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Trump asked for a 'favor'

Released transcript confirms he asked Ukraine to probe Biden

AFP, Washington

A White House transcript released yesterday confirmed that President Donald Trump asked his Ukrainian counterpart a 'favor' to probe political rival Joe Biden -- a day after Democrats seized on the explosive allegation to launch an impeachment process.



The official memorandum of a July 25 phone call with President Volodymyr Zelensky shows Trump saying US Attorney General Bill Barr and the president's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani would be in touch about probing Biden and his son's activities related to Ukraine.

"There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great," Trump said.

Democrats, who opened formal impeachment proceedings against the president on Tuesday, are investigating whether he pressured a foreign government to look into a political opponent, and if he used a delayed \$400 million aid package as leverage.

As Barack Obama's vice president, Biden and other Western leaders pressured Ukraine to get rid of the country's

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Logs occupying the footpath in front of forest ministry's lumber storage Eastern Wood Works in the capital's Tejgaon. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

3 sent to jail over rape of a fifth grader

STAR REPORT

A Noakhali court yesterday sent three men to jail for their alleged involvement in rape of a schoolgirl.

The three -- Borhanuddin, 20, Mehedi Hasan, 18, and Siraj, 18, of the district's Sadar upazila -- were accused of raping a fifth-grader in the upazila's Newazpur area, said police.

The victim's mother filed a case against the three with Sudharam Police Station on Tuesday night.

According to the case statement, Siraj had been stalking the girl for a few months. On Tuesday, he forcibly took the girl to a shop near her school and raped her.

Borhanuddin and Mehedi were guarding Siraj when he committed the crime, the case statement added.

Kazi Md Abdur Rahim, additional superintendent of Noakhali (Sadar circle) police, said all three accused were arrested within a few hours since the complaint was lodged.

The victim was sent to Noakhali General Hospital for medical tests, the police official said, adding that she would also receive treatment there.

Meanwhile, Rab arrested a man in Dhaka's Kadamtoli area for his alleged involvement in rape of a third grader in

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Jackdaws can identify 'dangerous' humans

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Jackdaws can identify "dangerous" humans from listening to each other's warning calls, scientists say.

The highly social birds will also remember that person if they come near their nests again, according to researchers from the University of Exeter.

In the study, a person unknown

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INSECTICIDE FOR ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE BY DSCC, DNCC

Corruption at every stage of purchase

TIB study also blames lack of national work plans for spread of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Irregularities and corruption at Dhaka city corporations in buying pesticides, unplanned anti-mosquito drives and a lack of national work plan are the main reasons behind the dengue outbreak, TIB has said.

These were revealed in a research conducted by Transparency International Bangladesh and shared at a press conference at its office in the capital yesterday.

The unofficial number of deaths from the mosquito-borne disease is now 146. However, the

official figure is 75.

"Though there were dengue outbreaks in Bangladesh in the last few years, enough importance was not given at local and national levels to control it. The strategy and work plan, which are very essential to control Aedes mosquitoes, are at a preliminary stage," TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman told the press conference.

He said even though applying larvicide and destroying source of mosquitoes proved effective, both the city corporations were conducting anti-

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SUNAMGANJ BOAT CAPSIZE

Seven children among 10 dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A total of 10 people, including seven children, died as a boat sank in Kaliakuta Haor of Sunamganj's Derai upazila on Tuesday.

Rescue workers called off their operations as no one else was missing, said KM Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Derai Police Station.

Twenty one others survived the accident, said the police official.

The dead are Sohan Miah, 1, Azam Miah, 2, Shamim Miah, 2, Abir Miah, 3, Shanta Begum, 3, Asad Miah, 5, Tasmina Begum, 11, Roitunnesa, 35, Karima Begum, 62.

Divers of Fire Service and Civil Defence, along with locals, started conducting a rescue operation in the Haor immediately after the boat capsized on Tuesday evening. Bodies of four children were recovered on Tuesday night while six more were recovered yesterday.

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Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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