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JSD leader in jail over 'FB posts of expat brother'

STAR REPORT

A Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leader has been arrested in Noakhali allegedly for his expatriate brother's Facebook posts that are critical of the government, family members said.

Nur Alam Chowdhury Parvez, president of Noakhali Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu), has been in jail for 12 days even though there is no specific regular case against him, they added.

He was arrested on September 13 under section 54 of the CrPC, and a court rejected an application for his bail on September 15.

According to the forwarding report placed before the court by Sub-inspector Jainal Abedin of the Detective Branch in Noakhali, Parvez's brother spread "anti-government and anti-state false information" on Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, and other online platforms.

About Parvez, it said, "The regular investigation will be disrupted if the accused is freed on bail."

Nazim Uddin Ahmed, inspector of the Detective Branch of police in Noakhali, said Parvez was arrested for "special reasons", but refused to give any details regarding the allegations against him.

His wife Jasmine Sultana said he was being embroiled in legal trouble because of the Facebook posts of his younger brother Shamsul Alam Liton who lives in London and with whom Parvez has no connection.

She added that the court set September 29 to hold a hearing of the case.

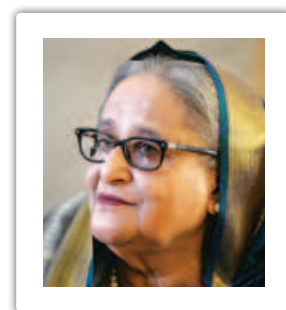
"My husband is not involved in any crime," she told The Daily Star yesterday.

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The greatest of rivals showed that, in the end, it was their friendship that triumphed. Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal teamed up for the former's final match in the Laver Cup on Saturday and broke down in tears afterwards. Pictures and videos of two tennis legends crying together went viral on social media, leaving their legions of fans highly emotional.

PHOTO: AFP



They talk the talk, but don't walk the walk
Hasina denounces poor response from rich nations on climate, Rohingyas

AFP, New York

A country of fertile and densely populated deltas, low-lying Bangladesh is among the most vulnerable nations in the world to climate change. But the urgency of the situation is not being matched by actions of countries responsible for emissions, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said.

"They don't act. They can talk but they don't act," she

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AL leader stabbed to death in hotel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A Chandpur Awami League leader was killed by unidentified criminals in a local hotel yesterday.

The dead, Rafiqullah, 70, was a member of the district AL.

He was murdered around 6:30pm in a room at Safina Residential Hotel in Chandpur's Natun Bazar area, according to the victim's personal assistant and police.

Miraz Hossain, the personal assistant, said he went out for Maghrib prayers, leaving Rafiqullah alone in his room.

He added that when he returned, he found Rafiqullah unconscious and bloodied from stab wounds.

After Miraz screamed for help, locals rushed in and took Rafiqullah to Chandpur Sadar Government General Hospital, where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

According to locals, he was married but used to live in the hotel alone for a long time.

They added that he was a hotelier and had many other different kinds of businesses. Someone may have killed him over issues regarding those.

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CRACKDOWN ON IRAN DEMOS

Death toll doubles, hundreds arrested

Protests flare anew over death of a woman in police custody

AFP, Paris, France

The official death toll has doubled to 35 in a crackdown by Iran's security forces on more than a week of protests that erupted after the death of a young woman in custody.

Hundreds of angry demonstrators have been arrested with crowds taking to the streets of major cities across Iran for eight straight nights since the death of Mahsa Amini.

The 22-year-old Kurd was pronounced dead after spending three days in a coma following her arrest by Iran's feared morality police for wearing the hijab headscarf in an "improper" way.

State television said the number of deaths in "recent riots" had risen to 35, up from 17 previously, including at least five security personnel.

Sweeping arrests have been reported, with the police chief in the northwestern province of Guilan announcing Saturday "the arrest of

739 rioters including 60 women" in his region alone, Tasnim news agency said.

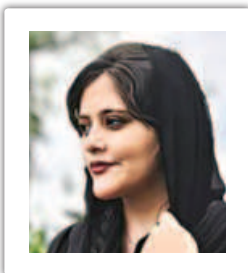
Protests were held around the Islamic republic on Friday night, with online videos showing some turning violent, including in Tehran.

Footage showed security forces firing what appeared to be live ammunition at unarmed demonstrators in the northwestern cities of Piranshahr, Mahabad and Urmia.

