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Road crash kills 12 in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

At least 12 people, including four of a family, were killed and 20 others injured when a bus and a human haulier collided head-on in Gopalganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Quoting locals, Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station, said both the vehicles fell into a ditch along the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Horidaspur area following the collision around 5:30pm.

Twelve people, including 11 passengers of the vehicles and a passer-by, were killed on the spot, he said, adding the injured were taken to Gopalganj General Hospital.

The deceased were identified as Moriom Akter, 8, daugh-

ter of one Al-Amin Sheikh of Sultanshahi village in Gopalganj Sadar, her brother Nayan Sheikh, 11, Al-Amin's mother-in-law Ranu Begum, 45, and his sister-in-law Meghla Akter, 20.

The children were returning from their maternal grandfather's house in Madaripur's Songkordi village, said a shellshocked Al-Amin.

The other deceased include Rajib Mollah, 20, driver of the three-wheeler, Saddam Mollah, 25, of Horidaspur village, the passer-by, Morshed Gazi, 40, of Dumdia village, Jane Alom Sheikh, 37, of Taybaria village, and Joglu Sikder, 35, of Chandadigholia village of the same upazila.

Identities of the three others could not be known immediately. Moklesur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Gopalganj, and Mohammad Saidur Rahman, superintendent of police in the district, visited the spot after the accident.



ture was set on fire before daybreak yesterday. Inset, a campaign office of Pabna-3 BNP candidate KM Anwarul Islam was vandalised on Wednesday night in Chatmohar upazila. PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

NARAYANGANJ FIRE 2 injured die in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Two out of the nine members of a family, all of whom had suffered serious burns in a house fire in Narayanganj's Fatullah on Wednesday, died at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

The dead are Haridasi, 55, and her daughter Sumitra Das, 27.

Quoting the duty doctors, Bacchu Miah, subinspector of DMCH police outpost, said Haridasi had died in the early morning while Sumitra breathed her last around 10:00am.

The bodies are kept at the DMCH morgue, he added.

The condition of the seven other victims -- Shib Nath Das, 35, Archana Rani Das, 28, Arpit Das, 10, Anamika Das, 15, Narayan Chandra Das, 40, Pramit, 14 and Shaon, 10 -- is also critical, the SI added.

The fire took place inside a second floor-flat of a fourstorey building in Kotowaler Bagh area around 6:30am.

Abdullah Al-Arefin, SEE PAGE 17 COL 1

Ex-minister

Fazley Rabbi

passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Gaibandha

Jatiya Party

(Zafar)

leader TIM

Fazley

Rabbi, who

was the

BNP-led 20-

US slams China for corporate cyber spying Indicts 'two spies'

REUTERS, Washington

US prosecutors yesterday unsealed an indictment that charged two Chinese nationals with computer hacking attacks on a wide range of American government agencies and corporations including the Navy and the space agency Nasa,

according to a court filing. The two, identified as Zhu Hua and Zhang Jianguo, worked in China to hack into computers to steal intellectual property and confidential business and technological data, according to the

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Tension flares in Rakhine state

Myanmar forces conduct clearance ops after Buddhists killed; bipartisan senators call for US 'genocide' label of Myanmar killings

AGENCIES

Myanmar forces are conducting new rounds of "clearance operations" in · ness to seriously investigate alleged grave conflict-hit Rakhine state after four local Buddhists were attacked and two : crimes against the ethnic Rohingyas. killed, the commander-in-chief's office said yesterday, with one of the incidents blamed on Rohingya Muslims.

The violence occurred around the evening of December 17 along Pyu Ma · human rights abuses against the Rohingya creek in northern Rakhine state's Maungdaw township, the same area where : makes abundantly clear that it is not seriforces waged a bloody crackdown against the Rohingya last year.

More than 720,000 Rohingya fled to Bangladesh after Myanmar · Adams, Asia director of HRW. launched clearance operations in August 2017, and UN investigators want : the country's top brass prosecuted for genocide for alleged abuses carried: stop giving credence to this commission out during the expulsion.

Myanmar said it was defending itself against Rohingya militants who · International Criminal Court.

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CRIMES AGAINST ROHINGYA

Myanmar not serious about probe: HRW

UNB, Dhaka

Human Rights Watch has said Myanmar should disband its inquiry commission on abuses in Rakhine state for its unwilling-

"The Myanmar commission's dismissal of the extensive documentation of gross ous about seeking justice," said Brad

He said the UN Security Council should and refer the situation in Myanmar to the

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Obama delights sick children as Santa

AFP, Washington

Former US president Barack Obama took on a new high-profile role as Father Christmas on Wednesday for a surprise visit to sick children in Washington.

Sporting a festive Santa hat and armed with a sack of gifts, he delighted young patients at Children's National Hospital with gifts and hugs. SEE PAGE 17 COL 3



party alliance candidate for Gaibandha-3, passed away at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 84. Rabbi was taken to the

United Hospital with chest complaints. He died around 2:30am, said Mezbahul Islam, upazila nirbahi officer of Palashbari in Gaibandha.

He left behind his wife, three sons and two daugh-

Rabbi became the lawmaker of Gaibandha-3 in 1986 and remained so for six consecutive terms.

He first joined Ershad-led Jatiya Party in 1986. Ershad made him a technocrat SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 21 Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-25 12-30 3-45 5-24 7-00 JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

from Syria

Says others must fight

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday defended his surprise decision to declare victory over Islamic State militants in Syria and completely withdraw US troops from the country, amid criticism from some Republicans and concern from allies and some US military commanders.

In early morning tweets, Trump said he was fulfilling a promise from his 2016 presidential campaign to leave Syria. Echoing a central plank of his foreign policy - that he seeks to stop the United States being taken advantage of he said the United States was doing the work of other countries, including Russia and Iran, with little in return.

"Does the USA want to be the Policeman of the Middle East, getting NOTHING but spending precious lives and trillions of dollars protecting others who, in almost all cases, do not appreciate what we are doing? Do we want to be there forever? Time for others to finally fight," he tweeted.

The United States is also ending its air campaign against the militants in Syria, US officials told

Trump defends US withdrawal FB's woes mount

Washington sues tech giant over Cambridge Analytica data use

AFP, Washington

Facebook's woes mounted Wednesday as it faced a lawsuit alleging privacy violations related to data leaked to a consultancy working on Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, and as a new report suggested it shared more data with partners than it has acknowledged.

Facebook shares already sagging under the weight of the social network's troubles ended the trading day down 7.25 percent to \$133.24 and slipped even lower in after-

market trades.

The suit filed by the attorney general for the US capital Washington is likely the first by an official US body that could impose consequences on the world's leading social network for data misuse.

"Facebook failed to protect the privacy of its users and deceived them about who had access to their data and how it was used," said Attorney General Karl Racine in a statement.

"Facebook put users at risk of manipulation by allowing companies like Cambridge

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A RARE SIGHT

An Asian openbill stork foraging on a paddy field in Sonatala upazila of Bogura last week. The wading bird, which was commonly seen in the country's wetlands, has become rare in recent years, thanks to indiscriminate hunting and loss of their habitat.

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