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IMPACT OF LOW PADDY PRICES

# Farming in haors not worth it

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Sunamganj

Frustrated by the low price of rice since May, marginal farmers in the haor areas of Sunamganj are not showing any interest in leasing land for Boro production.

Tenant farmers usually lease land during the Bangla month of Bhadra and Ashwin, corresponding to September and October, to prepare the fields for cultivation.

However, they are not willing to invest in rice production because many farmers could not recover the production cost of last season by selling their crops after harvest in April, locals said.

This is also affecting farmers who lease out their land, locals added.

Monir Mia, a farmer of Sripur village in Tanguar Haor under Tahirpur upazila has decided to change his profession after incurring loss in rice production.

"I will go to Tahirpur upazila town and pull rickshaw rather than toil in farmland and end up with a huge loss," he grieved.

"I had leased one acre of land for Tk 10,000 to cultivate BRR1 Dhan-29 rice and my average cost of production was Tk 750 per maund [about 40kg]," he said.

"I could not sell my paddy to the government. Those who are associated with political leaders sold their paddy

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Wreckage of train carriages after a locomotive hit them hard at Kaunia Railway Station in Rangpur yesterday afternoon. The accident left a passenger dead and at least 80 others injured.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

# 1 killed as locomotive rams train

80 others hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A youth was killed and some 80 others were injured when the locomotive of a train rams its carriages while changing ends at Kaunia Junction in Rangpur yesterday.

The dead, Apel Mahmud, 20, is from Thakurgaon.

Twenty others were badly injured. Of them, three are in critical condition and were referred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said Atiqur Rahman, medical officer at Kaunia Upazila Health Complex.

The accident took place around 4:30pm when drivers of the Panchagarh-bound train from Bogura lost control while attaching the locomotive to the other end of the train and hit the carriages hard, said Sarwar Alam, stationmaster at the junction.

Two carriages were badly damaged, he said, adding that the driver and assistant driver of the train fled the scene immediately after the incident.

A team of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Rangpur rushed to the scene and rescued the dead and the injured.

Ulfat Ara Begum, upazila nirbahi officer of Kaunia, visited the spot following the incident.

A five-member probe committee was formed to investigate the incident, said Manik Hossain,

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# NEW BREXIT PLANS Britain, EU trade blame

AFP, London

Britain and the EU yesterday traded claims about who would be responsible for the failure of a new Brexit deal unveiled by London as the country faces a messy exit from the bloc at the end of October.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson warned the bloc's failure to listen to his new proposal would result in it sharing the blame for a likely chaotic divorce.

Johnson has until October 31 to try to muster support for a fresh approach, which focuses on complicated proposals for preserving a free-flowing border between British-run Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland after Brexit.

But he is facing headwinds across European capitals and his own parliament.

Failure to get both the 27 EU leaders and UK lawmakers to back his plan will

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# ELECTRICAL BURNS Hundreds maimed every year

Experts blame lack of awareness, poor management of live wires

RAFIUL ISLAM

With a meagre income from his small grocery store in Bogura, Rafiqul Islam was the sole breadwinner of his family of five.

He struggled to pay for his three children's education -- two in school and one in college -- and dreamt of better days.

But his world turned upside down on June 21, when he accidentally came into contact with a live wire.

Doctors had to amputate his right arm while the fingers of his left hand had almost deformed, rendering him unable to work.

"My family is just devastated," said Rafiqul in a feeble voice, lying on a bed at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Rafiqul is among the several hundred people who become disabled every year after suffering electrical burns.

Although the incidents of electrical burns do not get much public attention, they are considered by physicians as one of the most devastating

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# Housewife raped at home in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A housewife was raped allegedly by her two neighbours in Galachipa upazila early yesterday.

The victim said she lives with her family in the capital where her husband works at a barber shop. She went to her village home last week to celebrate Durga Puja. Other members of the family were to go later.

The victim, a mother of three, was sleeping at her home when two of her neighbours -- Kalipada Das and Nizamuddin -- entered the house and raped her around 2:00am.

