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DU DORMITORIES

The ghost of 'Gono Rooms' still haunts



SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

Although Dhaka University authorities recently spoke of their desire to get rid of "Gono" rooms at dormitories, first-year students had no other choice than to cram into such rooms again as the residential halls fully reopened on Sunday after a Covid-induced closure of a year and a half.

It happened mainly because some other rooms newly allotted to first and second-year students are still occupied by former students, who are involved with Chhatra League, alleged common students.

Thirty to 35 students had to sleep on the floor of each "Gono" room, which can accommodate eight, on Sunday night.

Besides, the pro-Awami League student wing continued to use the

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The five-day-long celebrations for Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival for the Hindu community, began yesterday with the Maha Shashti. Devotees visited different mandaps across the country and spent their day amidst colours, music and joy. The photo was taken at the Hazari Lane Puja Mandap in Chattogram city.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



DR ENAMUL HAQUE
1943-2021

Departure of a true luminary

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

It is not often an individual comes along with so many accomplishments and accolades -- that even a small sample size has more impact than what many achieve in their entire lives -- all the while being uncannily humble, open and beloved by fans and fellow artistes alike.

Such was the allure of Dr Enamul Haque.

The eminent actor, playwright, academician and Ekushey Padak awardee passed away

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER RAPE

2 arrestees sent to jail

6 others still at large

AMINUL ISLAM, MYMENSINGH

A Sherpur court yesterday sent two arrestees to jail in a case filed over raping a mother and her 13-year-old daughter.

After interrogation, they were produced before the court, said Habibur Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Nalitabari Police Station.

The 40-year-old mother and her daughter, a student of class four, were raped by a gang in Nalitabari upazila early Sunday.

The two arrestees named in the first information report (FIR) are Abdus Sattar, 45, cattle trader, and Sadek Mia, 30, who operates a dredger. Both are residents of Polashikura village in Nalitabari.

Sattar is a member hopeful in Polashikura ward in the upcoming union parishad polls and is campaigning for this, said locals. Sattar was also a member candidate in 2011, but lost in the polls, said Nurul Haque, incumbent member of the ward.

On Sunday, the mother filed a case with Nalitabari Police Station accusing eight people.

The six other accused are: Omar Ali,

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Yahya to call assembly session on Dec 27

OCTOBER 12, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

KEATING CALLS ON SWARAN SINGH

US Ambassador to India

Kenneth Keating in a telegram

sent today informed the US

state department that Indian

Foreign Minister Swaran Singh

claimed that the East Pakistan

insurgency was not dependent upon

India. It was profoundly

rooted in Bangalee alienation and

had its own dynamic, added

the foreign minister. The

ambassador called on the

Indian foreign minister today.

Swaran Singh stressed that

insurgency was caused basically

by Pakistani military repression,

to which Mukti Bahini was a

reaction. He expressed strong

resentment at the suggestion

of East Pakistan insurgency

being maintained by India.

As to the proposed withdrawal

of military forces from the

border, Swaran Singh said

there already were ground

rules concerning border

deployments which India was

honouring. However, he

alleged there had been

large-scale Pakistani military

concentrations in Jammu,

Chamba, Sialkot, Lahore,

Bahawalpur and areas

further south, and the

Pakistani army had moved

troops forward from cantonment

areas such as Peshawar and

Quetta.

The Indian foreign minister

charged the US for providing

support to the Government

of Pakistan, that strengthens

the Yahya regime's

determination to maintain

the military repression

policy.

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BORDER TALKS

China, India lash out after no progress

AFP, Beijing

China and India yesterday blamed each other for the failure of high-level talks to ease tensions along a disputed Himalayan border between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

The strategically important Galwan river valley between Tibet and India's Ladakh region became a high-altitude flashpoint last year after one of the deadliest troop clashes in decades.

Senior military officials from the two countries held their first round of talks in two months, but it ended without any progress.

India made "unreasonable and unrealistic demands", Chinese military spokesman Long Shaohua said in a statement issued by the People's Liberation Army's western theatre

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Mars' Jezero crater was a quiet lake 3.7b years ago



MAIL ONLINE

Jezero crater on Mars was a quiet lake 3.7 billion year ago, but a flash flood crashed large boulders onto the delta, images from Nasa's Perseverance Rover revealed.

The Perseverance Rover has been trundling along inside the crater since it arrived on the Red Planet in February, sending back images of rocks and other phenomena.

The latest batch of images taken inside the ancient crater and studied in detail by experts from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), in Cambridge.

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PROTECTED FOREST HC stays land allotment for civil service academy

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday stayed for three months a government order on allotment of 700 acres of protected forest in Cox's Bazar for building a civil service academy.

The bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Mia and Md Kamrul Hossain Molla passed the order and issued a rule on why the order will not be declared illegal after a writ petition was filed in this regard.

The court asked cabinet, environment, land and public administration secretaries to reply to the rule within four weeks. Lawyer Moniruzzaman Kabir represented the petitioner during the hearing while Deputy Attorney General Bipul Bagmar appeared for the state.

On September 5, news
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Freedom of the press is alive

Says top aide to Philippines president after critic wins Nobel Peace Prize

AFP, Manila

A top aide to Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to journalist and government critic Maria Ressa was proof that "press freedom is alive" in the country.

Ressa, co-founder of news website Rappler, and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov were awarded

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Rainwater that has collected for over three months in Khulna city's Bastuhara Colony has turned green in colour. The authorities concerned are yet to take measures to drain out the water that has been giving off bad odour. Locals said various water-borne diseases, such as skin rashes, have been spreading among them. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Star HEALTHLINE

Low BP: How to MANAGE THE SYMPTOMS

STAR HEALTH DESK

In contrast to high blood pressure, low BP -- or hypotension -- becomes serious if certain symptoms persist for long.

Although there are no specific boundaries that determine a low blood pressure, a BP count of 90/60 is usually considered low. Symptoms like nausea, dehydration, inability to concentrate, blurred vision, fatigue, etc. can all indicate that your blood pressure is low.

While causes stretch from anaphylactic shocks

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