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ROHINGYAS GETTING PASSPORTS

‘Lost’ EC laptop used for dubious NID data entries

Finds ACC probe team

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

A special laptop for inputting NID information into the Election Commission’s server has been missing from the Chattogram District Election Office since 2015 and investigators believe it was used for making over 2,000 dubious entries.

Anti-Corruption Commission officials yesterday discovered this while visiting the office.

Besides, several forms used for collecting NID information were also found missing from the store of the office, said ACC sources.

The ACC team, led by Deputy Assistant Director Sharif Uddin of ACC Integrated District Office (Ctg 2), yesterday visited the EC office in port city’s Lovelane area to probe the suspicious entries into the NID server and the incident of a Rohingya woman becoming a voter.

On Wednesday, the ACC team had gone to the office to probe the incident of Rohingyas caught with Bangladeshi NID and passports. They also visited the Chattogram Divisional Passport Office for this purpose last week.

Sharif told The Daily Star that after the incidents of Rohingyas with Bangladeshi NIDs and passports came to

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The landfill in Aminbazar on the outskirts of the capital. Set up on some 50 acres of land, the waste station is running without environmental clearance for a number of years now. Inset, some of the garbage end up mixing with the water of the nearby lowland, and eventually pollute the Turag and the Buriganga. On Saturday, a parliamentary committee recommended slapping the Dhaka North City Corporation fine for polluting environment. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Cops forced victim to marry rapist

Finds Pabna dist admin’s probe body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A probe body of Pabna district administration has found that police officials indeed forced a gang-rape victim to marry one of the rapists.

The three-member committee, led by Additional District Magistrate Jahid Newaz, also found that the girl was raped several times, Kabir Mahamud, deputy commissioner of Pabna, told journalists yesterday.

The probe report was sent to the cabinet division last night, the DC added.

The committee also found that police had tried to “destroy evidence”, he said without elaborating.

On Thursday, the district administration formed the probe committee following a directive from the cabinet division.

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Rohingya refugee killed in “gunfight”

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox’s Bazar

A Rohingya man was killed in a “gunfight” with police in Teknaf early yesterday, hours after his arrest.

The victim is Habib Ullah alias Habiran, 40. He used to live in Nayapara Mochoni Rohingya camp in the upazila’s Hnila union.

Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said they had arrested Habib with firearms during an anti-narcotics drive around 8:00pm on Saturday.

On information that a “huge cache” of arms and ammunition were stored at Mochani Hill, police took Habib along to raid the area around 1:00am yesterday.

But his associates opened fire on police as soon as they reached the area, triggering a gunfight, the OC said.

Police later recovered his bullet-hit body and sent him to a local hospital, where he died.

The OC also claimed to have recovered two light guns and 10 bullets from the spot.

DENGUE OUTBREAK

It’s now worse outside Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of hospitalised dengue patients yesterday was around three times higher outside Dhaka than in Dhaka.

According to Directorate General of Health Services, 619 patients were admitted to hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday. Of them, 456 were outside Dhaka and 163 in Dhaka.

DGHS data shows 81,186 patients -- 44,986 in Dhaka and 36,200 outside Dhaka -- were hospitalised across the country this year. Some 2,546 patients are now undergoing treatment. Of them, 1,033 are in Dhaka and 1,513 outside Dhaka.

The unofficial death toll from the disease is now 148. However, the official figure is 60.

Though Aedes aegypti has been primarily associated with dengue fever, experts think that another type of Aedes mosquito might be a reason for the spread of dengue outside Dhaka.

A survey of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) being conducted since last month has found the presence of Aedes albopictus outside Dhaka.

Experts say reports of a growing number of dengue cases outside Dhaka indicate that their suspicion regarding the secondary vector is likely true. They recommended carrying out an extensive survey and taking action accordingly.

Aedes albopictus -- also called the Asian tiger mosquito -- is a small, dark mosquito with a white dorsal stripe and banded legs. It can transmit the virus that causes dengue fever. It lays eggs on the inner sides of water-

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Beximco protests TIB statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beximco Group yesterday protested a public statement of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) issued on September 13 and remarks of its executive director.

In the letter signed by its Chairman ASF Rahman, Beximco said, “We feel extremely insulted by the executive director calling us ‘plunderers.’”

Beximco said the public statement issued by the TIB and remarks of its executive director, published in The Daily Star newspaper the next day, have come to their attention.

It said among other scurrilous allegations, The Daily Star quotes the TIB executive director as saying, “Taking the advantage of loan rescheduling, a section of the plunderers gets the

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School takes plastic bottles as fees



CNN ONLINE

Oriola Oluwaseyi, 32, makes her way through the busy streets of Ajegunle, a low-income community in Nigeria’s commercial centre, Lagos.

The Nigerian mother of four is pushing through people and things in the streets to collect plastic waste bottles from retail stores.

In the evening, Oluwaseyi will drop the bottles at Morit International School where her 8-year old daughter, Rebecca attends primary school.

The bottles will act as down payment for her daughter’s tuition.

As a petty trader earning a pittance from trading car engine oil at bustling Ajegunle market in Nigeria’s economic capital, Lagos, Oluwaseyi does not earn enough to cover the annual 18,000 naira (around \$50) school fees.

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1 arrested, five sued over rape

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested a man in Bogura’s Sherpur upazila for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl who later became pregnant.

The accused -- Fatik Khan, 35, a resident of the upazila -- is a night guard by profession, said police.

Gaziur Rahman, additional superintendent of Sherpur police, said the victim’s father filed a case with Sherpur Police Station in this connection.

According to the case statement, Fatik forcibly took the girl to his home in May and raped her. He later blackmailed and raped her on several occasions.

Fatik also threatened the girl with dire consequences if she divulged the matter. In the end of August, the victim’s family figured out that she was pregnant. Asked, she told her family about the rape, the case statement added.

During primary interrogation, the accused

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Hong Kong police fire water cannons towards pro-democracy protesters outside the government headquarters in Hong Kong, yesterday. *Inset*, Protesters react during a clash in the global business hub. Hong Kong police fired water cannon and volleys of tear gas to break up protesters throwing petrol bombs and bricks near the Legislative Council building and central government offices yesterday, the latest in weeks of sometimes violent unrest. Story on page 8.

PHOTO: AFP

USA blames Iran for drone strikes in KSA

Tehran denies; Trump offers Saudi prince support

AGENCIES

Iran dismissed accusations by the United States that it was behind attacks on Saudi oil plants that risk disrupting global energy supplies and warned yesterday that US bases and aircraft carriers in the region were in range of its missiles.

Yemen’s Iran-aligned Houthi group

claimed responsibility for Saturday’s attacks that knocked out more than half of Saudi oil output or more than 5% of global supply, but US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused Iran of the attack on the world’s energy supply.

The drone strikes on plants in the heartland of Saudi Arabia’s oil industry,

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 16

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:45	4:30	6:09	7:45
JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	4:45	6:12	8:15

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