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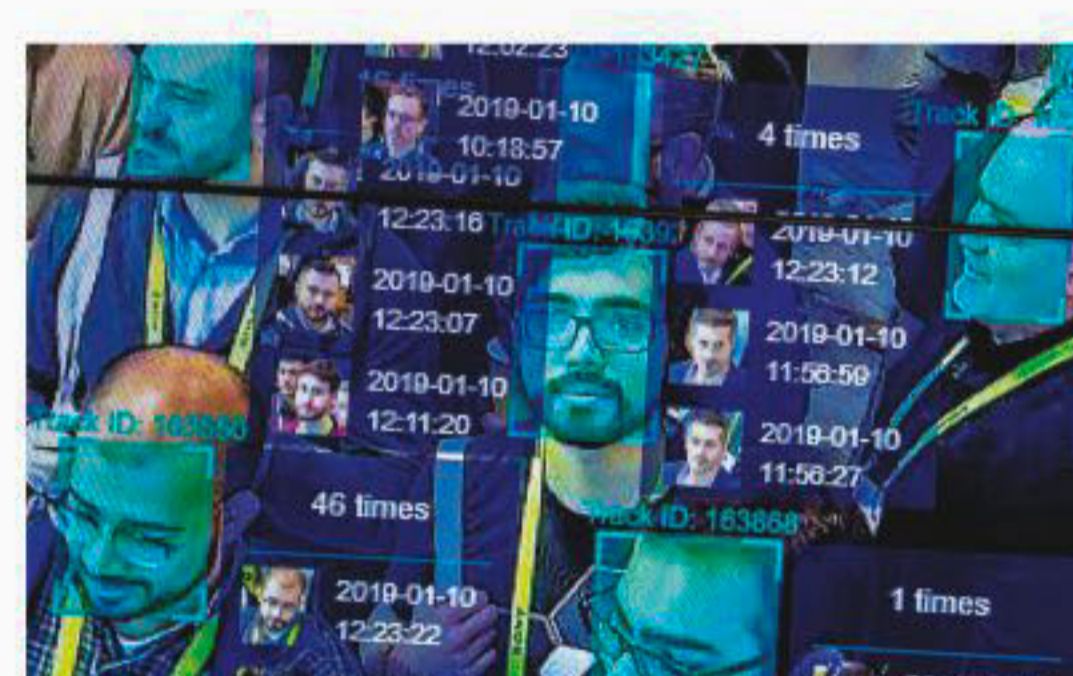
# China invents super surveillance camera

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Researchers in China have developed an ultra-powerful camera capable of identifying a single person among stadium crowds of tens of thousands of people.

The 500-megapixel camera was developed by scientists at Fudan University, in conjunction with Changchun Institute of Optics from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

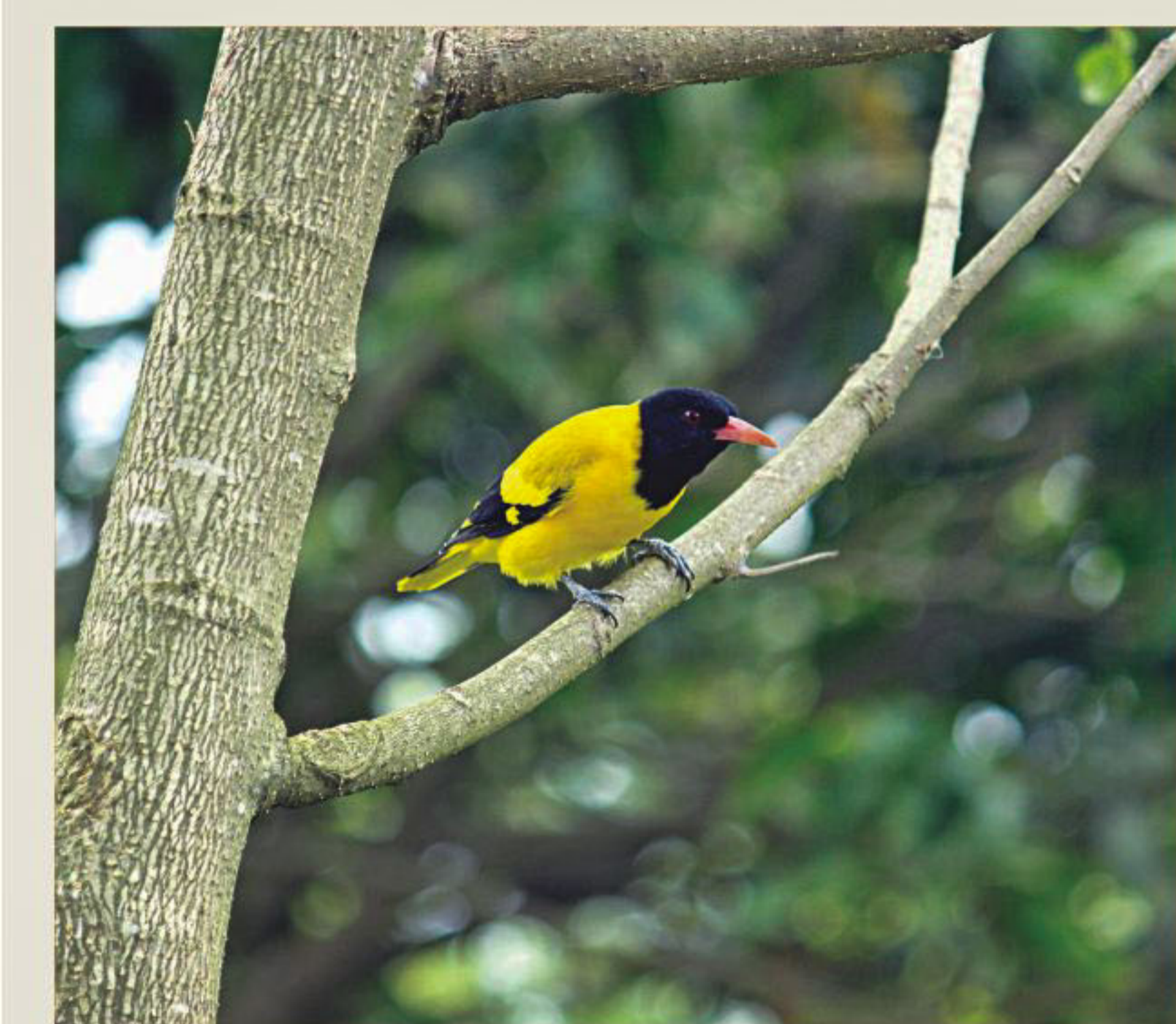
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## PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 4

