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JU protesters besiege admin buildings

Stage demo against 'corruption in unplanned dev work' on campus



JU CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers of Jahangirnagar University yesterday besieged the two administrative buildings protesting "corruption of the authorities" and "unplanned" development works which would endanger the biodiversity of the campus.

The protesters also blocked all entrances to the buildings. Some 250 protesters, including 30 teachers of different departments, took position in front of the old and the

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On her way home from school, a child does her homework in advance inside the school rickshaw-van, perhaps to have a little more play time when she eventually gets home. The photo was taken in the city's New Eskaton area yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

LEADER OF OPPOSITION All but 2 JP MPs back Quader

RASHIDUL HASAN

In yet another dramatic move, a group of Jatiya Party MPs yesterday submitted a letter to Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, requesting her to make GM Quader the leader of the opposition in parliament.

Along with JP senior lawmaker Kazi Feroz Rashid, four other MPs sent the letter, Jatiya Party Presidium Member SM Faisal Chishty said.

He also said that the consent papers of 15 other JP MPs were enclosed with the letter.

There are 22 JP MPs. A staff member of the Speaker's office confirmed that they have received the letter.

The position for leader of the opposition has been vacant since the death of JP chairman HM Ershad on July 14.

The rift between the followers of Ershad's younger brother GM

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Four sued over rape of 4 girls

STAR REPORT

Four men were sued yesterday for allegedly raping four girls in Jashore, Nilphamari, and Cox's Bazar.

Family members of the victim in Jashore said the girl, student of a government primary school, was playing in a garden nearby her home at a village in Sadar upazila on Monday afternoon. At that time, accused Abdul Mamun, 20, a neighbour of the victim, violated her.

When the girl started screaming, locals rushed there and rescued the girl. But Mamun managed to flee, said the victim's mother.

The mother filed a case against Mamun yesterday, said Nazmul Hossain, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station.

In Nilphamari, another man was sued yesterday for allegedly raping a 12-year-old speech-impaired girl at a village in Jaldhaka upazila.

The accused, Mostakim, 18, is a neighbour of the victim.

According to the case statement, the girl was alone at home on August 24 morning.

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BREXIT SHOWDOWN

UK PM loses majority in parliament

Tory MP defects ahead of crucial no-deal vote

AFP, London

Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday lost his working majority in parliament ahead of a showdown with rebel MPs over Brexit that could lead to a snap election within weeks.

Johnson condemned a plan by lawmakers to block his Brexit strategy as "surrender" and said it would undermine his intention to negotiate a new divorce deal with the EU.

He said the move by opposition MPs and members of his Conservative party to try to delay Brexit beyond October 31 if he cannot agree exit terms with Brussels was like "running up the white flag".

Ahead of a first vote in the House of Commons yesterday evening, Johnson said: "There are no circumstances in which I will ever accept anything like it".

His aides had already warned that defeat would force him to call a snap election ahead of a crucial EU summit on October 17-18 -- and a mere fortnight before Brexit.

The rebels believe they have the numbers to force through the plan, which is backed by the main opposition Labour party and could delay Brexit to January 31.



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Mainul sent to jail again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again sent former caretaker government adviser barrister Mainul Hossain to jail after rejecting his bail petition in a case filed for defaming journalist Masuda Bhatti in October last year.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Tofazzal Hossain passed the order after Mainul through his lawyer sought bail in the case lodged by Masuda and surrendered before the court.

In the order, the magistrate said the bail petition was rejected, considering the gravity of the statements Mainul made on electronic and print media.

During yesterday's hearing, Mainul's lawyer said the Supreme Court

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Rover finds strange 'shiny gel' on moon



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have found an unexplained, shiny gel on the far side of the moon.

The mysterious substance was spotted by a Chinese lunar lander and it is unclear what the unusual thing could be.

As it was driving over the moon's surface, Chinese lunar rover Yutu-2 spotted a strange shining object. It has examined the substance further but is yet to discover where the substance could have come from.

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Policeman hacked in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An unidentified man hacked an on-duty police constable in front of a traffic police office in the city's Bhatapara area yesterday afternoon.

Joy Ram Kumar, 25, constable attached to the traffic police office, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) with two injuries

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 4

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-30 12-45 4-45 6-23 7-45
JAMAAT 5-05 1-15 5-00 6-26 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Students jaywalking at the Saarc Fountain intersection yesterday. Pedestrians often put themselves at risk while crossing the busy street there as there is no footbridge or zebra crossing around. There is no bus stop either, but buses pull over, inset, to pick up passengers. Such traffic mismanagement often leads to serious accidents.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ASSAM'S FINAL NRC LIST

Soldiers face identity crisis

INDIA TODAY ONLINE

Saruharid village of Barpeta district in Assam is known as the Fauji Gaon (village of defence personnel) in the locality. Almost 200 families live here, which send over 20 soldiers to the Indian Army and paramilitary forces.

Ironically, many of these soldiers are facing an identity crisis as their names didn't appear in the final NRC list which was published on August 31. The village is now dwelling under the shadow of great grief.

More than 19 lakh people in Assam were excluded from the final version of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) that was released on August 31.

Family of Dilbar Hussain is in such league. He along with his younger brother Mizanur Ali have been declared ineligible for Indian citizenship as per the final NRC list. His elder brother Saidul Islam is a serving Subedar in the Indian Army who has fought in Kargil war. Dilbar himself is

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We all join in expressing our good wishes to Ha-Meem Group for the outstanding recognition for the Award of Excellence to Refat Garments Ltd. & That's It Sports Wear Ltd., two Companies of Ha-Meem Group who have been awarded National Export Trophy Gold and Bronze for the year 2016-2017 for outstanding contribution in Export Business of Bangladesh. Ha-Meem Group has been awarded 14 National Export Trophies since its inception till 2016-2017 for the outstanding contribution in the field of export in garments sector.

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