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DoE officials said they

were unaware of Bepza's

destructive work until

recently due to manpower

director, an assistant

Chittagong district office.

possible to keep an eve

on the entire district with

such a small workforce.

We often act upon getting

complaints from the

combatants in the area.

"I had never seen soldiers

open fire on civilians. There

to fight. It was civilians,

including women and

He said two of his seven

girl -- are unaccounted for.

along with one of his two

government officials as well

as the national Refugees

and Returnees Service also

said the TPLF was to blame.

The camp remains

regiona

wives.

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"We have a deputy

and

in

three

the

shortages.

director

inspectors

Mexican authorities intercept over 1,000 migrants to ensuring regional peace

REUTERS, Mexico City

Mexican authorities on Thursday said they intercepted more than 1,000 migrants in the last 24 hours as the government tried to curb entry of undocumented travellers seeking to make their way to the United States.

The National Migration migrants were located in operations carried out in 22 states of the country, with about 10% of them minors and many of them traveling alone.

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Parjatan Corporation by paying taxes at regular rates or simply import them. The remaining 60 per cent alcohol can be collected from local sources.

Bars and liquor stores of those with a special licence can operate until 1:30am.

"This will flourish tourism as alcohol will be available at tourist spots. It will generate revenue and alcohol will be easily accessible to permit holders," said Manjurul.

All application forms for licence and permits are included in the new rules available for download at www.dpp.gov.bd.

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Ashwagandha may work to keep the heart healthy and prevent heart diseases to some extent.

the usages However, mentioned above are not backed by science. The use of this herb also cannot replace medical treatment. Too much consumption of ashwagandha is not recommended.

mangandari (b)

UNB, Dhaka Highlighting the growing friendship between Bangladesh and India, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam vesterday reiterated the of the

SHIMLA DIALOGUE

government to ensure Institute (INM) said the peace and stability in the region and beyond. "Guided bv the principles of Bangabandhu, for Regional Studies in Bangladesh believes in Shimla, India. The dialogue

peace and stability, so that will conclude today. every country may devote its resources and energies Bangladesh's to the pressing task of economic growth, the state advancing the welfare of its minister said it created own people," he said.

The State Minister said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman laid foundation strong Bangladesh-India must close at 10:30pm. But relationship based on respect for each other's

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meeting.

11.

movement and the other

but ultimately, they did

that we would observe a

Assembly was called

on February 21. So, we

decided to march towards

the assembly and to press

general students

for the inclusion of Bangla

appealed to the All-Party

Memory's door

territorial integrity, and democratic norms and values. The made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of 10th round unwavering commitment of the Bangladesh-India Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue, titled "Reliving Bangabandhu's

Dhaka reiterates commitment

Reflecting

new opportunities for the

to-people contact, he

highlighted the role of

policymakers, media and

civil society to create

The Bangladesh-India

positive narratives.

February 21.

With regard to people-

partners of Bangladesh.

independence, sovereignty, Friendship Dialogue is a forum to bring together key stakeholders including think tanks and civil society from both the countries to state minister discuss issues of relevance. The ninth round of the

dialogue was organised in Cox's Bazar in 2019.

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The inaugural session was also attended by Vision for India" organised Jai Ram Thakur, chief by the India Foundation and minister of Himachal; the Bangladesh Foundation Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, minister of state for external affairs of India; and Ram Madhav, member of Governing Council of on impressive India Foundation.

Presidium Member of Awami League Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Deputy Minister for Education Barrister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, MP, Mirza Azam, MP, Ashim Kumar Ukil, MP, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Muhammad Imran are also attending the dialogue.

Fire kills child A canal chokes

in Gazipur OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A child was burnt to death at his residence at Pagar Jhinu Market area of Gazipur's Tongi yesterday.

The dead is Abdur Rahman, 8, son of Joynal Abedin, who hailed from Mymensingh and used to live in Tongi.

The fire was originated from electric short circuit, said Iqbal Hossain, an official of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Gazipur.

Israel fires on new drone from Lebanon AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's military said its air defences fired at an unmanned aerial vehicle that had crossed into its airspace from Lebanon yesterday, the second such incident in as many days.

Air raid sirens were sounded, sending residents into bomb shelters after "a radio-controlled aircraft crossed into Israeli airspace from Lebanon", the military said in a statement.

"As a result ... aerial to the more than 100,000 defence systems were activated" and "after a few minutes, radar contact was have been repeatedly lost with the aircraft," it caught up in a grinding added, indicating that the drone was not intercepted.

The Israeli Air Force said in a tweet that "Iron Dome interceptors were in recent weeks as the most launched" and that fighter jets were scrambled to patrol the area.

The army had announced on Thursday it had shot down a drone that it said was launched into Israeli airspace by

Hezbollah, a Lebanese Shia movement backed by Israel's nemesis Iran. That came a day after

FROM PAGE 16 chains calling on the

canal is in the master plan has been installed on it to control water flow. Also, a bridge has been built over the canal to connect its two

> sides. "The canal was included in the master plan of the economic zone [BSMSN]. But Beza has illegally filled up the canal. We have asked Bepza to restore the canal to its former condition,"

said Sheikh Yusuf Harun, executive chairman of Beza.

executive engineer of for the economic zone. Water Development Board, Chattogram project authorities to spare Division-2, the canal, but to no avail. said they formed a Beza sources said the committee last year tasked with restoring the canal. of BSMSN. A sluice gate The committee already

sent a report to the Prime Minister's Office with their recommendations. The report, seen by The Daily Star, asked Bepza to It is not realistically

re-excavate the canal. Contacted, Hafizur Rahman, project director of Bepza economic zone, said they would restore the canal.

members of the public like Asked why they filled up we did in the case of the the canal in the first place, Daborkhali canal," said he said they had no other Mufidul Alam, director choice but to fill up the of the DoE Chattogram Nahiduzzaman Khan, canal to develop the land region.