Fajr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-45	12-30	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT 5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



## A SIGHT TO BEHOLD

A Black-headed Oriole rests on a tree in Hosendanga area of Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila. This striking yellow and black bird, found across the country, is a feast for the eyes.

PHOTO: RABIUL HASAN

# Trump does it again

Seeks foreign help to investigate Bidens despite impeachment storm

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President Donald Trump yesterday again invited foreign interference in a US presidential election, calling on Ukraine and China to investigate Democratic political rival Joe Biden - similar to a request that has already triggered an impeachment inquiry in Congress.

As he left the White House for a visit to Florida, Trump told reporters he believed Beijing should investigate Biden and his businessman son Hunter Biden.

"And by the way, likewise, China should start an investigation into the Bidens. Because what happened in China is just about as bad as what happened with Ukraine," Trump said.

Trump and his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani have accused former vice president Biden, a leading contender for the Democratic Party nomination to run against Republican Trump in the 2020 election, of improperly assisting his son's business ventures in Ukraine and China, but have offered no evidence.

Trump asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a phone call in July to investigate Biden and his son over allegations of corruption. Hunter Biden was on the board of a Ukrainian gas company.

The revelation of the request by a whistleblower prompted House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi to announce a formal impeachment

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# Father killed for protesting harassment of daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested a Chhatra League leader on charge of dragging a man to death in Sirajganj's Kazipur upazila on Wednesday.

Aminul Islam, 28, general secretary of BCL's Kazipur unit, allegedly killed one Abdur Rouf, 45, following an altercation with him over harassing his daughter, said Lutfur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Kazipur Police Station.

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড গত ০১ জুলাই ২০১৯খ্রি: তারিখ হতে মূল্য সংযোজন কর ও সম্পূর্ণক শুল্ক আইন, ২০১২ কার্যকর করেছে। এটি একটি অনলাইনভিত্তিক ব্যবস্থাপনা হওয়ায় এর আওতায় ভ্যাট নিবন্ধিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের ডেটাবেসটি হালনাগাদ করা প্রয়োজন। এ লক্ষ্যে সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে পুরাতন ১১ অথবা ৯ ডিজিট বিশিষ্ট মুসক নিবন্ধন সংখ্যার পরিবর্তে ১৩ ডিজিট বিশিষ্ট নিবন্ধন সংখ্যা গ্রহণ করার জন্য জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকা সমূহে গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশ করা হয়। ১৩ ডিজিট নিবন্ধন সংখ্যার প্রথম ৯ ডিজিট ব্যবসা সনাক্তকরণ সংখ্যা এবং এরপর একটি হাইফেন দিয়ে পরবর্তী ৪ ডিজিট অধিক্ষেত্র সনাক্তকরণ সংখ্যা যা ব্যবসা স্থলের ঠিকানা পরিবর্তনের সাথে পরিবর্তনশীল। নতুন নিবন্ধন সংখ্যা গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ সময়সীমা ছিল ১৪ আগস্ট ২০১৯।

কিন্তু লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, এ সময়সীমা উত্তীর্ণ হলেও বিভিন্ন কারণে একটি উল্লেখযোগ্য সংখ্যক করদাতা এখনো ১৩ ডিজিটের (একটি হাইফেনসহ ১৪টি ক্যারেটার সম্পন্ন) নিবন্ধন গ্রহণ করতে সমর্থ হননি। এতে সঠিক ভ্যাট আদায় কার্যক্রম বিঘ্নিত হচ্ছে। কারণ, ১৩ ডিজিটের নিবন্ধন সংখ্যা ব্যতীত অনলাইনে মাসিক রিটার্ন দাখিল করা বা কর পরিশোধ করা সম্ভব নয়।

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