



An evening of euphoria WITH E-SANG

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A concert hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, took place in the heart of Dhaka – Hatirheel Amphitheatre, on Saturday, 1st October 2022. Korean Band E-Sang, who won a Korean Folk Song Talent TV Show, blessed the Bangladeshi Kopp fans with their mesmerizing performance.

The show was inaugurated with both countries' national anthem, followed by the opening speech by RTV's CEO, Syed Ashik Rahman, Director & CEO of Hyundai Bangladesh, Mutassim Daiaan, RTV's Chairman & Morshed Alam, MP.

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(Third from left) The ambassador of Korea in Bangladesh, HE Lee Jang-Keun and Dhaka North Mayor Atiqul Islam, with the band members.

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Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation, Atiqul Islam, welcomed the band E-Sang, while singing short verses of Bengali songs himself.

E-Sang performed a line-up of songs, infused with their energetic charisma. Their original, "Sarang-Ga", which tells the narrative of a lady courtesan and a male high officer in the chosen dynasty, was breathtaking to listen to.

Traditional Korean folk song "Arirang" depicted love in a mournful way, while "Sa-Seol Nanbong-Ga" celebrated it humorously. They also encouraged people to relax in the midst of their frantic everyday lives by performing the song, "Urban Flute".

"The Dance in the Rhythm" was initially performed by Kim Wan-sun, a Korean pop singer. However, E-Sang integrated traditional

folk song rhythm and atmosphere with a Korean traditional percussion quartet, to add their unique touch to the song.

"Moon Song" conveys optimism for a brighter future, similar to a full moon, as well as relief to individuals who are bored with their daily lives. The breezy ballad was also performed by E-Sang in the final round of the Korean Folk Song Talent TV Show "Pungrye Daejang."

To top it all off, the talented band tugged at the heart-strings, after singing "Ami Banglay Gaan Gai", with the same level of ingenuity and soulfulness as any Bengali speaking person would.

The performers and organisers exchanged warm greetings before the event came to a close – a memorable one for not only enthusiasts of Korean culture, but music lovers in general.

Puja Chery gets US Visa

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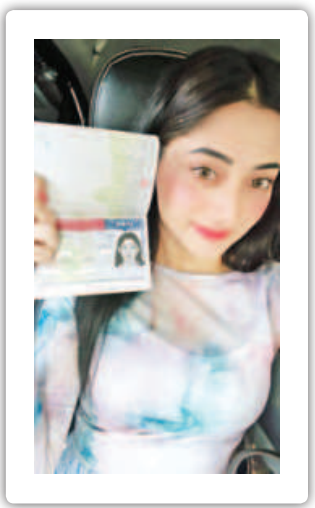
Puja Chery, who is the subject of much speculation from the media regarding her alleged 'affair' with Shakib Khan, has now received a Visa for the United States of America.

The actress confirmed it herself with a post on her verified Facebook page, with the caption "Finally I got it!"

After actress Bubby came out with the announcement that she had a 2-year-old son with Shakib Khan, many questioned their current relationship status, as media rumours indicate that Shakib is currently with the "Golui" actress.

However, neither Shakib, nor Puja have confirmed this rumour.

With Puja receiving the Visa, it will only fan the flames of these allegations, as the two look to make roots in the same country – the land of freedom.



Shruti Haasan lends voice to DC's Sandman franchise

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Actress-singer Shruti Haasan has lent her voice to the audio drama series "Sandman: Act III". The news just flashed just after a day the artist's English single "She is a Hero" was released.

Shruti plays a landlady at the World's End Inn in the series, which has been exclusively released on Audible by DC.

After 'Treadstone' and 'Frozen 2', this is Shruti's third international project. The project also stars James McAvoy, Kat Dennings, Miriam Margolyes and Justin Vivian Bond, among others.



COUNTRYWIDE

Thousands face wrath of Kaliganga river

People in Daulatpur upazila blame illegal sand lifting from the river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

About 1,500 families of eight villages in Daulatpur upazila have lost their homesteads, fruit orchards and vast croplands due to erosion by the Kaliganga river in the last few years.

Indiscriminate lifting of sand from the river over the last five or six years has caused the erosion, locals alleged.

Moreover, hundreds of houses and vast croplands are at risk of being eroded by the river in future.

Influential quarters have been lifting sands setting dredger machines in the river resulting into the erosion of the river bank, they claimed.

The Kaliganga river flows through Manikganj district town to Jabra of Ghior upazila and falls into the Jamuna river at Charkatari of Daulatpur upazila.

Total length of the river from the district town to the mouth of the Jamuna is about 20 kilometres.

During a recent visit to the area

this correspondent saw some local influential have set up dredger machines in six-kilometre area of the river, stretching from Khalshi, Chakmirpur and Jionpur of Daulatpur, and extracting sand illegally.

The syndicates have been lifting sands, using dredges, from at least 50 spots at different villages in the upazila.

A number of residents of the erosion-hit villages said illegal sand extraction from the river has been continuing unabated for the last five to six years.

An influential quarter with the help of local administration are doing the illegal business, they alleged.

As a result, the entire Bhanga Ramchandrapur and Abudanga villages and half of Parmastul, Ramchandrapur, Charmastul, Lautara, Jainta Pangtirciha and Bishnupur village have already gone into the river in the last few years, villagers said, adding that at least 1,500 families of those villages

have become homeless.

