

PADMA BRIDGE RAIL LINK PROJECT IS BEING BUILT WITH BSRM





World's Largest VRM



Special Economic Zone in Tea Estate

6,000 to lose means for survival

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Chunarughat

Satyabati Bakti, 95, a blind retired tea-worker of Chandpur tea estate, is ready to take a bullet to protect her farmland.

"If I could see, and had the energy, I would stand in front of my paddy field and tell them to shoot me before taking the land," she says, referring to her 15-decimal land, situated inside Chandpur tea estate, where the government is planning to set up

a Special Economic Zone (SEZ).
Satyabati and her tea-labourer family relies on the land for their yearly supply of food. The wage of a tea-worker is currently Tk 102 per day.

Like Satyabati, 6,000 people from 1,250 families of the Chandpur tea estate, run by Duncan Brothers Bangladesh Ltd, might



soon lose their farmlands, and their muchneeded supplementary income, because of the proposed SEZ.

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Followers of Ducsu VP Nurul Haque Nur, injured in an attack by Muktijoddha Moncho and Chhatra League men, being taken to hospital in an ambulance. The photo was taken near the Ducsu Bhaban on the Dhaka University campus around 12:30pm yesterday.

RECORD HOLDER

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

COLD WAVE Forecast grim for the days ahead

5 die allegedly of cold STAR REPORT

The cold wave shook much of the country for the fourth consecutive day yesterday disrupting daily life of many.

Met office yesterday forecast rainfall across the country from Wednesday to Friday followed by another spell of a cold wave from Saturday.

"Although the temperature has risen slightly, the cold seemed more biting due to the absence of sunlight," said Monowar Hossain, a meteorologist at the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, adding that the condition would prevail until the end of the

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Home belongs to martyred intellectual's family

Finds ACC probe STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Martyred intellectual's family members, who were evicted from their home "following a mid-ranking police official's move" in the capital's Nawabpur, are the actual owners of the property, the Anti-Corruption Commission has found in its enquiry. ACC Deputy Director

Md Salauddin yesterday filed a case against Sheikh Md Jabed Uddin and Miraj Md Jakir Uddin for forging documents of the house. On August 26, the home

ministry suspended then deputy commissioner (Wari division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Mohammad Ibrahim on

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Poles help stranded Iranian lorry driver



AFP, Warsaw

An Iranian driver who was stranded after his lorry broke down in Poland received a helping hand from locals who launched a crowd-funding initiative for a new truck to take him home.

By Friday morning, the appeal on the website zrzutka.pl had drawn more than 250,000 zlotys (59,000 euros, \$65,000) in donations for Fardin Kazemi.

The self-employed driver was forced to sleep in his American International 9670 lorry after it broke down in early December near the southern city of Czestochowa after travelling 5,550 kilometres

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Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad says that those who genocide will be

any mercy, he says, adding that those who were compelled to do such acts will be spared.

Returning of Bangladeshi refugees



have intentionally participated in the prosecuted.



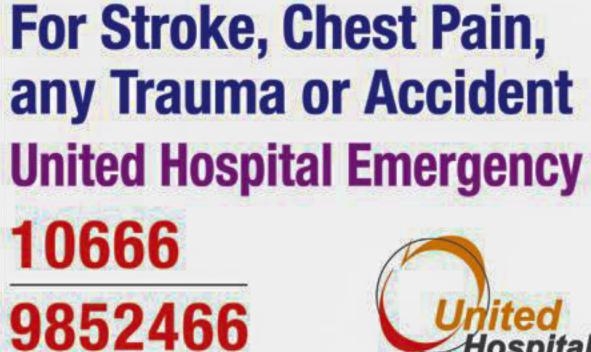
of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) in Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon

Victim Rezabul Islam, 30, along with his fellow cattle traders, was intruding into India around 4:00am SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



They will not get

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Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-25 12-45 3-45 5-24 7-00 JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30

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We deeply mourn the sad demise of our Former Chairman & Founding Board Member,

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG

We recall with immense gratitude his invaluable contribution to Delta Brac Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DBH). His outstanding leadership was characterized by unqualified commitment and support to the growth of the Company.

We pray to the Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of his departed soul and extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May the Almighty grant them the strength and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.



Members of the Board of Directors & **Employees of Delta Brac Housing Finance** Corporation Limited.

BSF shoots Bangladeshi dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A Bangladeshi cattle trader was shot dead by members early yesterday, said Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

