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Flood hits low-lying areas

Onrush of water from upstream, heavy downpour bring miseries to people in northern, central regions

STAR REPORT

Low-lying areas of the country's northern and north-central regions have been submerged by floodwater, causing immense sufferings for people.

The onrush of water from upstream and heavy downpours resulted in floods, which may stay for over a week, said officials of Water Development Board (WDB).

A bulletin of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre said at least 10 rivers in the country were flowing above the danger level around 9:00am yesterday.

"Major rivers in the north-eastern part of the country are in a rising trend, which may continue in next 24 hours," it said.

The bulletin was released at 9:00am.

The flood situation might deteriorate today in Tangail, Sirajganj, Pabna and Manikganj, said the bulletin.

Our correspondents from different districts reported on the situation.

In Sirajganj, over 50,000 people of low-lying areas of Sadar, Kazipur, Shahzadpur, Belkuchi and Chowhali upazilas have been marooned by floodwater.

The Jamuna continues to swell due to onrush of water from upstream, said WDB officials.

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A gateman raises a red flag to signal an oncoming train to stop after vehicles got stuck in jam right on the lines at the Moghbazar Level Crossing in the capital around 11:30am yesterday. The gateman ran yards ahead to make sure the train driver saw him and stopped. The train eventually crossed the area after the vehicles passed.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Nazrul's 45th death anniversary today

STAR REPORT

The 45th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be observed in the country today.

The poet passed away at the then PG Hospital, now Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital, in the city in 1976.

He was buried with state honour beside the Dhaka University central mosque.

The Dhaka University authorities have chalked out programmes to observe the 45th death anniversary of the national poet.

Following health guidelines and maintaining

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Pori Moni denied bail by HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday refused to grant arrested actor Pori Moni bail in a narcotics case.

The court also issued a rule questioning a lower court order setting September 13 to hear her bail application in the case.

In the rule, it asked respondents to explain by September 1 why the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court should not be directed to hear and dispose of Pori Moni's bail application within two days.

The court also asked respondents to show cause why the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court's order of setting September 13, which would be 21 days after submission and acceptance of the application, for the bail hearing, should not be scrapped.

The state and Judge KM SEE PAGE 10 COL 3

Reviving a local species of Garfish

Scientists invent artificial breeding technique for Kakila



SHARIFUL HASAN

Scientists of Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) have successfully invented an artificial breeding technique for the almost-lost freshwater garfish, known as Kakila in Bangladesh.

They have also succeeded in adapting this open water fish to a closed environment. As a result, they hope the abundance of Kakila will return in

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Muggers shoot dead bank agent

Try to snatch away Tk 46 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An agent of City Bank was shot dead by a group of alleged muggers in Meherpur's Gangni upazila yesterday.

According to police, the miscreants shot the man in a bid to snatching Tk 46 lakh that he was carrying.

The dead is Khademul Islam, 35, of Jatarpur village in the upazila.

Sajedul Islam, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Gangni Police Station, said the victim was going to the bank's booth alone by motorcycle.

The miscreants blocked his way in Khoksa area and tried to snatch the bag in which he was carrying the money. Sensing the situation, Khademul shouted for help.

Hearing him screaming, locals rushed to the spot, forcing the miscreants to

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangladesh mission at London

AUGUST 27, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

LONDON MISSION INAUGURATED

Pakistan is now dead and two countries have been born in its place, said Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, speaking today at the inaugural function of the Bangladesh Mission in London. Justice Chowdhury was the overseas representative of the Bangladesh government. Although the Bangladesh government had not yet received any official international recognition, the mission in London intended to carry out diplomatic activities there.

Justice Chowdhury described the detention of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by the Pakistani authorities as illegal, and called for his immediate release.

LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT CONDEMNS BANGLADESH GENOCIDE
The Latin American Parliament at Caracas, Venezuela today unanimously passed a resolution condemning the brutal suppression of human rights, the massive genocide, the deliberate liquidation of politically conscious elements and of intellectuals and the imposition of a reign of terror in East Pakistan by the Pakistan army.

They also called upon the Government of Pakistan to desist from committing further violation of human rights and of law and justice, stop military repression, respect the life of the Bangabandhu, and enter into immediate negotiations with the already elected representatives of the people with the objective of

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Fastest orbiting asteroid found in our solar system

CNN ONLINE

A newly discovered asteroid is sticking close to our sun -- much closer than our own planet Earth.

The asteroid, called 2021 PH27, completes an orbit around the sun every 113 days and comes within 12.4 million miles (20 million kilometers) of our star.

That gives this space rock the distinction of having the shortest known orbital period for an asteroid -- and only the second shortest orbit around the sun after Mercury, which takes 88 days to complete its orbital journey around our star.

Scott Sheppard, an astronomer at the Carnegie Institution for Science, discovered the asteroid in twilight

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Vaccine sharing Bangladesh wants EU to be more generous

UNB, Dhaka

The European Union should be more generous in sharing Covid-19 vaccines with others who need those badly, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said yesterday.

Although the EU talks much about human rights, it cares little about it when it comes to vaccine sharing, he said.

"We expect the EU to be more generous," the minister told reporters while referring to the fact that European countries are letting thousands of

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A crimson sunbird collecting nectar from a firebush, also known as *Hamelia patens*, in Mymensingh Agricultural University's Botanical Garden. This tiny beautiful bird needs this type of small flowery trees full of nectar to survive.

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Star HEALTHLINE

Covid-19 vaccine and pregnancy ADDRESSING CONCERNS

FARHANA AHMED

Health risks among pregnant women posed by Covid-19 have become a matter of concern as several expecting mothers died from the infection in Bangladesh in recent months.

Generally, pregnant women are immunocompromised and more vulnerable to infections. Week 28 onwards up to delivery is considered a risk period in that regard.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Maruf Siddiqui, head of Department

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