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Hill people in Kawkhali suffer as streams dry up for landslide, stone extraction



ANVIL CHAKMA, Rangamati

Purna Mala Tanchangya straps a basket on her back and carries as many pots and pans as possible to go and collect water at least twice a day from a well that is about two to three kilometres away.

With no source of water near her home at Debatlachhari village of Ghagra union in Kawkhali upazila, the 32-year-old has to make this 12-km trek through hilly terrains under the scorching sun every day.

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A woman collects water from a small spring in Debotachhari village in Rangamati's Kawkhali upazila. Several springs -- the only source of fresh water for a number of residents -- have dried up in recent years and the problem is compounded during the dry season as now even tube wells aren't being able to draw up enough water.

PHOTO: ANVIL CHAKMA

5 cops try to 'frame trader in drug case'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Five policemen were rescued after locals confined them in Gouripur upazila for their alleged bid to frame a trader in a drug case early yesterday.

A plainclothes police team, led by Assistant Sub-inspector Abdul Awal of Gouripur Police Station, went to raid the mobile phone recharge shop of Khokon Mia, 30, at Ramgopalpur Bazar around 11:00pm on Sunday.

The four other team members were ASIs Ruhul Amin, Anwar Hossain and Kamrul Islam, and constable Al Amin.

Following the incident, the policemen were closed to Mymensingh Police Lines yesterday afternoon, said Shaker Hossain Siddiquee, additional superintendent of police (Gouripur circle).

Shibul Mia, president of traders' association of the Bazar, who witnessed the raid, said ASIs Awal and Kamrul entered the shop

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Rape accused killed in 'shootout'

Five held on charges of rape

STAR REPORT

An alleged rapist of a schoolgirl was killed in a "shootout" with Rab in Chattogram's Lohagara upazila early yesterday.

Md Saiful, 28, was a resident of Amirabad and used to run a coaching centre in the area, said Mashkur Rahman, assistant director of Rab-7 media wing.

On April 12, Saiful allegedly raped one of his students at her residence and went into hiding since then, the Rab official added.

The girl's mother filed a case with Lohagara Police Station in this connection.

Tipped off about his location, a team of Rab-7 conducted a raid in Uttar Amirabad area around 3:00am.

Sensing presence of the law enforcers, Saiful and his cohorts opened fire on them, forcing them to fire back that triggered a "gunfight".

Later, Rab recovered bullet-wound Saiful and sent him to Lohagara Upazila Health Complex where doctors pronounced him dead.

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LAND GRABBING

98-yr-old forced out of home

ARUN BIKASH DEY, back from Anwara upazila

A 98-year-old retired schoolteacher has allegedly been driven out of his ancestral house by land grabbers in Anwara upazila of Chattogram.

Niranjan Chakraborty was also forced to sign documents announcing transfer of the land ownership to the grabbers, said family members.

After the eviction, the grabbers hung a signboard at the mud house bearing the names of the "new owners", said locals. The signboard was, however, removed later.

During a visit on Wednesday, the house was found under lock and key. According to a case filed with Anwara Police Station by Niranjan's son Pranab Ranjan Chakraborty on April 18, some 13 people led by local resident Kamrul Islam Helal forcibly took the fingerprint of Niranjan at gunpoint on April 10.

Helal and his cohorts also took signatures of the complainant and his sister on the stamp in front of a land official, says the case statement. Seven people including Helal were made accused by name and six to seven others were unnamed.

Asked why they delayed in filing the case, Pranab said, "We were shocked and in fear. We didn't know what to do. After we talked to the chairman and the lawmaker, they gave us assurance and we started the process."

The local minority families said they were feeling insecure after the incident.



Niranjan Chakraborty

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Sri Lanka on alert for more attacks

Bans wearing face veils

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lankan security officials have warned that Islamist militants behind Easter Sunday's suicide bombings are planning attacks and could be dressed in uniform, as the archbishop of Colombo complained about insufficient security around churches.

