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A costly 'warning'

Cancer specialist transferred to remote district for criticising Mashrafe

NURUL HAYAT CHOWDHURY and ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

A top child cancer specialist -- one of only three such experts in the country -- has been transferred from Chattogram Medical College Hospital to a Rangamati hospital with no cancer treatment facilities.



The move came as a "warning" for making a "defamatory" Facebook post against lawmaker and also Bangladesh cricket captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza.

In this situation, patients in CMCH are suffering. Dr AKM Rezaul Karim on April 28 made a comment on a Facebook public post, calling lawmaker Mashrafe an "unruly, illiterate, thug".

It came after the Bangladesh captain's visit to Narail Sadar Hospital on April 24, where he found four doctors to be absent.

A video of his visit went viral on social media and sparked huge criticism among the people against absentee doctors, prompting the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) to suspend the four missing doctors.

A number of doctors, however, questioned the language Mashrafe used while talking to one of the absentees over phone. Many took to social media to voice their displeasure.

On May 6, the Department of Health Services of the

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Rickshaws plying the DIT Road in Rampura yesterday after the authorities relaxed the ban on rickshaws on three major roads including this one.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Rickshaw pullers postpone protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Rickshaw-Van Shramik League yesterday suspended their road block movement, following assurances of separate lanes on highways for rickshaws and a relax on the ban on the three-wheelers in three major city roads.

"We will not take to the streets before taking any further decision," Insur Ali, general secretary of the association, said at a press conference held at Bangabandhu Avenue.

Thousands of rickshaw-pullers had blockaded roads on Pragati Sarani, Badda, Rampura, Malibagh-Chowdhurypara, Maniknagar, Manda and Kamalapur TT Para, for two consecutive days demanding the city authorities reverse the ban.

Insur said rickshaw movement had already been resumed on the roads which were made off-limit to rickshaws.

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37 Bangladeshis among migrants rescued in Med

AFP, Tunis

Tunisian authorities rescued 71 migrants, including 37 Bangladeshis, as their boat began to sink after setting out from neighbouring Libya for Italy, the National Guard said.

Monday night's rescue operation came just days after a boat taking the same route across the Mediterranean capsized with more than 80 people on board.

Tunisian National Guard spokesman Houcem Eddine Jebali said the boat had set off from the Libyan town of Zuwara, west of Tripoli, and started to leak as it approached Tunisia's Kerkennah Islands.

Rescuers brought to shore all 71 passengers, including 37 citizens from Bangladesh, eight Moroccans, eight Egyptians, seven Algerian, four Sudanese, two Chadians and a Tunisia, Jebali told AFP on Tuesday.

All of them are safe and sound, he added.

Dozens of migrants who have tried to reach Italy from Libya have been rescued in recent weeks off Tunisia's shores.

The migrant rescue boat Alan Kurdi saved 44 people, including women and infants from their stricken vessel in the Mediterranean, its operator German

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Man kills 3 before being killed by mob

2 others beaten to death in Ashuganj

STAR REPORT

A rickshaw puller allegedly went on a killing spree, hacking three neighbours dead and injuring six others, before he was caught and beaten to death by villagers yesterday morning in Cumilla's Debidwer.

Mokhlesur, a resident of Radhanagar area, killed his neighbours Anwara Begum, 40, her son Hanif, 11, and Nazma Begum, 38, police said.

Locals said Mokhlesur was mentally ill, but his wife refuted the allegation, our Cumilla correspondent reports.

Nazma's daughter Jannat Akter said Mokhlesur hacked her mother in the head and throat and injured her father Nurul Islam and grandmother Mazedha Begum.

The 16-year-old added that there was no enmity between Mokhlesur and her parents and alleged that Mokhlesur took sleeping pills regularly.

Anwara's daughter Nipa Akter, 15, said Mokhlesur first attacked her mother and brother Abu Hanif when they were in a paddy field.

She was nearby and Mokhlesur tried to attack her as well, but she managed to run away.

Mokhlesur was killed by a mob soon afterwards, said local UP member Mustafizur Rahman.

Jahirul Anwar, officer-in-charge of Debidwer police station, said Mokhlesur's wife Rabeya Begum has been detained for interrogation.

Rabeya Begum told reporters, "We have three daughters and a son. My husband was not mentally ill or a drug addict."

