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# Police were their close neighbours

Only a boundary wall separated two 'casinos' and a police barracks in Motijheel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They were next-door neighbours. Fakirerpool Young Men's Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club that had been running "casinos" are just behind the Motijheel Police Station, separated only by the walls of a police barracks.

About 100 feet further ahead, two more casinos at Arambagh Sporting Club and Dilkusha Sporting Club had been in operation round-the-clock for a number of years now.

But police never shut them down. A few years ago, these clubs had shabby walls. Now, they have a gorgeous look with neon lights and eye-catching interiors to attract visitors.

On Wednesday, Rab arrested Jubo League Dhaka South Organising Secretary Khalid Mahmud Bhuiyan for running a "casino" in Fakirerpool Young Men's Club.

The Rab team led by a magistrate also raided at least five clubs in the city and detained and sentenced 182 people in connection with running "casinos", gambling, and drug abuse. Rab also sealed off two casinos. SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



# THUMBS we all are sucking on!

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE

"Casino" in Bangladesh! Not one or two, 60 in total are operating right in Dhaka city. It's no makeshift, behind-the-shanty mundane affair. Inside, those "casinos" are as real and as glittering as in Las Vegas. All were there: gambling machine, liquor, and swirling of no less than 120 crore taka every night.

The country woke up to this underworld operations through one single crackdown by the law enforces Wednesday. Some leaders of Jubo League, the youth front of the ruling Awami League, were found to be running those joints. Rab and police were out on the streets to arrest those once-untouchables.

It's really a very shocking disclosure, too much to digest. Yet we can't blame Omar Faruk Chowdhury, chairman of the Jubo SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

# Wrists of a man chopped off

Fingers pointed at UP chair's cadres; feud over cattle market lease seen as reason

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Goons of a union parishad chairman cut off the wrists of a man early yesterday following feud over the leases of a cattle market and a river ghat in Chapainawabganj's Shibganj upazila, the victim has alleged.

The man, Rubel Hossain, 24, of the upazila's Ranihat Bazar area, is receiving treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Talking to reporters at the hospital yesterday, Rubel said armed with sharp weapons, some 10 followers of Foyezuddin, chairman of Ujirpur union parishad, stopped a motorcycle carrying SEE PAGE 17 COL 2

# Mother, 2 daughters murdered in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

An alleged drug addict apparently slit the throats of his sister-in-law and her two minor daughters and then stabbed his own daughter at a house in Narayanganj's Siddhirganj yesterday.

Police arrested Abbas Mia in connection with the murders of 26-year-old Nasrin Begum and her daughters Nusrat, 8, and Khadiza, 2, in the afternoon.

Abbas' 15-year-old mentally and physically challenged daughter Sumaiya was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

The bodies had multiple stab wounds, Harun-Ur-Rashid, superintendent of Narayanganj police, told journalists after visiting the home at a six-storey building in CI Khola area.

The SP claimed that Abbas killed the three around 8:00am yesterday after he had an altercation with his wife the night before. His wife Yasmin Begum and Sumaiya had then gone to Nasrin's home to stay.

Nasrin's husband Suman Mia, who works at a filling station, said he found the front door open when he returned home from work around 10:00am after doing the graveyard shift.

He found the bodies and Sumaiya in pools of blood on the floor and called police.

"I adored my daughters ... how could they be killed in such a way?" SEE PAGE 2 COL 4

# Even tougher steps against party errants

PM warns as new BCL leaders meet her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has hinted at even tougher action against party men indulging in corruption and misdeeds.

"I have taken action against Chhatra League and Jubo League. I won't spare anyone," she was quoted as saying when acting Chhatra League president Al Nahian Khan Joy and general secretary Lekhak Bhattacharya met her at the Gono Bhavan last night.

The drive against the corrupt people would continue, she said, adding that it would be difficult but she would soldier on.

Hasina cautioned leaders of the pro-AL bodies not to do anything that tarnishes its image and hampers the country's development.

Talking to The Daily Star, Nahian said, "She [Hasina] suggested we emphasise on organising educational programmes and workshops on the country's history and heritage."

She also asked them not to bring out motorcade processions on campus unnecessarily.

She directed the BCL leaders to follow the principles of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Former vice-president of central BCL Sohan Khan, incumbent Joint Secretary Shams-E-Noman, DU BCL President Sanjit Chandra Das, General Secretary Saddam Hussain, DU Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall unit President Benjir Hossain Nishi were present. SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

