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'Little' efforts, big dream

Tangail youths run schools for slum children with pocket money



MIRZA SHAKIL

Our intentions create our reality, said the celebrated American motivational speaker Wayne Dyer. And this saying could not be more apropos than in the case of the ten college students behind Doshomik Pathshala in Tangail. They dreamed of educating and empowering underprivileged children and they made it happen by saving up on their lunch money. Two years ago, they formed the Doshomik Foundation, which in October last year established the Doshomik Pathshala, a free school for slum children under the open sky.

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Temporary structures set up along the railway tracks poses a serious risk to both trains and passers-by. Even after repeated attempts, the authorities failed to evict such illegal structures that have sprouted beside the Dhaka-Narayanganj rail line. The photo was taken in the capital's Kamalapur-Jurain link.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Khaleda's treatment continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's follow-up treatment is going on at the city's Evercare Hospital where she was admitted on Tuesday. The former premier's various tests, including CT scan and multiple MRIs, are underway, said her family sources. They said till now her health condition is stable and nothing alarming was found except high blood sugar and infection in urine. "We hope that the tests will be completed soon and she can return home within two to three days," the source added.

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World's tallest living woman is 24-yr-old from Turkey



CNN ONLINE

A 24-year-old Turkish woman who stands 215.16 centimeters (7 feet, 0.7 inches) tall has been confirmed as the world's tallest living woman by Guinness World Records. Rumeysa Gelgi's phenomenal height is due to a condition called Weaver syndrome, which causes accelerated growth and other abnormalities, Guinness World Records said in a statement. Gelgi was re-measured this year after being named the world's tallest living female teenager in

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Grocer turns top human trafficker

Rab busts gang which trafficked people to Middle Eastern countries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Driven by his desire to become rich, Saiful Islam Tutul, a grocer in a small village of Meherpur's Gangni, moved to the capital around nine years ago.

Soon, that desire would turn into greed. He started working as an illegal broker of recruiting agencies, luring people into going abroad with fake promises of lucrative jobs. At one point, he became involved in human trafficking.

Years later, Tutul, who studied up to the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) level, established three overseas recruitment agencies -- all unauthorised -- in the capital's Badda. Using those agencies -- Tutul Overseas, Limon Overseas and Loyal Overseas -- he swindled a huge amount of money from job seekers promising them good jobs in the Middle East.

Many of the job seekers were trafficked. Many ended up with low-paid jobs in a foreign land.

Recently, families of several such victims complained to Rab about the matter. Following the complaint, a team from Rab-4 raided the three offices early yesterday and arrested eight people, including Tutul, 38, and his accomplice Toiyob Ali, 45, for their involvement in human trafficking and swindling money, said Mozammel Haque, commanding officer of Rab-4.

The law enforcers seized 10 passports, four stamp seals, three mobile phone SIM cards, cheque books of four banks, two computers and Tk 10,070 in cash, the Rab officer told a press briefing at the Rab Media Centre

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STUDENTS AGED 12-17 Trial run of Covid vaccine shots today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health directorate will conduct a trial run of Covid-19 vaccination of school students at Colonel Malek Medical College Hospital in Manikganj today.

Prof Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, made the announcement in a Facebook Live yesterday afternoon.

As more and more countries around the world are beginning to roll out Covid vaccines to children aged over 12, Bangladesh will also join the list through today's vaccination.

"We will inoculate a group of students, aged 12-17, from two schools with Pfizer vaccine. We will observe them for 10-14 days to see whether there is any side effect," Prof Khurshid said.

According to health officials, the DGHS has planned to vaccinate 100 schoolchildren as part of the trial run scheduled to start at noon.

The DG said, "We have selected the medical college hospital as the vaccination centre for technical reasons."

If the trial run is successful, the child vaccination campaign will be launched in a large scale in Dhaka, he said.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Senate body votes for ban on all aid to Pakistan

OCTOBER 14, 1971
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

SENATE COMMITTEE DISAPPROVES FOREIGN AID TO PAKISTAN

Trimming millions of dollars from President Richard Nixon's foreign aid requests, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee agreed today to end all assistance to Pakistan. The committee voted to ban all forms of foreign aid to Pakistan until the president informed Congress that the situation in East Pakistan was reasonably stable and refugees were allowed to return.

TEN DAYS IN PIPE CITY Lafayette Park in Washington DC got an opportunity to experience a mock-up of the greatest misery of that time. A miniature refugee city sprung up in the park to offer citizens of Washington a closer view of the refugee camps in India. Organised by the Philadelphia Friends of East Bengal and supported by a number of Bangladesh groups in the region, a series of drainpipe shelters had been set up for a period of 10 days beginning from October 14. This dramatisation of the refugee situation attracted the attention of the public and the press in Washington.

Scores of volunteers from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston arrived in Washington to join the participants in the 10-day programme. The "refugee camp" was run by "camp director" Dick Taylor, who organised the "naval blockade" of the arms-carrying Pakistani ship Padma.

SADRUDDIN LAUNCHES DRIVE TO RAISE FUND FOR REFUGEES

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EVALY BOARD Commerce ministry sends 3 names

STAR REPORT

The commerce ministry yesterday forwarded the names of three former secretaries who can serve as a member of the interim board being formed by the High Court to assess the liabilities of the controversial e-commerce platform Evaly.

Maksudur Rahman Patwari, former land secretary; Md Rezaul Ahsan, former secretary to the ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 14
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-45 7-15
JAMAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-50 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



The teachers of schools for children with special needs have been staging a protest to press home 11-point demands, including adding them to the list of MPO enlisted schools, in the capital's Shahbagh area since Monday. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Taliban warn US, EU of refugee wave

Say weakening Afghan govt will affect the world

AFP, Kabul

Afghanistan's new Taliban government has warned US and European envoys that continued attempts to pressure them through sanctions will undermine security and could trigger a wave of economic refugees.

Acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi told Western diplomats at talks in Doha that "weakening the Afghan government is not in the interest of anyone because its negative effects will directly affect the world in (the) security sector and economic migration from the country", according to a statement published late Tuesday.

The Taliban overthrew Afghanistan's former US-backed government in August after a two-decade-long conflict, and have declared an Islamic emirate governed under the movement's hardline interpretation of religious law.

But efforts to stabilise the country, still facing attacks from the Taliban's rival, the extremist group the Islamic State-Khorasan, have been undermined by international sanctions: banks are running out of cash and civil servants are going unpaid.

According to the statement from his spokesman, Muttaqi told the Doha meeting: "We urge world countries to end existing sanctions and let banks operate normally so that charity groups, organisations and the government can pay salaries to their staff with their own reserves and international financial assistance."

European nations in particular are concerned that if the

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