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Checking eyes from miles away

Eye doctors in hospitals remotely treating patients in upazilas



BISHAKHA DEVNATH

Samira Begum's eyes were itchy and watery for a few days when she finally decided to get a check-up at the Puthia Upazila Health Complex of Rajshahi on September 17.

In a room at the healthcare centre sat senior staff nurse Amana Begum who took some readings like eye pressure and blood pressure and entered the data in a software.

Mahbube Habiba Kabita, an ophthalmologist, sitting behind another computer miles away at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) looked at the records, talked to the patient and prescribed treatment accordingly.

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BNP activists during a rally protesting the killing of Buet student Abrar and demanding the release of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia in front of the party's main office in the capital's Nayapaltan.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Govt signed deals to 'cling on to power'

Complains BNP about recent Dhaka-Delhi MoUs

UNB, Dhaka

BNP senior leaders yesterday alleged that the government signed "anti-state" deals with India only to hold onto power by appeasing the neighbouring country.

Speaking at a protest rally in front of the BNP headquarters in the city's Nayapaltan, they also urged the people to wage a united movement to protect the country's interests and sovereignty by ensuring the fall of the current government and thus value the blood of slain Buet student Abrar Fahad.

"We think the deals with India on withdrawal of water from the Feni river, use of Chattogram and Mongla ports, supplying LPG and installation of a coastal surveillance system are against the national interests," said BNP standing committee member Khandaker

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Two killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Two suspected drug peddlers, including a Rohingya man, were killed in a "gunfight" with police in Cox's Bazar early yesterday, hours after their arrest.

The dead -- Abdur Rahman, 46, inhabitant of Noyapara Rohingya Camp, and Ahmed Hossain, 45, of Hatya upazila -- had six drug related cases filed against them, said police.

Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said the duo was arrested in Teknaf around 8:00pm on Friday.

On their information, a police team, along with the two "criminals", conducted a drive in Hatiargona Malir Hill area of Teknaf around 1:00am yesterday to recover drugs and firearms, he claimed.

As soon as they reached the area, a group of criminals opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate. Abdur and Ahmed sustained bullet injuries during the "gunfight". Later, they were taken to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex, he added.

On duty doctors at the health complex referred the duo to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital as their condition was critical. When taken to the hospital, doctors declared them dead, he claimed.

The bodies were sent to the hospital morgue for autopsies.

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Modi hails new Indo-Sino ties

Indian and Chinese PMs agree on steps to reduce trade deficit

AGENCIES

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday hailed a "new era" in relations with China as he held talks with President Xi Jinping aiming to overcome troublesome differences between the world's two most populous nations.

Modi and Xi strolled along a pristine Bay of Bengal beach and held one-on-one talks from chairs overlooking the ocean before their delegations sat down to official negotiations at the historic resort town of Mahabalipuram, south of Chennai.

The two leaders met for the second time in 18 months at an informal summit in a bid to ease tensions over border disputes, the troubled Kashmir region and China's domination of trade between their huge economies.

They reaffirmed a pledge made at the last summit in Wuhan, China, that "both sides will prudently manage their differences and not allow differences on any issue to become disputes," said an Indian government statement.

Modi said the Wuhan summit had given "increased stability and fresh momentum to our relationship".

"Our Chennai vision today has launched a new era of cooperation between our two countries," he added.

Xi said in his opening remarks to the summit delegations that he and Modi held "candid discussions as friends."

The buildup to the summit has been dominated by India's move in August to end the autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir state. Changes ordered by the New Delhi government will see Kashmir's Ladakh region -- part of which is claimed by Beijing -- turned into a separate

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Mizan denies identity but it doesn't work

Rab arrests him in Sylhet

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

In a desperate attempt to avoid arrest, Awami League leader and ward councillor Habibur Rahman Mizan tried to deceive Rab personnel during a drive in Sreemangal on Friday.

When Mizan was confronted by Rab officials at his acquaintance's house, he denied his name and identity.

When Rab officials enquired him during the drive, his response was "My name is not Mizan, neither am I a ward councillor," said Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam, who led the drive.

He also denied being from Dhaka's Mohammadpur area and said he was from Jhalakathi district, Sarwoer added.

He said Mizan continued to confuse Rab officials with false

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3,500-yr-old industrial park!



REUTERS, Luxor

Egypt, as part of a larger effort to ramp up tourism, has unveiled a 3,500-year-old industrial area, a first-of-its-kind collection of artifacts, on the west bank of the Nile River in Luxor.

The discovery in the Western Valley, also known as the Valley of the Monkeys, dates to the New Kingdom's 18th Dynasty, approximately 1543-1292 B.C., the antiquities ministry said in a statement.

Egyptologist Zahi Hawass, who spearheaded a two-year excavation in the area, said the site includes 30 workshops where funeral furniture for royal tombs was made.

The team also discovered an oven used to produce clay products, a water storage tank, two silver rings and objects used to decorate royal

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Samrat back to prison after hospital stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Jubo League leader Ismail Hossain Chowdhury Samrat, an alleged kingpin of the illegal casino business in the capital, was taken back to Dhaka central jail yesterday after being given treatment at National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD).

He was brought back to his cell around 12:30pm, jailor Mahbubul Islam told The Daily Star.

Samrat was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on October 8 as he "felt sick" and was later

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 13

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-45 7-15
JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



An explosion is seen over the Syrian town of Ras al-Ain from the Turkish border town of Ceylanpinar, Sanliurfa province yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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মধ্যপাড়া গ্রানাইট মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)



মধ্যপাড়া জু-গর্ভস্থ খনির গ্রানাইট বোন্ডার, ক্রাশড পাথর ও স্টোন-ডাস্ট ব্যবহারের জন্য সকলের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ।

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- কু-ভক্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- এজমোটোরিয়াল টেকনোলজী হাউস লিমিটেড, মিরপুর-১১, ঢাকা।
- কিউইটি ইন্ডিপেন্ডেন্ট এন্ড কনসালটেন্ট লিমিটেড, মুক্তাবাজার।

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- শাহজাদাবাদ আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দরের সম্মুখভাগ
- রূপপুর পারমাণবিক ব্রহ্মক
- পদ্মা সেতু ব্রহ্মক
- কলকাতার আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দর
- বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের বিভিন্ন স্টেশন ব্রহ্মক
- বঙ্গবন্ধু সেতু
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০২।	০৫-২০ মি.মি.	৩২.০০	১১৫.০০	২৫.০০
০৩।	২০-৪০ মি.মি.	৩৩.০০	১২২.২৪	২৫.০০
০৪।	৪০-৬০ মি.মি.	৩০.০০	১০৫.০০	২৪.০০
০৫।	৬০-৮০ মি.মি.	২৯.০০	১০২.১০	২৪.০০
০৬।	স্টোন ডাস্ট (< ৫ মি.মি.)	১০.০০	৩৭.৪৪	২২.০০

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