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A dolphin spotted in the Karnaphuli river near Chattogram city's Ichhanagar. Unlike fish which has gills, the mammal needs to come to the surface to breathe. People gather on the river banks to see dolphins in the winter. But dolphin sightings have now become rare and experts blame river pollution and increased traffic on the river for this. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Help regularise undocumented Bangladeshis

Momen calls on US authorities

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has called upon the US authorities to help legalise the undocumented Bangladeshis residing there.

He made the call yesterday during a meeting with US Congresswoman Grace Meng (Democrat), who represents a large number of Bangladeshi diaspora voters in New York, and always have been an active member of Bangladesh caucus in US Congress.

"Appreciating the Biden administration's liberal approach to immigration, Foreign Minister Momen called upon Congresswoman Meng to make efforts to legalise undocumented Bangladeshi diaspora in the US through taking up the matter with the new US government," said a foreign ministry statement.

Momen is currently visiting Washington DC on an official trip to reach out to the Biden

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 26

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-15	12-30	4-30	6-05	7-30
JAMAAT 5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

CONDOLENCE

We are deeply saddened by the sudden demise of country's noted economist **Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled** who breathed his last early Wednesday at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMU). He was 80.

Former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, Ibrahim Khaled also served as the managing director of Pubali Bank, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Agrani Bank and Sonali Bank in his illustrious career spanning nearly six decades.

The veteran banker was awarded the Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Gold Medal in 2009 and the Khan Bahadur Nawab Ali Chowdhury National Award in 2013 for his outstanding contribution to the country's banking sector.

Ibrahim Khalid was an IBA alumnus and served as the president of Bangladesh MBA Association. He was also the president of Kachi-Kanchar Mela.

We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul and convey our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Nazmul Hassan
Nazmul Hassan MP
 President

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CREC should talk to the authorities

Says rail minister on contractor's fund crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If the contractor for the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project has any issue, it should talk to the authorities concerned, as this is not something to talk about with the media, said Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday.

The minister made the comments a day after China Railway Group

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Sadness all the way to the grave

Burglars murder boy, 12, whose life was a series of unfortunate events

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After the separation of his parents 11 years ago, Hasan Bapari used to live in his maternal grandparents' house in Feni. After their deaths last year, he was admitted to a madrasa in Narayanganj. But there he was sexually abused by a teacher and left the madrasa.

Since then, he has been residing with his aunt's family in the capital's Wari area.

The family planned to go to Cox's Bazar on vacation yesterday night.

But that did not happen as the 12-year-old boy was killed by suspected burglars in the house on Wednesday night.

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