



"Had there been effective coordination among the city service providers, it would have been possible to provide planned, apt and organised services."
 DSCC MAYOR MOHAMMAD SAYEED KHOKON
 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE CAPITAL. PAGE 3

"We will not pay any Wasa bill until it ensures safe water for consumers."
 MIZANUR RAHMAN, CONVENER OF WASAR NIRAPOD PANI ANDOLON, AT A PROTEST PROGRAMME FOR SAFE WATER.

"I cannot understand that the world still has not done anything about this."
 SLAIN SAUDI JOURNALIST KHASHOGGI'S FIANCEE HATICE CENGIZ
 IN A TESTIMONY TO A US CONGRESS HEARING PAGE 8

ILLEGAL VOYAGE TO EUROPE

They call it 'game'

Traffickers use 3 routes to send Bangladeshi fortune seekers to the 'promised land'



Transnational human traffickers use several countries for transits, including India, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Turkey, to send Bangladeshi job seekers first to Libya, and then to Europe through the Mediterranean Sea, Rab officials said.

A Bangladeshi man nicknamed "Goodluck Bhai" in Libya arranges the voyage from the Libyan coast, said Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab's legal and media wing director.

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A blistering 41-ball 66 from Bangladesh opener Soumya Sarkar provided the perfect platform for the Tigers to secure a five-wicket win over West Indies and their maiden tri-nation series title in Malahide, Dublin yesterday.

Terrific Tigers BREAK THE JINX

Soumya, Mosaddek star in final against West Indies

SPORTS REPORTER

A clinical Bangladesh team won the tri-nation ODI series in Ireland, their first major series, sans Shakib Al Hasan by registering a scintillating five-wicket win over West Indies by Duckworth Lewis method at The Village ground in Malahide, Dublin yesterday.

Chasing a revised target of 210 runs in 24 overs, Soumya Sarkar provided a blistering start, scoring a 41-ball 66-run knock which featured nine fours and three sixes while player-of-the-match Mosaddek Hossain smashed an unbeaten 24-ball 54 to help the Tigers reach their target with seven balls to spare.

At one point it seemed as though rain would bring an end to the final, in which case Bangladesh would still have won the title by finishing on top of the points table. However, the five-hour wait to win the tournament on the field is surely much more satisfying for Mashrafe Bin Mortaza and his troops.

Earlier, resumption West Indies finished on 152 for one

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Don't allow them to come back to power

PM alerts people about war criminals
 UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged all to remain alert so that anti-liberation forces and war criminals cannot return to power.

She was addressing the leaders of Awami League and its associated bodies at the Gono Bhaban marking her Homecoming Day.

On this day in 1981, then newly elected AL President Hasina had returned home

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Frightening PHONE CALLS

How traders in Kachukhet live with the curse of extortion

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The cell phone of a man, who owns a shop in the capital's Kachukhet area, started ringing the moment he along with others was about to lift a coffin carrying the body of a fellow trader named Rubel.

As he received the call, he heard something that sent shudders down his spine.

"Rubel was killed by my men, now you are my next target. Get ready to die." The caller who introduced himself as Shahin said in a chilling voice.

Only the night before, unknown assailants stabbed Shahjahan Rubel, owner of Raha Partex at Tamanna Complex in nearby Ibrahimpur, to death. His family members alleged that one top listed criminal Shahin Shikder, who has become a byword for terror in the area, murdered Rubel as he refused to give him extortion money.

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They get 'death sentence' if they dare turn down the demand of the caller

ROHINGYA REFUGEES 2.5 lakh get identity cards

UN says those will serve as proof of their right to return to Myanmar

AFP, Geneva

The UN said yesterday it has registered more than 250,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, providing many with their first ever identification cards and proof of their right to return to Myanmar in the future.

The UN refugee agency also said the registration could serve as a tool for law enforcement to help counter human trafficking.

"Over a quarter of a million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar have now been jointly registered and provided with identity cards by Bangladesh authorities and UNHCR," spokesman Andrej Mahecic told reporters in Geneva.

Some 740,000 Rohingya refugees fled a military crackdown in August 2017 to cross into Bangladesh where 300,000 members of the persecuted Muslim minority were already in camps.

Many Rohingya refugees who fled said there had been mass rapes and slaughters in the villages, and in a report published last September, the fact-finding mission said there were reasonable grounds to believe the atrocities

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8 killed during nor'wester

STAR REPORT

Eight people were killed and several others injured as a nor'wester hit the capital and some northern districts of the country yesterday.

Of them, three died in the capital, two in Chapainawabganj, two in Naogaon and one in Rajshahi.

In the capital, Shakirul Islam, 40, was killed as a makeshift pandal of the Baitul Mukarram national mosque collapsed on him and others around 7:00pm. Shakirul along with others was offering prayers there after iftar.

Twenty-two injured were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Bachchu Mia, inspector of DMCH police outpost.

In North Badda, two people were killed in a boundary wall collapse, said Abdur Razzak, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Badda Police Station.

They dead are Bulbul Biswas, 23, and Tapan, 22.

According to the Met office, the wind speed was up to 65kmph during the storm and it was accompanied by 23mm of rainfall in the capital.

In Rajshahi, Abdus Sobhan Sarker, 65, Baneswar union BNP president in Puthia

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BUDDHA PURNIMA

Buddha Purnima today
 BSS, Dhaka

Buddha Purnima, the biggest religious festival of the Buddhist community, is being celebrated in the country today amid festivity and religious fervour.

Different programmes, including colorful processions, puja, sanghadan, discussions and cultural functions, have been organised by the Buddhists to observe the

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A woman, along with her children, carries water to her home from a mosque in the city's Purba Jurain area yesterday. Locals say they are supplied with polluted water by Dhaka Wasa. Inset, people fill bottles with water from taps at a mosque.

City dwellers on streets for safe Wasa water

Demand resignation of Wasa MD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of Dhaka dwellers demonstrated yesterday demanding safe Wasa water and resignation of its managing director Taqsem A Khan for what they said was his failure to carry out his responsibilities properly.

Holding placards, several dozen people, under the banner of Wasar Nirapod Pani Andolon (Movement for Safe Wasa Water), marched through roads from Jurain to Shanir Akhra.

During the nearly two-hour protest from around 10:30am, the city dwellers distributed leaflets, including a five-point demand, among those living in the areas.

They asked for compensation for those who suffered from various diseases caused by the unsafe Wasa water. The other demands include providing Wasa consumers with refunds and punishing those responsible for supplying

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