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# Test drivers for dope, eyesight

HC asks authorities, orders BRTC, Sajan Paribahan to pay Tk 50 lakh to Rajib's brothers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the authorities concerned to conduct dope and vision tests on drivers' licence seekers.

It also ordered the government to frame the rules of Road Transport Act 2018 and put the law into effect in six months.

The government should put CCTV cameras at key points on metropolitan city roads to detect reckless driving and take action, the HC said in its observation in a verdict.

The measures are aimed at curbing road crashes and reckless driving.

In the verdict, two bus companies were ordered to pay Tk 50 lakh to the two teenage brothers of Rajib Hossain, who died last year after his right arm got stuck between two buses and got severed.

The state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) and owner of Sajan Paribahan were asked to pay in two months Tk 25 lakh each to Mehedi Hasan Bappi, 16, and Abdulla Hridoy, 15.

Rajib, who was a 3rd year student of Government Titumir College, died on April 17 after he lost his arm while two buses of the aforesaid companies were trying to overtake each other in the capital's Bangla Motor.

In its observation, the HC directed the authorities to



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Firefighters spray water on burnt shanties after a fire broke out in a slum in Chattogram city's Chaktai area yesterday morning. Inset, a woman who lost everything in the flames wails while on the phone. Around 100 rooms were gutted in the incident.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

# Latif sent to jail in graft case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A Bogura court yesterday sent former textiles and jute minister Abdul



Latif Siddique to jail in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission over misuse of power in selling a government property.

District and Sessions Judge Naresh Chandra Sarkar passed the order, rejecting his bail petition.

As an arrest warrant was earlier issued for Latif, also the former Awami League leader, he appeared before the court yesterday and sought bail. But he was denied bail and sent to jail, said ACC lawyer Abul Kalam Azad.

Latif's lawyer Helalur Rahman claimed that his client, who contested the 11th parliamentary election as an independent candidate from Tangail-4, had followed all the due procedures while selling the

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# 2 schoolboys killed by bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two teenage students lost their lives under the wheels of a Dhaka-bound bus in Jashore's Manirampur upazila yesterday.

The two -- Ashikur Rahman, 15, and Al Amin, 16, students of grade-X at Dholigati Secondary School -- were returning home by bicycles after attending coaching classes around 11:45am when a bus of Hanif Paribahan ran over them, said police.

Locals rushed them to Manirampur Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared Ashikur dead. Later, Al Amin passed away on the way to Jashore Medical

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# Traffickers preying on Rohingyas

US state dept report says; 'girls from camps being ensnared in sex trafficking'

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Traffickers exploit Rohingya men, women, and children from refugee camps for both sex and labour trafficking, including domestic servitude, although the scale is unknown, a US report said.

Traffickers sometimes transport Rohingya girls within Bangladesh to Chittagong and Dhaka and transnationally to Kathmandu and Kolkata for sex trafficking. Some traffickers "trade" these girls over the internet, the US state department said in its "Trafficking in Persons Report 2019".

The annual report, which was released yesterday, put Bangladesh on Tier 2 Watch List for the third consecutive year.

"Some Rohingya traffickers defraud and coerce Rohingya women and girls from refugee camps into sex trafficking through fraudulent job or marriage proposals, and abduction. Local criminal networks take Rohingya women from refugee camps at night, exploit them in sex trafficking, and bring them back to the camps during the day," the report said.

The stateless status and inability of Rohingya to receive formal schooling or work legally increases their vulnerability to human trafficking, it added.

"Multiple NGOs and humanitarian officials assess these restrictions have increased forced labour and sex trafficking of Rohingya over the past

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# Freeze, attach DIG Mizan's property

Court orders

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the authorities to freeze and confiscate all the moveable and immovable properties of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Mizanur Rahman.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order following an application submitted by the Anti-Corruption Commission Director Md Monjur Morshed.

In the application, the ACC director sought permission to freeze and confiscate the properties of DIG Mizan.

The properties include a Fixed Deposit Receipt

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# Van Gogh 'suicide gun' sold at auction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj



REUTERS, Paris

The gun Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh is believed to have used to commit suicide in France in 1890, shooting himself in the chest after years of mental anguish, sold for 130,000 euros (\$145,700) at auction in Paris on Wednesday.

An anonymous phone bidder took home the Lefauchaux revolver, its casing heavily rusted and the inlay of the curved handle missing, for more than double the highest estimate put on it by experts at auction house Drouot.