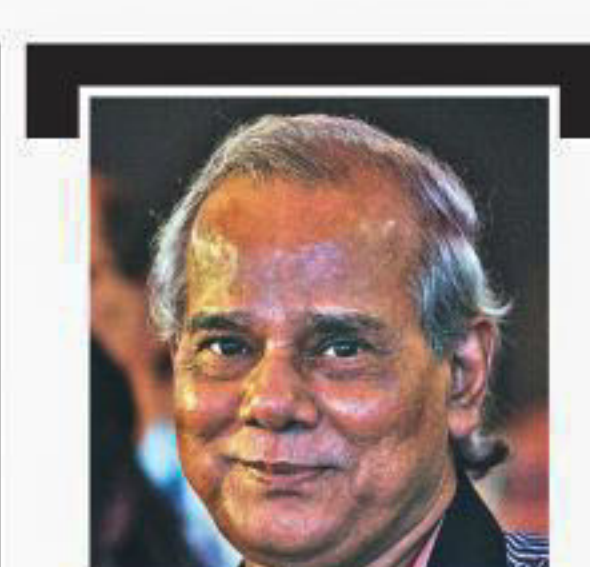
MOBS KILL TWO IN ASHUGANJ

Two people were beaten to death by mobs in separate incidents in Brahmanbaria's Ashuganj in the last two days.

Locals in Lalpur area had beaten Amzad Hossain, 20, of Kishoreganj's Bhairab, to death on Tuesday night on suspicion of stealing cattle.

OC of Ashuganj Police Station Mohammad Masud Alam said Amzad

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Muhammad Jahangir no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned media personality Muhammad Jahangir, also executive director of Centre for Development Communication, passed away early yesterday at the age of 68.

Jahangir breathed his last at 12:40am at Asgar Ali Hospital in Dhaka's Gandaria, his family sources said.

"My father Muhammad Jahangir is no more... Please keep him in your prayers," his son Apurba Jahangir wrote on his

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Gorillas form social bonds like humans



AFP, Paris

Gorillas form social bonds in a strikingly similar way to humans, including tiers of old friends and family members, according to a study released yesterday that may provide insight into how mankind evolved its social behaviour.

Gorillas, which in the wild spend most of their time in dense forests making behavioural studies tricky for researchers, are known to form small family units comprised of a dominant male and several females with offspring.

But a new analysis of data collected from years of social exchanges of hundreds of western lowland gorillas suggests the creatures are far more socially complex than previously thought.

A team of specialists looked at the frequency and length of each observed interaction between

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Two held for rape, attempt to rape

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested a man for raping his daughter-in-law in Kurigram, while another was arrested on Tuesday for attempting to rape a minor in Natore.

In Kurigram, the arrestee Alaf Hossain, 55, lives in the district's Sadar upazila. His son Anisur Rahman works in Dhaka.

Police said that Anisur visited his home in Kurigram from Dhaka on Saturday without informing

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 11

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

6 fishermen die in trawler capsized

Six missing; two survivors in hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Six fishermen drowned and six others were missing after a fishing trawler capsized near Seagull Point in the Bay of Bengal in inclement weather.

Police recovered the bodies between 3:30am and 8:30am yesterday from near the beach.

The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately, said police.

Two fishermen, Jewel, 25, and Monir Ahmed, 55, rescued alive were admitted at the district Sadar Hospital. Doctors said the two were not out of danger.

Talking to The Daily Star, trawler owner Mintu, of Charfashion upazila in Bhola, who is also Jewel's relative, said around 14 fishermen set sail for fishing on July 8 with his trawler. Yesterday morning, he got a phone call and came to know that the

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A man pulls a motorcycle and two bikers on a cart on a waterlogged part of Bandarban-Chattogram highway in Bajalia area yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: SANJOY KUMAR BARUA

LEAKED MEMOS

UK envoy to US quits after Trump spat

AFP, London

Britain's ambassador to Washington resigned yesterday after being targeted by US President Donald Trump following the leak of highly critical diplomatic cables.

Outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May had offered her full support to Kim Darroch after he was revealed to have described the Trump administration as "inept".

But the man tipped to replace her in Downing Street in the coming weeks, former foreign secretary Boris Johnson, declined to explicitly back the diplomat, emphasising

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Dua Mahfil and Qulkhwani

Mrs. Sufia Khanam, wife of former Member of Parliament & Ex-Chairman of National Bank Ltd. late AKM Abu Taher, passed away on Monday July 08, 2019 at United Hospital Dhaka (Inna-lillah-wa-inna-
-ilayhi-raji'un). She was buried in the family graveyard at Sonaimuri village, in Barura upazila, Cumilla. She left behind two sons, a daughter, their spouses, grandchild, many relatives and well wishers.

A Dua Mahfil and Qulkhwani will be held after Asr prayers on Friday July 12, 2019 at Gulshan Society Jame Mosque (Road 63, Gulshan-2, Dhaka) for seeking magfirat for the departed soul. We humbly request you to attend the Dua Mahfil and oblige.

- Bereaved Family Members