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Students still on streets

Protests continue for gazette on half pass, road safety

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students will stage a sit in on the BRTA office premises in the capital's Banani today to press home their nine-point demand.

The demands include issuing a gazette notification with regard to half-passes for students on public transport.

The agitating students said if the notification of half fare is not issued by today, they would announce their next programme at the sit-in programme.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Road Transport Owners' Association will hold a press briefing today to announce their decision on the students' half-fare demand.

Students demonstrating for safer roads and half bus fare over the past couple of weeks also took to the street yesterday in different parts of the capital.

At the Nilkhet intersection, protesters said they have not gotten any assurance from the government, which had earlier given many assurances without any implementation.

They said they have demanded half fare on all buses, not just on BRTC ones.

Some people are trying to malign the movement in various ways, they alleged.

A similar protest was held in Shantinagar by students of different colleges and schools of the area. In hundreds, they first blocked the Shantinagar intersection and then marched in a procession to Kakrail and back to Shantinagar around 2:45pm.

Nirapad Sarak Andolon, a group of road safety campaigners, yesterday submitted a memorandum to the education ministry, seeking steps to realise the nine-point demand.

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NO ORDINARY LOVE A toddler getting kisses from his trusty four-legged companion while the two were playing near Mohanagar Natya Mancha in the capital's Gulistan area yesterday. In a city, where street dogs are often mistreated by humans, watching children grow up in such companionship and unconditional love comes as a breath of fresh air.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Why govt shouldn't be asked to re-fix tariff

Says HC rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in a week why it should not be directed to re-fix the tariff of petroleum products including kerosene and diesel as per relevant provisions of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Act, 2013.

In the rule, the court also asked the respondents to show the causes why the inaction of the BERC chairman to finalise three rules and provisions made in 2012 regarding fixing the prices of petroleum products through gazette notification should not be declared illegal.

The senior secretary at the ministry of energy and mineral resources, BERC chairman and other officials concerned have

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INVESTMENT SUMMIT

Investors propose pumping \$2.7b into Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day investment summit, which concluded yesterday, received investment proposals of \$2.7 billion from domestic and international companies in different sectors.

Engineering Dimension, a Saudi industrial group, declared to invest \$1.75 billion in making power generators and setting up cement manufacturing plant, said Md Sirazul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) after the summit.

Aygaz, a Turkish industrial group, announced it would invest \$150 million along with local United Group, he said.

Besides, Karnaphuly Dry Dock signed a deal with Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority to invest \$118 million in construction of a terminal in the Chattogram port, he said, adding that Barishal Electric Power Company announced investment of \$100 million in producing electricity.

Guopo Renewable Energy Technology proposed to invest \$50 million. Hangzhou JY Supply Chain announced plans for investment of \$20 million and IT Hub Investments will invest \$15 million, added Sirazul.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM

THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Indira wants Pak troop withdrawn from Bangladesh

NOVEMBER 30, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

INDIRA'S SPEECH AT RAJYA SABHA

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today suggested straightway withdrawal of Pakistani troops from Bangladesh as a gesture of peace. The presence of troops in Bangladesh is a "threat to our security", she claimed.

In her speech at the Rajya Sabha she further said that next month would be one of great difficulty for the people of Bangladesh and India. She urged all the parties to unite and face the challenge.

Indira Gandhi said India had remained restrained but "we can't allow annihilation of the entire people next door. It is not in our national interest that the entire unarmed population of Bangladesh should be annihilated. This will increase the threat to our security".

Referring to Pakistan's consistent attempt to internationalise the issue by making it an Indo-Pak problem Indira Gandhi said the bid to bring in the Security Council was part of the same game to confuse reality and those who were moving in the matter couldn't but the suspect in the eyes of the people of India.

She spoke highly of Mukti Bahini and said, "They have our good wishes. They have our support also."

THANT'S MOVE FOR COUNCIL DEBATE
UN Secretary General U Thant sent Pakistan's request for the posting of UN observers on the East Pakistan border to the Security

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2 more held over Sohel murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Police have arrested two more suspects in the councillor Sohel murder case.

According to the police, Jisan, 28, son of Nur Ali of Suzanagar, was arrested at Panchtubi of Kotwali late Sunday night and Rabbi Islam Antu, 19, son of Badal Mia of Sangraish, Cumilla, was arrested at Debidwer the same night, following a tip-off.

Including the two, six people have so far been arrested in connection with the gruesome murder and five of them have been named in the case filed by Sohel's younger brother Syed Mohammad Rumon.

Rumon accused 11 named and 12 unnamed individuals in the case. Jisan and Antu were produced before the Cumilla Chief Judicial Magistrate Court with seven-day remand prayers for each yesterday.

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Robot gives public performance of poetry that it wrote



CNN ONLINE

When people think of artificial intelligence, the images that often come to mind are of the sinister robots that populate the worlds of "The Terminator," "I, Robot," "Westworld," and "Blade Runner." For many years, fiction has told us that AI is often used for evil rather than for good.

But what we may not usually associate with AI is art and poetry -- yet that's exactly what Ai-Da, a highly realistic robot invented by Aidan Meller in Oxford, central England, spends her time creating. Ai-Da is the world's first ultra-realistic humanoid robot artist, and on Friday she gave a public

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Pakistan cruising in Chattogram

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pakistan put on a second consecutive unbeaten hundred-run opening stand yesterday to guide themselves towards victory, needing only 93 more runs with all wickets in hand on the final day of their first Test against Bangladesh at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram today.

In chase of a modest 202-run target, Pakistan opens Abid Ali and Abdullah Shafique struck


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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 30

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
5:10	12:45	3:45	5:19	7:00
5:45	1:15	4:00	5:22	7:30

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How to identify AND TREAT ECZEMA

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Eczema, also known as dermatitis, is inflammation of the skin. It is typically characterised by itchiness, redness, rash, and sometimes small blisters.

Eczema or dermatitis can be of many kinds, like atopic dermatitis, allergic contact dermatitis, irritant contact dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis and stasis dermatitis.

Atopic dermatitis is the most common kind of the condition.

The cause of eczema is yet to be known. However,



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INDIAN FARM LAWS

Parliament passes bill to repeal

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's parliament yesterday passed a bill to repeal three laws aiming at deregulating agricultural markets, bowing to pressure from farmers who have protested for over a year to demand that the laws be rolled back.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration introduced the farm bills last year through an executive order, traditionally reserved for emergency legislation, triggering India's longest-running farmers' protest. Parliament then passed the legislation via a voice vote, drawing widespread criticism that it had rushed through the laws without proper debate.

In a bid to end the protests ahead of the state assembly election in India's most populous Uttar Pradesh state early next year, Modi said this month his government would repeal the laws in the new session of parliament.

As parliament reconvened for its winter session yesterday, both the lower and upper houses passed the bill to withdraw the laws meant to deregulate and open up agricultural markets to companies. Farmers have said the laws would leave them with scant bargaining power against big private purchasers.

The controversial laws saw tens of thousands of people, including many elderly growers and women farmers, brave extreme weather and a severe second wave of coronavirus infections to camp out on the outskirts of New Delhi over the past year.

In addition to their repeal demand, protesting farmers are also asking that Modi's administration introduce a law

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