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# 9 to die for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A Chapainawabganj court awarded death sentence to nine and life term imprisonment to two people yesterday over the murder of a leader of Sonamasjid Land Port Clearing and Forwarding Agents Association.

After examining records and hearing 23 witnesses,

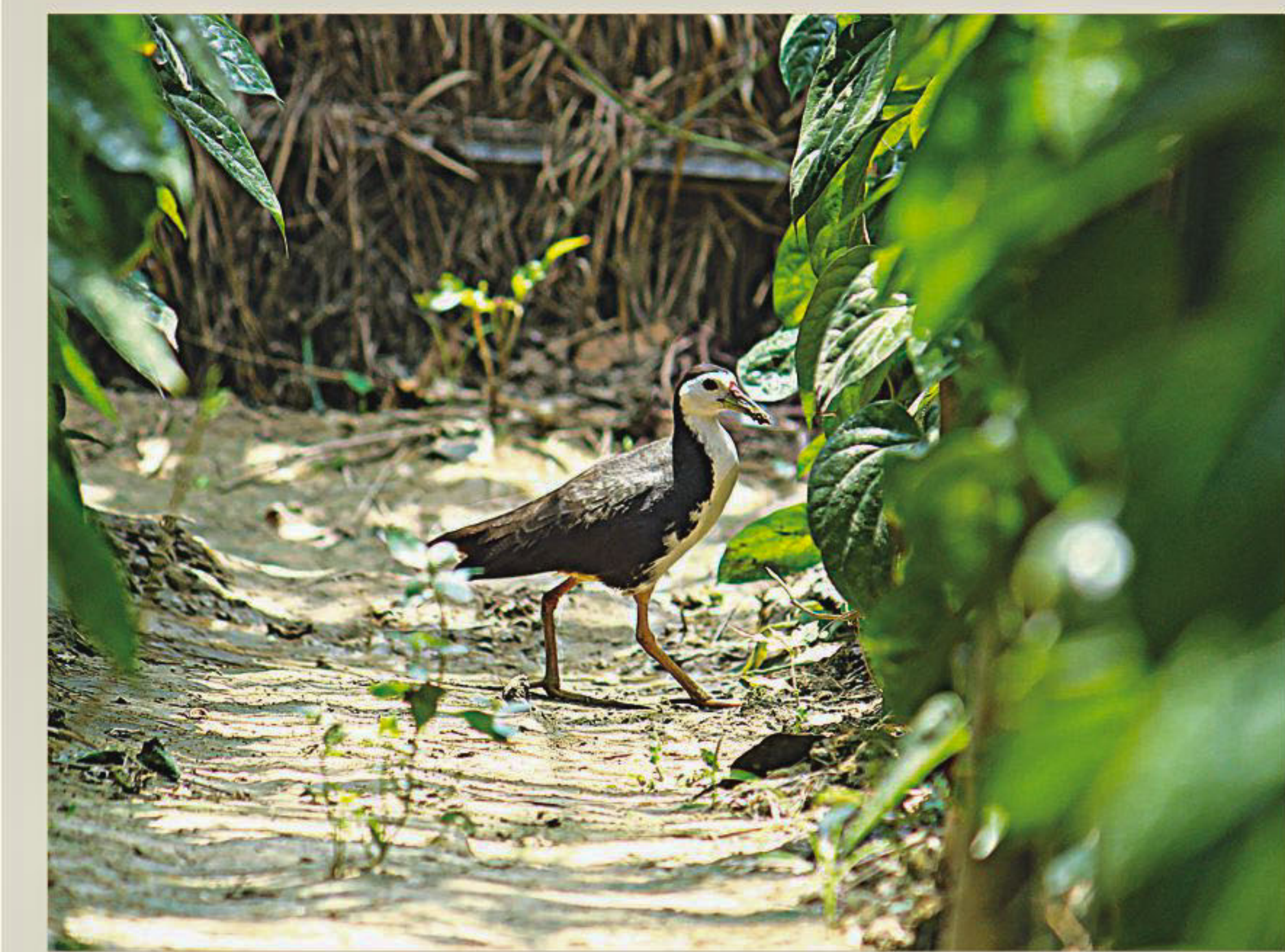
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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 21

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-30	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



# WINGS OF WETLAND

A White-breasted Waterhen (Dahuk) walks inside a plantation of betel-leaves in Chapainawabganj Sadar's Jadupur village.

The waterbird, which makes loud and repetitive croaking calls during the breeding season, is found in wetlands across the country.

PHOTO: RABIUL HASAN

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