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NON-PERFORMING LOANS

Rescheduling hits a record Tk 15,469cr

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Banks have rescheduled a record Tk 15,469 crore loans in the second quarter apparently to show on paper non-performing loans have reduced.

The rescheduled loan amount for April-June quarter is 165 percent higher than that of January-March, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank. In the October-December quarter, loans worth Tk 12,247 crore were rescheduled, the previous record in any quarter.

What's more, many of those loans were regularised without the required down payment, usually ranging between 5 and 50 percent of the loans, central bank officials said.

On January 10, AHM Mustafa Kamal, after becoming

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RESCHEDULED LOANS IN FIRST HALF OF CALENDER YEAR

In crore taka



Some of the heavily weathered sculptures at Swadhinata Sangram Bhaskarja Chattar at Dhaka University clearly show that no one took care of them in ages. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

RAB raids 3 clubs in Ctg

Gambling table, documents seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion last night seized gambling equipment and sharp weapons during simultaneous raids at three clubs in the port city.

The drives at Abahani Club in Halihsahar area, Mohammedan Sporting Club in Sadarghat area, and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra in Ice Factory Road area began around 7:30pm, said Mahmudul Hasan Mamun, media officer of Rab-7.

Rab seized several decks of playing cards and tally books from Abahani and Mohammedan clubs while a gambling table, six gambling chips and two machetes were recovered from Muktiyoddha club, said the Rab official.

Khorshed Alam, a member of Muktiyoddha Club, told The Daily Star that they rented out floor space of the club to one Khasru four years ago due to financial constraints.

"Khasru paid Tk 10,000

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Huge asteroid passed by Earth, undetected



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The largest asteroid to pass as close to the Earth in a century "slipped through" Nasa's detection systems, internal emails reveal.

Named 2019 OK by scientists, the asteroid nearly passed by undetected

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More US troops in Gulf

Trump sends military reinforcements after attack on Saudi oil heartland, slaps sanctions; Iran warns against aggression

AFP, Washington

The United States has announced that it was sending military reinforcements to the Gulf region following attacks on Saudi oil facilities that it attributes to Iran, just hours after President Donald Trump ordered new sanctions on Tehran.

The developments triggered a furious response from Iran. The head of the elite Revolutionary Guards yesterday said Iran will pursue any aggressor, even it carries out a limited attack, and seek to destroy it.

"Be careful, a limited aggression will not remain limited. We will pursue any aggressor," the head of the Guards, Major General Hossein Salami, said in remarks broadcast on state TV. "We are after punishment and we will continue until the full destruction of any aggressor."

On Friday, Trump said the sanctions were the toughest-ever against another country, but indicated he did not plan a military strike, calling restraint a sign of strength.

The Treasury Department renewed action against Iran's central bank after US officials said Tehran carried out weekend attacks on rival Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure, which triggered a spike in global crude prices.

Those attacks, combined with an Iranian attack on an American spy drone in June, represented a "dramatic escalation of Iranian aggression," Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said.

The Pentagon chief announced that the United States would send military reinforcements to the Gulf region at the request of Saudi Arabia and the

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3 more dengue patients die

STAR REPORT

Three dengue patients died outside Dhaka on Friday amid a decreasing trend of new patients' admission to hospitals.

The dead are Shefali Rani, 70, of Magura, Fatema Akter, 65, of Jamalpur, and Parvin Akter, 36, of Barishal.

Of them, Shefali died at Faridpur Medical College Hospital around 9:00pm on Friday.

She was admitted to the hospital around 3:00pm and diagnosed with dengue around 8:00am. She died around an hour later, said Kamoda Prosad Saha, superintendent of the hospital.

Shefali hailed from Magura Sadar upazila's Kechuadubi village, he added.

Meanwhile, Fatema died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

She was admitted to the hospital on September 13 and

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PRIVACY REVIEW

FB suspends lakhs of apps

AFP, San Francisco

Facebook on Friday said it suspended "tens of thousands" of apps on its platform as a result of a privacy practices review launched following a scandal involving Cambridge Analytica.

The review started in 2018 after revelations that the political consultancy hijacked personal data on millions of Facebook users, and it included attorneys, external investigators, data scientists, engineers, policy specialists and others,

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Students collect trash in a coastal area in Banda Aceh of Indonesia as part of the World Cleanup Day yesterday. *Inset*, volunteers collect trash in the Philippines' capital Manila.

PHOTO: AFP

PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 22

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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