Sakhawat Jahangir Sena, former chairman of Khalshi Union Parishad (UP), said during his tenure from March, 2016 to January, 2022, he tried his best but could not stop the illegal act.

The family of UP member Atikur Rahman, who lost all his four tinshed rooms and a poultry farm last year, is now living somewhere else, he said.

Chakmirpur UP Chairman Shafiqul Islam said about half of Ramchandrapur and Charmastul village have gone into the river due to river erosion caused by the illegal sand extraction.

If the illegal soil extraction using dredgers is not stopped, more houses and croplands will go into the river soon, he said. Daulatpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mohammad Imrul Hasan said they often conducts drives and gives punishments, realise fines or even burn the illegal dredgers, but the perpetrators get back on the business again.



Illegal sand lifting from the Kaliganga river adds to the problem of river erosion at different villages in Manikganj's Daulatpur upazila.

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Major setback

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Austin noted that Lyman was positioned across supply lines that Russia has used to push its troops and material down to the south and to the west, as the Kremlin presses its more than seven-month-long invasion of Ukraine.

"Without those routes, it will be more difficult. So it presents a sort of a dilemma for the Russians going forward."

Pope Francis yesterday made an impassioned appeal to Putin to stop "this spiral of violence and death" in Ukraine, saying the crisis there was risking a nuclear escalation with uncontrollable global consequences.

Workers unpaid

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power to PDB for Tk 15 per unit.

When entrepreneurs from different sectors are being encouraged to set up more on-grid or off-grid solar plants to generate green energy, the government should take necessary steps to stop such irregularities, Deputy Project Manager Motaharul Islam said.

Power price

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However, the price of the government-managed company, LP Gas Limited, remained unchanged at Tk 591 per 12.5kg.

According to the new tariff, the price of gas, used for motor vehicles, has dropped from Tk 57.55 per litre to Tk 55.92.

Scientists find star

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They did so by building a complicated model that accounted for all of the complexities of the stars' movement through space. The galactic underworld version of the Milky Way looks vastly different: there are none of the spiral arms that are so well known from our normal galaxy, and it extends much higher.

The research also suggests that those dead stars could be haunting us, nearby. "Statistically our nearest remnant should be only 65 light years away: more or less in our backyard, in galactic terms," said Professor Tuthill.

The findings are reported in a new article, 'The Galactic underworld: The spatial distribution of compact remnants', published in the journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Six killed in 2 road accidents

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dead and five others injured.

On information, police and local fire service officials reached the spot and recovered the bodies of three people.

The five injured were sent to different hospitals and one of them died on the way, the SI said.

He added that police seized the truck but its driver fled.

The accident prompted Azgar Ali, upazila nirbahi officer, to shut down the Mahmudabad market since the area has proved to be accident prone.

On June 30, a covered van ploughed into the same market, killing five vendors, after the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Meanwhile, in Brahmanbaria's Bijoyagar upazila, two people were killed and 10 were injured in a pile-up involving a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, a truck and a microbus.

The accident took place on the

GM Quader

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president and JP founder HM Ershad, and Quader, younger brother of Ershad, took a new turn as Opposition Chief Whip Ranga on September 14 sought to withdraw a letter the JP Parliamentary Party sent to the Speaker for removal of Raushan as the opposition leader.

The fresh conflict started brewing when Raushan suddenly on August 31 convened the party's 10th council for November 26.

Sources at the JP told this correspondent that the pro-Raushan group has planned to oust Quader from the party helm in the council and take its control.

A day after, JP Parliamentary Party

Dhaka-Sylhet highway, in Shoshoi area of the upazila yesterday morning, said Sukhendu Basu, officer-in-charge of Khandihata Highway police.

The dead were identified as Suman Goswami, 30, and Mohan Bonik, 31, both from Habiganj's Madhabpur upazila and passengers of the CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

The 10 injured were passengers of the microbus.

According to the OC, the truck, heading towards Sylhet, first hit the CNG-run auto-rickshaw from behind, leaving Suman and Mohan dead on the spot. Right at that moment, the microbus hit the truck from behind, leaving the 10 injured.

Locals rushed to rescue the injured and sent them to Madhabpur Upazila Health Complex.

The vehicles involved in the accident were seized but the drivers fled, the OC added.

on September 1 at a meeting decided to remove Raushan from the post of the opposition leader in the House.

After the meeting, a letter was submitted to Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, urging her to make Quader the opposition leader.

At present, Quader is the deputy leader of the opposition.

In recent days, he has been criticising the incumbent government.

Aggrieved by his criticism, the ruling Awami League high-ups are allegedly backing the pro-Raushan group to put pressure on Quader, sources said.

Raushan, who is being treated at a Bangkok hospital, is likely to return home this month, Golam Moshir, her political secretary, told this newspaper.

COUP CONFUSION Protesters target French embassy in Burkina

AFP, Ouagadougou

Security forces fired tear gas to disperse angry protesters outside the French embassy in Burkina Faso's capital yesterday, as unrest simmered in the impoverished, restive West African nation following the claim of a second coup this year.

The latest upheaval began on Friday, when junior military officers announced they had toppled the country's junta leader, sparking deep concern among world powers.

Late on Saturday, the junta leader, Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba, said he had no intention of giving up power and urged the officers to "come to their senses".