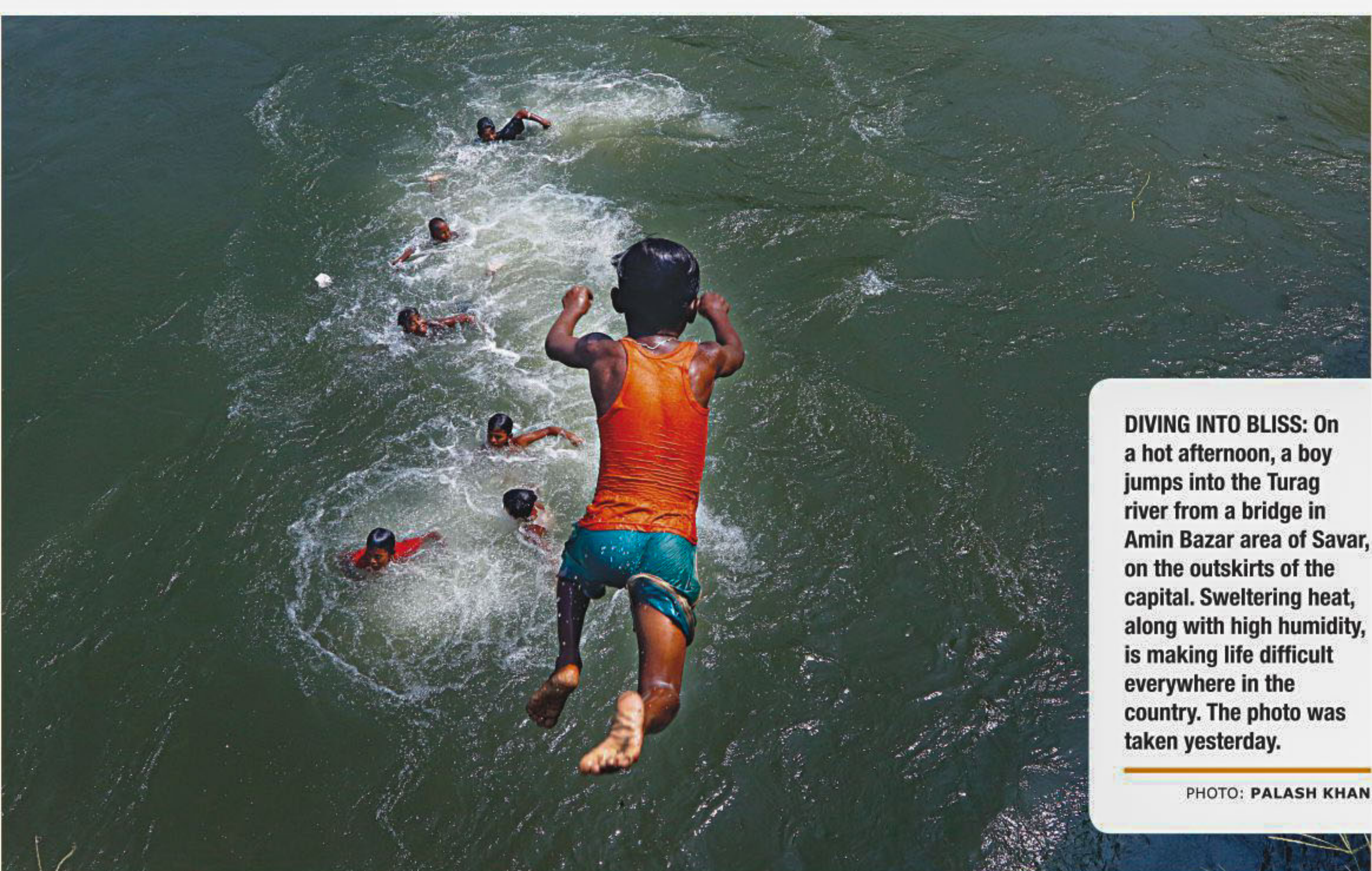
# GOPALGANJ UNIV Protests flare up for VC's removal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several thousand students demanded the removal of the vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University (BSMRSTU) in Gopalganj yesterday, amid widespread allegations of corruption and irregularities.

Showing solidarity, students of other universities across the country also held demonstrations demanding the resignation of the BSMRSTU VC Prof Khondoker Md Nasiruddin.

A section of the SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



**DIVING INTO BLISS:** On a hot afternoon, a boy jumps into the Turag river from a bridge in Amin Bazar area of Savar, on the outskirts of the capital. Sweltering heat, along with high humidity, is making life difficult everywhere in the country. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Reforms key to drawing Japanese investment

Speakers at Standard Chartered-The Daily Star roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japanese investors have never been so interested in investing in Bangladesh, but administrative and regulatory reforms are needed to attract them, analysts and businesspeople said yesterday.

They said Japanese investors are trying to relocate their units from China and are looking for alternative destinations.

As of August, 300 Japanese companies were doing business in Bangladesh. There were only 82 of them a decade ago.

In 2011, the number of Japanese companies operating in the country was 100, said Yuji Ando, country representative of the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

Around 2,000 Japanese businesspeople visited Bangladesh in 2018 alone, according to the JETRO.

"I personally see a very good future for Japanese investment in Bangladesh," said Yasunori Takeuchi, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Japan. SEE PAGE 17 COL 2

# Two Rohingyas among 3 killed in a 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Three suspected criminals, including two Rohingya refugees, were killed in a "gunfight" with police in Cox's Bazar early yesterday, a day after they were arrested.

The dead are Mohammad Jamil, 20, Asmat Ullah, 21, and Mohammad Rafique, 24. Of them, Jamil and Asmat were inhabitants of Balukhali Rohingya camp and Rafique hailed from Teknaf upazila, said police. SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

# US DRONE STRIKE IN AFGHANISTAN 30 farm workers mistakenly killed

REUTERS, Allahabad

A US drone strike intended to hit an Islamic State (IS) hideout in Afghanistan killed at least 30 civilians resting after a day's labour in the fields, officials said yesterday.

The attack on Wednesday night also injured 40 people after accidentally targeting farmers and labourers who had just finished collecting pine nuts at mountainous Wazir Tangi in eastern Nangarhar province, three Afghan officials told Reuters.

"The workers had lit a bonfire and were sitting together when a drone targeted them," tribal elder Malik Rahat Gul told Reuters by telephone from Wazir Tangi. SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

# Govt can now filter online contents

Say officials; FB team due next week

MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM

The government is now equipped to monitor, block or filter online contents, including those on social media.

A system has been set up by the Department of Telecom (DoT) under the project "Cyber Threat SEE PAGE 17 COL 1

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