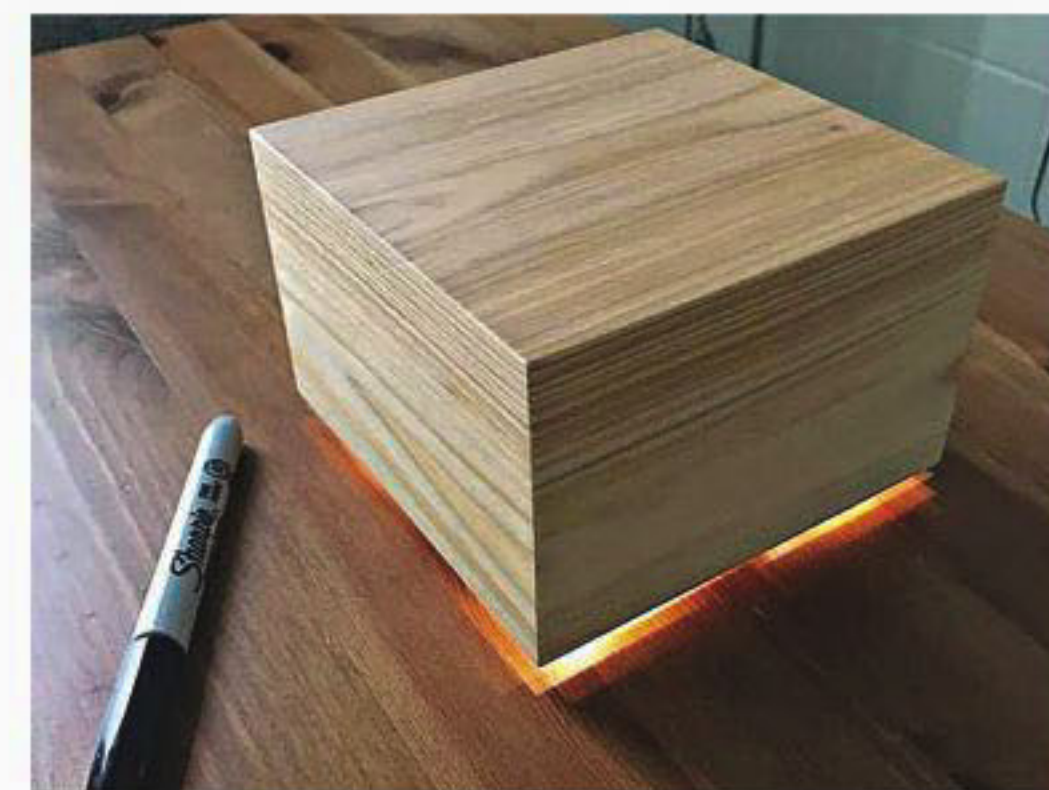
The militants were targeting five locations for attacks on Sunday just passed or yesterday, security sources said.

"There could be another wave of attacks," the head of the police ministerial security division (MSD) said in a letter to lawmakers and other officials seen by Reuters yesterday.

"The relevant information further notes that persons dressed in military uniforms and

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Facebook CEO builds 'sleep box' for wife



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Mark Zuckerberg has built an innovative "sleep box" for his wife Priscilla Chan to help with her recent bout of sleeplessness.

On Sunday, the Facebook founder shared his invention on Instagram, explaining that Chan has had "a hard time sleeping through the night" since having the couple's two young children, Maxima Chan Zuckerberg and August Chan Zuckerberg, in 2015 and 2017 respectively.

"She'll wake up and check the time on her phone to see if the kids might wake up soon, but then knowing the time stresses her out and she

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Cyclone Fani to intensify further

BSS, Dhaka

The cyclonic storm "Fani" over southeast Bay and adjoining areas has moved north-northwestwards further over the same area.

At noon yesterday, it was centred about 1,580 km south-west of Chattogram port, 1,510 km southwest of Cox's Bazar port, 1,535 km south of Mongla port and 1,505 km south of Payra port.

It is likely to intensify

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 30

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-20 12-45 4-45 6-31 8-00
JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-00 6-35 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



SEEKING SHADOWS, RISKING LIVES

Amid the scorching heat, a few people lie on a shaded portion of the area under the railings of the Mohakhali flyover in the capital yesterday. The action poses risks to both the people and the vehicles that use the road.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



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