Attack on Ethiopia refugee camp kills five: UN

AFP, Addis Ababa

thousands to flee.

15-month war.

rebel group.

The attack earlier this

month is the latest blow

Eritrean refugees living

in Ethiopia, whose camps

It also underscores the

Afar, which has emerged

active front in the conflict

pitting Prime Minister

Abiy Ahmed's government

against the Tigray People's

Liberation Front (TPLF)

camp attack in Afar

reported that "at least

five refugees were killed

and several women were

kidnapped" after armed

Survivors of the Bahrale

in a statement. Ethiopia's Afar region has "engulfed" a camp

were no soldiers for them of fleeing the camp," the statement said. The Barahle camp is five people and forcing

> The TPLF controls most of Tigray and in January announced it had expanded operations

been provoked by attacks on its positions by progovernment forces. UN Yesterday's growing toll of fighting in statement did not specify

inaccessible and these claims could not be AFP independently verified.

TPLF leaders could not immediately be reached for comment yesterday. Ethiopia's war broke out in November 2020 when

"I had never seen Abiy sent troops into Tigray anything like that," refugee to topple the TPLF, a move Mahamooda Ahmed said, he said came in response recalling what he described to TPLF attacks on army as an assault on civilians, camps.

out the action plan on Amtola and the meeting শিল্পের উৎকর্ষ সাধন, সকলের জন্য শিল্প সংস্কৃতি এবং আন্তর্জাতিক ক্ষেত্রে তা সম্প্রসারণের লক্ষ্যে ৪৮ বছর যাবৎ কাজ করে চলেছে জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান প্রতিষ্ঠিত বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি

would break Section 144.

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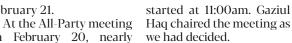
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a meeting on February the next day and found

Central Language Action types of weapons. Then

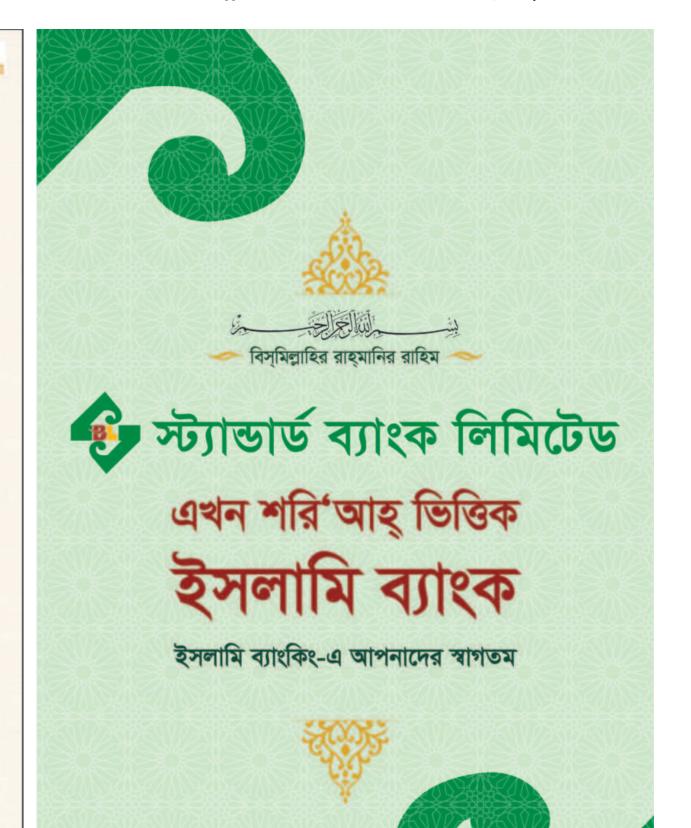
Committee to carry the students gathered at



to counter it. The latter on February 20, nearly was to be held in Beltola, 14 organisations issued At the meeting, most a proposal that Section students were in favour of not succeed in holding the 144 should not be broken. violating Section 144. After that, one procession after On that night, 11 of us We reached a decision sat in a meeting at the another broke Section 144 pond ghat between Dhaka and started to go out on Flag Day on February 11. Hall (Shahidullah Hall) the street. Police arrested A session at the Provincial and Fazlul Huq Hall. We many students who were

planned about how to violating Section 144. bring out the procession Mohammed Sultan was the next day and how we the first person to hoist a black flag on top of the the Dhaka University campus as a state language. At university before 9:00am on February 22, 1952.

Source: This is an excerpt of an interview printed in "Mohammad Sultan Kayekti Rekhaey" published by Kamal Lohani, 1986.



men entered on February 3, with no pro-government the UN refugee agency said Fighting in northern

"Family members lost one another in the chaos housing refugees from neighbouring Eritrea, the UN said yesterday, killing

children. And they were situated near the border using very heavy weapons.' between Afar and Tigray. children -- a six-year-old boy and a four-year-old

into Afar, claiming it had

which forces survivors accused of targeting the camp.

However, interviewed several survivors this week in the Afar capital Semera who said they believed the TPLF was responsible.



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