



Zakaria of Dakkhin Sonakhuli village in Nilphamari's Dimla upazila is seen standing in front of the school called 'Co-ordinated Education Programme for Visually Impaired' run by the Social Welfare Department. He has served the institution as a part-time teacher for five years with a hope to be permanent.

PHOTO: STAR

Zakaria's quest for self-dependence still elusive

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Thirty-two-year-old Zakaria Hossain, a resident of Dakkhin Sonakhuli village in Nilphamari's Dimla upazila, was not born blind. He lost his eyesight in 2007, in the final days of preparation for his HSC exams...

The Daily Star published a report on him in 2015 reflecting his eagerness to pursue masters after his remarkable feat in graduation. Following the publication of the report, the then Nilphamari deputy commissioner (DC) arranged him a part-time teaching job...

was not included and his five-year service as a part-time teacher was not counted either. This incident shattered Zakaria's hopes to become self-dependent and he is going to cross the maximum age limit for entering a government job next December.

UTI more common in women than men

FROM PAGE 12 abdominal pains and urine that appears cloudy and has a strong smell. Women are at greater risk of developing UTI than men.

the urethra. Also, because the female urethra is close to the vagina, sexually transmitted infections can cause urethritis. When treated promptly and properly, lower urinary tract infections rarely lead to complications.

the likelihood of developing a UTI include diabetes, poor personal hygiene, problems with emptying bladder completely, having a urinary catheter, incontinence, blocked flow of urine, kidney stones, some form of contraception, pregnancy, menopause, suppressed immune system, immobility for a long period and heavy use of antibiotics.

Tajuddin hopeful of Chinese support

FROM PAGE 12 Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said in Brussels today that there was nothing unusual in receiving "massive arms deliveries" from the Soviet Union.

The Bangladesh government, in a press release issued today, stated that the 16-member Bangladesh delegation to United Nations General Assembly session had effectively presented to the international community the background and the current position of the Bangladesh movement for total independence from the colonial rule of West Pakistan.

ON THE WAR FRONT In the Kushtia-Jessore-Khulna sector, freedom fighters fired on Pakistani soldiers at Gohalti, killing one and injuring several soldiers. Mukti Bahini blew up the railway track between Godkhali and Nabharan...

Hundreds of Mayan artifacts discovered

FROM PAGE 12 and LIDAR sensors in the periphery of just one of the sections of the project, which runs from the cities of Palenque, in Chiapas to Escárcega, in Campeche. Discoveries ranged from mounds to bases with complex architecture...

Both the immovable archaeological artifacts and the movable ones expand the knowledge about daily life, and trade and cultural exchange relations that existed centuries ago in the Mayan area, the researchers said.

Govt to cancel licences for failure about 198 lakh tonnes of Boro paddy were harvested in 2020-21 fiscal year. It was 196 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 in fiscal year.

Govt to cancel licences for failure

FROM PAGE 12 Millers, who supplied rice less than 80 percent of the contract quantity, will face confiscation of their security deposits. The security deposits will be confiscated in proportion to the supply.

and inked deals with the millers to this end in May this year. Kabir said rice procurement drive of the government was hampered due to the millers' non-compliance.

The United Nations, Arab League and African Union all expressed concern. Sudan's political leaders should be released and human rights respected, the AU Commission Chair Moussa Faki Mahamat said in a statement.

Pest attacks in Kushtia Aman fields raise alarm

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Farmers in Kushtia exceeded the targeted cultivation of Aman rice in the district this year, but they are getting increasingly worried about reaping a good harvest due to a rise in pest infestations at some rice fields.

Almost 12 to 14 percent of the panicles in his field has turned white and those will develop empty hulls, said the frustrated farmer. Similar problems have developed in his Aman field, said another farmer, Abdul Mannan, from Jadubaira village in Kumarkhali upazila.

