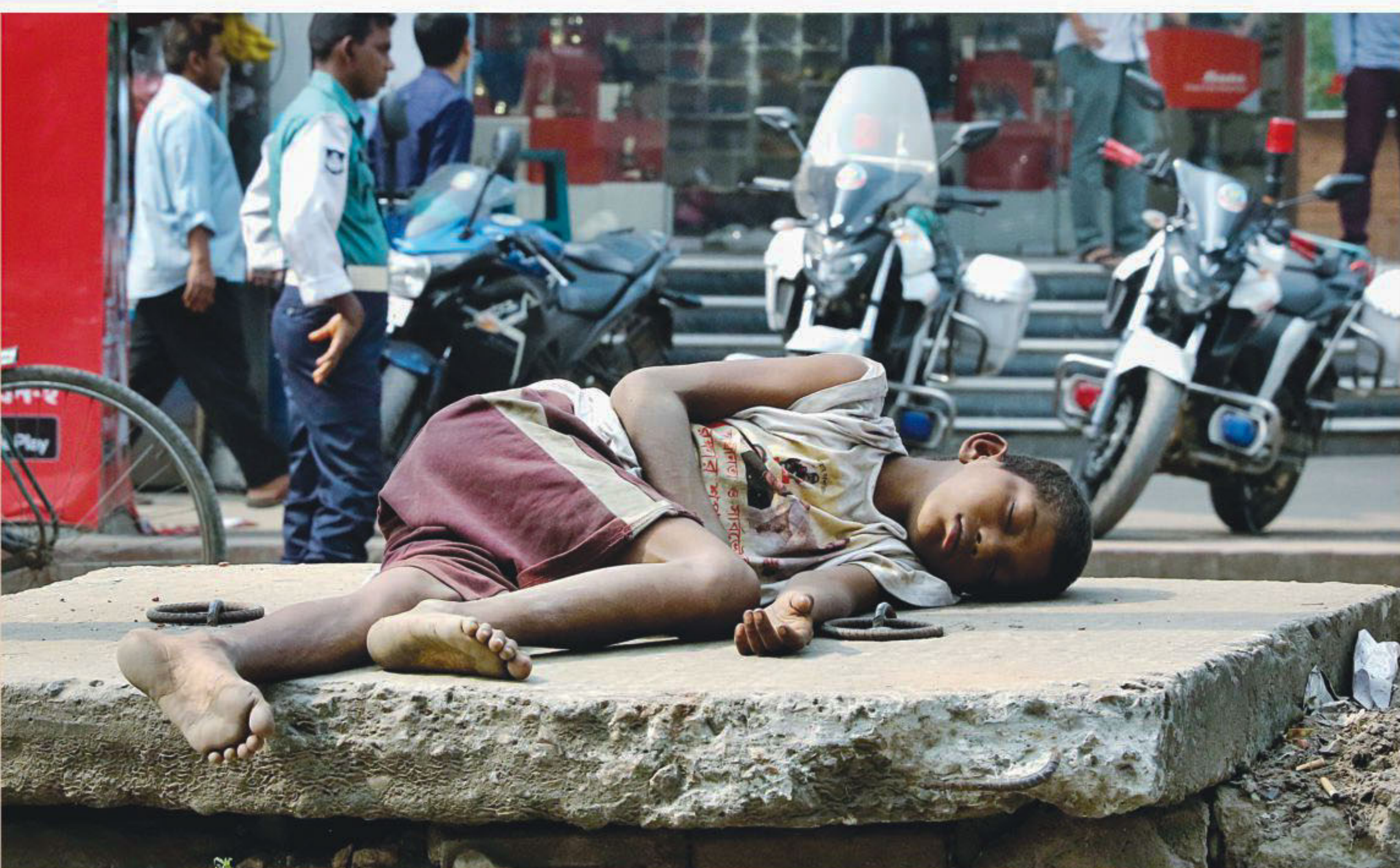
BSS, Dhaka

Shahriar Shahid, managing editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), passed away in the capital's Apollo Hospitals yesterday. He was 55.

He left behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Shahriar was the son of AKM Shahidul Haque, former editor of now-defunct Bangladesh Times.

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Oblivious to the surroundings, a boy sleeps on a manhole slab right in the middle of a street in the capital's Jhigatola area yesterday morning. Like him, thousands of street children are growing up in this city deprived of almost all basic rights, including education, healthcare and accommodation. Almost all of them need to beg or take up risky jobs to survive.

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Syria airstrikes kill 43

AFP, Beirut

Air strikes by the US-led coalition yesterday killed 43 people, mostly civilians, in a hold-out of the Islamic State group in eastern Syria, a Britain-based monitor said.

Seventeen children were among 36 IS family members killed in the village of Abu Husn in Deir Ezzor province near the Iraqi border, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Another seven victims had not yet been identified as either civilians or IS fighters, it said.

The US-led coalition has been backing a Kurdish-Arab alliance called the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighting to expel the jihadists from the pocket around Abu Husn.

"It's the highest death toll in coalition air strikes since the SDF launched its attack

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আগামী ৩০ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৮ তারিখ একাদশ জাতীয় সংসদ নির্বাচনের ভোটগ্রহণ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ২৮ নভেম্বর ২০১৮ মনোনয়নপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ।

অদ্য ১৮ নভেম্বর ২০১৮ তারিখ রাত ১২.০০ টার মধ্যে মার্কেট, রাস্তা-ঘাট, যানবাহন ও বিভিন্ন সরকারী-বেসরকারী স্থাপনাসহ অন্যান্য জায়গায় যাদের নামে পোস্টার, লিফলেট, ব্যানার, ফেস্টুনসহ প্রচার সামগ্রী রয়েছে তাদেরকে এবং যেসব ব্যক্তি বা যৌথ মালিকানাধীন ভবন, প্রতিষ্ঠান, মার্কেট, যানবাহন ও স্থাপনায় প্রচার সামগ্রী রয়েছে সেসব ভবন, প্রতিষ্ঠান, মার্কেট, যানবাহন ও স্থাপনার মালিকদেরকেও স্ব স্ব উদ্যোগে এবং নিজ খরচে তা অপসারণ করতে হবে। এছাড়া এ বিষয়ে সিটি কর্পোরেশন ও পৌরসভাসহ বিভিন্ন স্থানীয় সরকার প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে প্রয়োজনীয় কার্যক্রম গ্রহণের জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হয়েছে।

উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে নির্বাচন কমিশনের নির্দেশ প্রতিপালন করা না হলে তাদের বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।