In a video shared by the Oslo-based Iran Human Rights non-governmental organisation, a uniformed member of the security forces is seen shooting an AK-47 assault rifle at protesters in Shahr-e Rey, on Tehran's southern outskirts.

Security forces have carried out a wave of arrests of activists and journalists, with Sherif Mansour of US-based media watchdog the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) reporting

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She is alive

Say police a day after daughters 'identified' a body as their mother's

STAR REPORT

A missing woman whose daughters thought they had identified her body in Mymensingh on Friday was found alive and in good health in Faridpur yesterday, police said.

A team of Khulna Metropolitan Police found Rahima Begum, 55, at an apartment around 10:30pm in Boalmari upazila, said Molla Jahangir Hossain, deputy commissioner of KMP.

Her daughter Moriom Mannan, a student of Tejgaon College, who was desperately looking for her mother since August 27, told The Daily Star, "I watched a video clip sent by a friend from Faridpur. And I am sure that she is my mother. But we do not know how she ended up in Faridpur and why she went there."

Abdur Rahman, an additional deputy commissioner of KMP, who led the team of police that found Rahima, said, "She was in the house of one Kuddus Molla, living as a guest."

He added that Kuddus was once a tenant of Rahima's house in Khulna. "But she did not tell how or why she went to his home and took shelter there without informing



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Spacecraft set to smash into asteroid

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A spacecraft built by Nasa is set to intentionally crash into a small asteroid as part of a planetary protection test mission.

While this asteroid - named Dimorphos - poses no threat to Earth, the aim of the mission is to demonstrate that dangerous incoming rocks can be deflected by deliberately smashing into them.

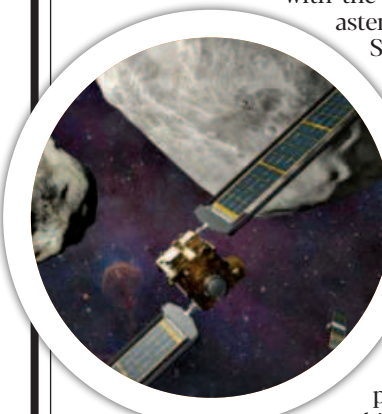
The spacecraft, known as Double Asteroid Redirection Test (Dart), is expected to collide with the 170-metre wide (560ft) asteroid at 00:14 UK time on September 27.

Dimorphos is part of a binary asteroid system and orbits Didymos, which takes around 11 hours and 55 minutes.

But astronomers at Nasa are hoping that Dart, while destroying itself in the process, will shorten this orbital period by about 10 minutes.

Nasa said: "Dart's target asteroid is not a threat to Earth but is the perfect testing ground to see if this method of asteroid deflection - known as the kinetic impactor technique - would be a viable way to protect our planet if an asteroid on a

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Covid claims four lives, infects 350 more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people died from coronavirus in the past 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, reported the Directorate General of Health Services.

Meanwhile, a total of 350 people tested positive for the viral infection against 2,668 tests across the country, read a press release of the DGHS.

The positivity rate, in these 24 hours, was 13.12 percent.

With the latest count, the total number of deaths rose to 29,351.

The total confirmed cases rose to 2,021,118 across the country.

Of the dead yesterday, three were male and one was female.

One each of them was aged between 31 and 40, and 41 and 50, while two others were above 60 years.

The number of daily Covid-19 cases has started rising again since early this month after a month-long downward trend.



With Durga Puja knocking on the door, the capital's New Market buzzing with shoppers yesterday, who were buying all the essentials needed to perfect their celebration.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Father could only watch as son gets crushed under train wheels

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A university student was killed under the wheels of a train right before his father's eyes at Abdulpur Railway Junction in Natore's Lalpur upazila yesterday.

Hasanuzzaman Imtiaz, 21, sixth-semester law student of Varendra University, and his father advocate Isahaq Ali are residents of Ruppur area in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila, said police.

The duo was going to Rajshahi by a commuter train, said Firoz Ahmed, assistant superintendent of Ishwardi railway police.

As the train stopped at Abdulpur, Hasanuzzaman got down to buy breakfast for his father. As the train started moving, he tried to hurriedly get back.

During the process, he slipped and went under the train wheels, the police official said, adding that Hasanuzzaman died on the spot.

His father Isahaq watched the event but could not get down from the train as it was already moving fast. Later, he got down at Lokmanpur station and returned to Abdulpur just to see his son dead, ASP Firoz added.

Hasanuzzaman was going to Rajshahi with his father to his university, said Mihir Ranjan Deb, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Railway Police Station.

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