Man found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The body of an unidentified youth was recovered from beside the Panchagarh-Banglabandha highway in Panchagarh's Tentulia upazila yesterday morning. Sub Inspector (SI) of Tentulia Highway Police Ashraf Islam said identity of the youth, aged around 23 years, is yet to be ascertained.

NEWS

Australia for forcing parental consent

FROM PAGE 12 and prioritise children's interests when collecting data. If made law, the Online Privacy Bill would put Australia among the most stringent countries in terms of age controls for social media, and build on the country's efforts to rein in the power of Big Tech.

has already introduced mandatory licencing payments for media outlets and plans to toughen laws against online misinformation and defamation. "We are ensuring (Australians') data and privacy will be protected and handled with care," said Attorney-General Michaelia Cash in a statement.

"Our draft legislation means that these companies will be punished heavily if they don't meet that standard." Facebook Inc this month faced the ire of US lawmakers after a former company employee, Frances Haugen, leaked documents that highlighted concerns the company harmed children's mental health in pursuit of profits.

Body bore injury marks

FROM PAGE 12 head, said the court source, quoting Aminul as saying. Judge Mohammad Ismail of the Cox's Bazar court recorded the statement, said the court's Public Prosecutor Faridul Alam.

Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous. According to the charge sheet, 83 people are witnesses to the incident. On June 27, the court framed charges against the 15 accused. Of them, 12 are police personnel, including former officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das, former inspector Liaqat Ali, sub-inspector Md Shahjahan, and assistant sub-inspector Liton Mia, who were all suspended from their posts.

66 lakh

FROM PAGE 12 With this, the total number of deaths from the disease reached 27,828. At least 289 new infections were recorded during the period, taking the total number of confirmed cases to 15,67,981.

Sudan

FROM PAGE 12 Khartoum. At least 12 people were injured in clashes, a doctors' committee said on its Facebook page, without providing further details.

Will continue our fight for justice

FROM PAGE 3 Meanwhile in Dhaka, participants at a rally said the country might turn into a communal state, if the perpetrators are not tried and punished.

Rahman, and practicing traditional culture. However, a vested group is involved in harming the country's harmony, he said, calling upon everyone to be united against those who want to tarnish secular ideals.

22-day ban on catching hilsa ends

FROM PAGE 12 109 crore metres of fishing net was seized. Mobile courts have sent 218 fishermen to jail, sources in the district fisheries department said.

"All types of fishing, including catching hilsa, were prohibited in the Padma-Meghna for safe breeding of hilsa during the ban. Procurement, sale, storage and transportation of hilsa were also prohibited during this time," District Fisheries Officer Golam Mehedi said.

During the ban, 44,035 fishermen of Chandpur were given vulnerable group feeding (VGF) rice under the government's food aid programme, he added.

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Ref. No. EDCL/PUR/Vehicle/LT/2021/392 Dated: 25.10.2021

Purchase of Vehicles for EDCL, Dhaka Plant

Well reputed authorized Vehicle dealers/importers/manufacturers are invited for submission of best competitive price offer for supply of following vehicles on urgent basis.

Sl.	Name of vehicle	Qty.
01.	Private Car (Recondition)	04(Four) Nos.
02.	Microbus (12 seated Recondition)	01 No.

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka on cash payment basis @ schedule value Tk. 1900.00 only as stated above during office hours on all working days from 27/10/2021 to 14/11/2021(except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender

The offer with required papers may be dropped in the tender Box kept at the Procurement Departments, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 PM on 15/11/2021 which will be opened on same day at 12.30 PM. Price should be kept valid for 60(sixty) days from the date of opening of the tender. Tender should accompany an Earnest Money @ 2.5% through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka from any schedule Bank. The successful bidder shall furnish an unconditional performance Bond/ Bank Guarantee to the tune of 10% of the contract price within 03(three) days after the receipt of Purchase order. It shall remain valid for 12(twelve) months after the completion of the contract.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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