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# Nothing to see there anymore

## Ancestral house of trailblazer Leela Nag demolished

MINTU DESHWARA with FIROZ A MUZAHID

Leading British architect-planner Graeme Shankland once said, "A country without a past has the emptiness of a barren continent, and a city without old buildings is like a man without a memory."

This year, when the Dhaka University is celebrating its 100th founding anniversary, all signs of the century-old ancestral home of Leela Nag -- the university's first female student and a revolutionary -- have "vanished into thin air" mysteriously.

Leela Nag was born on October 2, 1900 to Kunjalata Nag and Rai Bahadur Girish Chandra Nag, a retired deputy magistrate of the then Dhaka district. Leela married Anil Roy in 1939 and became better known as Leela Roy.

One of the foremost revolutionaries in colonial Bengal, she was a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Preetilata Waddadar, a martyr of "Chittagong Armoury Revolt", was one of Leela's student recruits for Deepali

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Only the elevated brick foundation, top, of the house of Leela Nag, a revolutionary figure in the country's history, now remains in Panchgaon village of Moulvibazar's Rajnagar upazila. Despite a High Court injunction against demolishing or removing the bungalow, inset, all signs of the residence of Dhaka University's first female student have disappeared. The photo of the still erect house is of August 2019.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

# Five primary students of same school get Covid

UNB, Thakurgaon

Two weeks after the reopening of schools in the country, five students of classes IV and V have tested positive for coronavirus at a primary school in Thakurgaon town.

This has prompted the authorities to suspend all classes of IV and V at Bahadurpara Government Primary School from Thursday.

Headteacher Farhana Parvin said that samples of the five girls -- two in class IV and three in class V -- were sent for Covid-19 test on Monday. The results came a day later.

"All the five students have been staying at a government orphanage -- Thakurgaon Government Shishu Poribar -- and of them, three are aged between 10 and 12," she said.

There are 426 students in the school and of them, 84 are in class IV and 74 in fifth grade.

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# Shootout kills 3 inside Delhi courtroom

## Gang wars blamed

AFP, New Delhi

Gunmen dressed as lawyers shot dead a notorious Indian gangster inside a Delhi courtroom yesterday before police killed the two assailants, investigators said.

Jitendra Gogi, a mobster detained in March last year, was stood before a judge in the court when two men suddenly opened fire, police told AFP.

Witnesses told media that about a dozen shots were fired inside the court. Gogi was hit multiple times before the fake lawyers were killed by specialist protection officers.

Media reports, quoting police, said the gunmen were from a rival gang.

Mobile phone videos of the shooting at the court in the Rohini district of Delhi showed lawyers and litigants running for cover in the corridor outside the court as gunshots rang out.

Gogi, who was about 30, had been linked to brutal gang battles, murders, robberies and extortion in Delhi and states across northern India.

He was first arrested in 2016 but escaped from police custody, and had evaded capture until last year.

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### ROAD TO FREEDOM

THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## Mukti Bahini expanded

SEPTEMBER 25, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

### SYED NAZRUL'S RADIO SPEECH

Acting president Syed Nazrul Islam in a broadcast to the nation over Swadhin Bangla Betar announced that the Mukti Bahini was being enlarged to include naval and air wings. The naval wing, he added, was already active in two major ports inside Bangladesh -- Chattogram and Chalna -- and was causing significant dents in Pakistan's naval strength.

In the course of the six-month old Liberation War, he said, while the Mukti Bahini had grown from strength to strength the Yahya regime had not only become weak but also estranged even from the people of West Pakistan.

The acting president appealed to the UN to recognise Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, in a press briefing held today, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khondakar Mushtaq Ahmad reiterated that "total independence is our goal", and added that the people and the Bangladesh government would not waver from their professed aim.

He regretted that some governments were trying to confuse the issue of Bangladesh by advocating political accommodation, settlement and reconciliation to support and sustain the Yahya regime. He, therefore, wanted these governments to refrain from interfering with the liberation struggle.

He further said the very fact that people of Bangladesh had been able to survive and repulse the brutal attacks by the Pakistani army for 180 days was itself an indication of the intensity of the

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# SAVING THE CLIMATE

## UN redoubles green energy push

AFP, United Nations

The United Nations chief yesterday called for the world to redouble its renewable energy efforts to avert a climate emergency and address global energy poverty.

"Today, we face a moment of truth," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who described the mandate as a "double imperative -- to end energy poverty and to limit climate change.


"And we have an answer that will fulfil both imperatives," Guterres said. "Affordable, renewable and sustainable energy for all."

The comments came as governments and the private sector pledged to spend more than \$400 billion at a high-level summit that called for an acceleration of efforts to avert catastrophic climate change.

The spending

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## India salon fined \$271,000 for botched trim



AFP, new delhi

An Indian salon has been ordered to pay more than \$271,000 in damages to a model for a botched haircut which she claimed caused a "severe mental breakdown".

Aashna Roy went to the salon at a top New Delhi hotel in 2018 and asked staff to trim a conservative four inches (10 centimetres) from her tips, according to a judgement by the city's consumer court.

"However, to the utter shock and surprise of the complainant, the hairdresser chopped off her entire hair leaving only 4 inches from the top and

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## Concern over case against MJF, Bache Shekha EDs

### Samajik Protirodh Committee demands withdrawal of case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Samajik Protirodh Committee, a platform of 67 organisations on human rights, women and development, has expressed grave concern over the case filed against Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam and Executive Director of Banchte Shekha Angela Gomes.

The committee in a press release demanded immediate withdrawal of the case yesterday.

Quoting media reports, the committee said some Hindu "fundamentalists" filed the case against them for taking the initiative to amend respective acts to ensure equal rights to inherited property for Hindu women.

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# Pro-AL leader held with arms, ammo, fake money

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A team of Rab-6 arrested an upazila-level Swachhchasebak League leader with arms, ammunition and counterfeit money on Thursday.

The arrestee is Russell Hossain Arju, general secretary of Kushtia's Kumarkhali upazila unit Swachhchasebak League.

Maj Sharif, company commander of Rab-6 camp in Jhenaidah, said they conducted a raid near Kaya College in Kushtia on information.

During the raid, they arrested Russell and seized a foreign pistol, three

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### PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 25

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:45	4:15	6:00	7:30
JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	4:30	6:05	8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Workers of Power Grid Company Bangladesh Limited, with assistance from India's Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited, laying the 230kV line that will run from Barishal to Faridpur. The photo was taken from Barishal's Ujirpur upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS



## Stye and Chalazion

# MOSTLY BENIGN INCONVENIENCE

PROF DR MD SHAFI KHAN

Stye and chalazion are lumps in or along the edge of an eyelid. They may be painful or annoying, but do not panic. They are rarely serious. Most of the time, they will go away on their own without treatment.

If the condition deteriorates, however, one must visit an ophthalmologist.

A stye is an infection that causes a tender red lump on the base of the eyelash, while a chalazion is a bump that usually develops farther

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Hyginex spray

Instant hand sanitizer with moisturizer

50 mL

