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# JUTE MILL WORKERS

## Demonstration goes on, so does traffic chaos

**STAR REPORT**

Workers of state-run jute mills continued their demonstration for the fourth consecutive day yesterday demanding arrears and fair wages.

In the capital's Demra, hundreds of workers of Latif Bawany Jute Mills and Karim Jute Mills blocked roads near Sultana Kamal Bridge and Staff Quarter area with logs and bamboos. They demonstrated from around 6:00am-4:00pm.

The road blocks caused long tailbacks near Staff Quarter and on Jatrabari-Demra and Rupganj-Sultana Kamal Bridge roads. Hundreds of people were forced to walk under the scorching sun.

Assistant Commissioner Rabiul Islam of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Demra) said the tailbacks had affected Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

The jute mills workers have been demonstrating for weeks to press home a set of demands, including implementation of a new wage board and arrears.

Abul Hossain, general secretary of Karim Jute Mills, said none of the 2,800 workers in their mills have been paid in the last six weeks.

"We have no other choice but to go for the blockade. We got our backs against the wall," he said, adding that they would resume their blockade from Saturday morning.

Manik Mia, who has been working in the mills for 15 years, said he was paid only Tk 3,000 a week.

"It is difficult for me to run my family of five even when I am paid

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### THE FIGHT TO SURVIVE

An Indian hare spotted in Chapainawabganj Sadar's Babu Dyeing area on Sunday. Experts say habitat loss has caused a decline in the number of the animal in the area. The few remaining ones are fighting for survival.

PHOTO: RABTUL HASAN

### Australia prints \$50 note with a typo

Red-faced bank bosses in Australia admitted to an embarrassing error yesterday, revealing their state-of-the-art \$50 note had a typo.

The yellow and green note, which is worth around US\$35, came into circulation last October. It has multiple security features -- including microprint of a speech by Australia's first female

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## Woman set afire 'by in-laws over dowry'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A 25-year-old woman was set on fire allegedly by her in-laws for dowry in Pabna's Sujannagar upazila early yesterday.

The victim Fazi Akter, of the upazila's Trimohoni village, told police that she was set ablaze by her in-laws after Sahri on the fateful day.

Obaidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, said Fazi named five people, including her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, for their involvement in the incident.

She gave the statement when a police team visited her at Pabna Medical College Hospital, Obaidul added.

The victim was later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

Fazi, whose husband now lives in Malaysia, was repeatedly tortured by her in-laws for dowry, alleged her brother Shahin Mondol.

The victim previously had multiple feuds with her in-laws over the matter that her husband used to send money from Malaysia to his sister instead of his wife, he added.

Goutam Kumar, senior consultant at Pabna Medical College Hospital, said Fazi suffered 60 percent burns and was in critical condition.

"She would need better treatment to survive," he said.

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## 2 killed in 'gunfight' with Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two men were killed in a "gunfight" between Rab and an alleged group of drug dealers in Jhauban area of Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

Of the deceased, one was identified as Md Masum, 35, while the identity of the other could not be known immediately, said Shah Alam, assistant director of Rab-15.

Tipped off that a group of smugglers were trading drugs, a team of Rab-15 took position near the Diabetic Hospital Point around 2:00am, the Rab

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## Europeans reject Iran's 'ultimatums'

### 2015 nuclear accord signatories say they want to preserve deal despite US threats

REUTERS, Berlin

European countries yesterday said they wanted to preserve Iran's nuclear deal and rejected "ultimatums" from Tehran, after Iran scaled back curbs on its nuclear programme and threatened moves that might breach the pact.

Iran announced steps on Wednesday to ease curbs on its nuclear programme, in response to new US sanctions imposed after Washington abandoned the deal a year ago.

Tehran's initial moves do not appear to violate the accord yet, but President Hassan Rouhani said that unless world powers protect Iran's economy from US sanctions within 60 days, Iran would start enriching uranium beyond permitted limits.

"We reject any ultimatums and we will assess Iran's

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### PRAYER TIMING MAY 10

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 3-56	12-30	5-00	6-35	8-00
JAMAAT 4-06	1-15	5-15	6-45	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

### SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN	MAY	SEHRI	IFTAR
4	10	6:35	
5	11	3:49	6:36
6	12	3:49	6:36

A char has emerged in the Jamuna river under the Bangabandhu bridge in Soytabad of Sirajganj Sadar. Local fishermen say they have been struggling ever since the water dried up a few months ago. Inset, some fishermen crossing the area with nets.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

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### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকল চিকিৎসক ও দস্তচিকিৎসক এর অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ১৮৪এ এর উপধারা ৩ (Xi) অনুযায়ী একজন ডাক্তার বা ডেন্টিস্ট কর্তৃক বিএমএন্ডডিসি এর সদস্য সনদ গ্রহন বা নবায়নের ক্ষেত্রে Twelve digit Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) বিএমএন্ডডিসিকে প্রদানের আইনগত বাধ্যবাধকতা রয়েছে এবং বর্ণিত ধারার উপধারা ৫ অনুযায়ী Twelve digit Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) গ্রহন ব্যতিরেকে কোন চিকিৎসক বা ডেন্টিস্টকে সদস্য সনদ প্রদান না করার বিধান রয়েছে।

এমতাবস্থায় বিএমএন্ডডিসি হতে রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহন অথবা রেজিস্ট্রেশন নবায়নের জন্য আবেদন করার সময় নির্ধারিত documents-এর সঙ্গে নিজের e-TIN সনদের কপি আবশ্যিকভাবে জমা দেওয়ার জন্য সকল চিকিৎসক এবং দস্তচিকিৎসককে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

ইতিমধ্যে যারা রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহন করেছেন/ নবায়ণ করেছেন তাঁদেরও e-TIN সনদের কপি বিএমএন্ডডিসিতে জমা দেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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## 'Time to split Facebook'

CNN ONLINE

Chris Hughes helped Mark Zuckerberg transform Facebook from a dorm-room project into a real business. Now, he's calling for the company to be broken up.

In a lengthy opinion piece published yesterday by the New York Times, Hughes says that Zuckerberg has "unchecked power" and influence "far beyond that of anyone else in the private sector or in government."

It's time, he writes, for regulators to break up Facebook (FB).

"Mark is a good, kind person. But I'm angry that his focus on growth led him to sacrifice security and civility for clicks," writes Hughes.

"I'm disappointed in myself and the early Facebook team for not thinking more about how the News Feed algorithm could

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