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Classes under open sky for 2 years now

Students keep suffering since the Dhaleswari devoured the school building in Nagarpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Classes of a government primary school in Tangail were being conducted in the yard of a private home, since the schoolhouse was destroyed by river erosion two years ago.

The school's headmaster Azam Ali said the tin-roofed structure of Govindapur Government Primary School, built on 40 decimals of land in Betuajani village in Nagarpur upazila, was hit by the erosion of the Dhaleswari river in August 2017.

Initially, they held classes in the periphery of the destroyed structure but further erosion led the school management to shift the classes in the yard of Muhammad Abdul Karim, a resident of Betuajani, last year, added Azam.

Now, four teachers, excluding the headmaster, run three classes simultaneously in two shifts for 115 children, who take lessons sitting on benches set haphazardly under the open sky.

The students and teachers can hardly hear each other over the cacophony produced in the absence of any physical barrier separating the different grades.

The headmaster said the school authorities have to suspend classes on rainy days and exams are taken inside a nearby mosque to avoid interruption from bad weather.

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Abandoned vehicles at the front yard of the social welfare ministry's Shishu Paribar, a girls' orphanage in the capital's Tejgaon. The vehicles, left at the mercy of nature, not only ruin the view and occupy what could be a playground for the girls, but also become an ideal breeding ground for mosquitos when rainwater accumulates inside them. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Snow crab sells for \$46,000 in Japan



CNN ONLINE

A "five shining star" snow crab was auctioned off in Tottori, Japan for a whopping 5 million yen (\$46,000) on November 7.

It's the highest-ever price paid for a snow crab, according to the Tottori prefecture's fishery promotion division, which was in charge of the auction.

The coveted crustacean was a male, weighing 1.2 kg (2.7 pounds) and measuring 14.6 cm (5.74 inches) wide.

The bid smashes the previous Guinness world record holding snow crab sale of 2 million yen (\$18,000), which was set last year -- also in Tottori.

This week's winning bidder was Tetsuji Hamashita, president of fishery wholesaler Hanashita Shoten.

The 5 million yen snow crab will end up on a few lucky diners' plates at an upscale restaurant in Tokyo's posh Ginza neighborhood.

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DIGITAL SECURITY ACT

JU student sued over FB posts

Minister slams JU protesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Jahangirnagar University was sued yesterday for allegedly disparaging the government, the prime minister and the vice-chancellor on social media.

The accused, Mumtaz Mimma, is a 44th batch student of the Institute of Information Technology.

Shahadat Hossain, vice chairman of Savar Upazila Parishad, filed the case with Ashulia Police Station under the Digital Security Act around 5:30pm.

According to the case statement, Mumtaz posted several derogatory photos of Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam on her Facebook account and made denigrating comments about the government, the prime minister and the VC in the last couple of days since the protest against the alleged corruption of JU authorities began.

The protesters, however, said they would not take responsibilities of her FB posts as she had not come to the protest so far.

"She may have supported the protest. But we will not take the responsibility for what she has posted on her own Facebook account," said Ariful Islam Anik, general secretary of JU unit Chhatra Union and an organiser of the platform "Jahangirnagar Against Corruption".

Meanwhile, Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury yesterday told journalists that the government would find out the "instigators" of the protest before forming a committee to investigate the corruption allegations brought against the authorities and the VC.

He also slammed the protesting teachers and students of JU, saying the government would take action against them for "creating nuisance" in the name of protest as the inquiry was yet to start.

Mentioning the penal code section 211, the deputy minister said, "Bringing false charges against anyone is a crime and a person may face two years of imprisonment for doing such a crime."

He made these remarks while speaking at a press conference at the

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DHAKA AIRPORT Passenger arrested with pistol, bullets

UNB, Dhaka

A customs preventive team arrested a passenger along with a foreign pistol and 100 bullets at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport early yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, the team took position at different points of the airport, said Sajjad Hossain, an assistant commissioner of Dhaka Customs House.

The team arrested Hasan Ali and recovered the pistol and bullets searching

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HONG KONG PROTESTS

Thousands gather for 'martyrs' vigil

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Hong Kong protesters yesterday held a vigil for "martyrs" and many demanded "revenge" after a student died in hospital this week following a high fall, fuelling anger among pro-democracy demonstrators who first took to the streets in June.

Thousands of people peacefully gathered in Tamar Park next to central government offices in the former British colony that returned to Chinese rule in 1997, after they had secured rare permission from the police to hold the evening rally.

The protesters sang hymns and carried flowers, while many shouted "revenge," a call heard increasingly often at rallies and given added impetus since a student died on Friday after falling from a multi-storey car park during a protest.

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It's no way for democracy to conduct itself

Shashi Tharoor says about Modi govt's decisions on Kashmir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian author and politician Shashi Tharoor yesterday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had forgotten his own "prescription", which he had announced months before the turmoil in Kashmir.

"You have to embrace the people of Kashmir and not curse them. That prescription, which he had announced a few months earlier, he forgot," Tharoor said during a panel discussion at the Dhaka Lit Fest, which concluded yesterday.

By suspending the state assembly in Jammu and Kashmir, and introducing a governor there, the Modi government had launched a policy where it considered "consent" to be whatever it wanted it to be, he said.

Tharoor said this was "no way for a democracy to conduct itself".

Responding to a question from the session moderator Prof CR Abrar on the Indian Supreme Court's verdict in the Ayodhya, Tharoor said he would not comment on it as "it is best to leave the verdict to speak for itself."

"I hope that people on all sides of this vexed question will see this as an opportunity to announce closure and move on," the author said.

It seems to me that we

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 10

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:22 7:00
JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:25 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A boatload of winter vegetables is being taken to the capital's Shyambazar. Even though winter has not arrived, some farmers have been blessed with an early harvest of a wide range of vegetables. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

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