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1 killed, 20 hurt as AL factions clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man was killed and at least 20 others were injured in a clash between the supporters of a former union parishad chairman and those of the current one in Faridpur's Sadarpur upazila yesterday.

The dead was identified as Jalal Fakir, 41, a farmer from Nigram village of the same upazila.

During the six-hour-long clash, which started at 7:00am and continued till 1:00pm, around 40 houses were vandalised and one was set on fire.

According to locals, there had been a longstanding dispute between Md Aktaruzzaman, chairman of Krishnapur union parishad, and Billal Fakir, its former chairman, over establishing supremacy in the area.

Both belong to the ruling Awami League, with Billal being the general secretary of the union AL.

Md Helal Uddin Bhuiyan, additional superintendent of Police (Bhanga circle), said, "On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control around 1:00pm. Six people were detained in connection with the clash."

"The number of people involved in the clash far exceeded the number of law enforcers. We tried our best to control the situation. Additional police were deployed as well," he said, adding that no case was filed.

Just the day before, Aktaruzzaman's men attacked Gias Talukdar, 52, supporter of Billal, and had severed his hand from the body.

Gias is currently under treatment in Dhaka.

Following the incident, Billal's supporters attacked an opponent's house, triggering the clash.

Jalal Fakir, the deceased, was initially taken to Sadarpur Upazila Health Complex in critical condition. He was

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WINGS OF ELEGANCE ... An Oriental Darter about to spread its wings to dry them off, while another sits elegantly nearby -- both perched on tree stumps in Sylhet's Baikka Beel. The large waterbirds are native to tropical South and Southeast Asia. Usually found near freshwater lakes and streams, they are sometimes called "the snakebird", due to their long, slender necks. More often than not, they are seen swimming with their body submerged but the head and neck above the water. Oriental Darters are becoming uncommon, as its numbers are continuously declining throughout the region. Victims of habitat loss, human activities near breeding areas, degradation of foraging area, hunting and pollution, these birds are now listed in the "Near Threatened" category by the IUCN.

PHOTO: TIMU HOSSAIN

DB now says Fardin last seen in Jatrabari



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of police and family yesterday dismissed the findings of Rab that Buet student Fardin Noor Parash might have been killed near Chonpara slum in Narayanganj.

Fardin was last seen walking near the Jatrabari intersection around 2:15am on November 5, said Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner of DB of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, while sharing their probe findings with reporters yesterday.

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FIFA WORLD CUP At the cost of many migrants' lives: HRW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Migrant workers and their families are demanding compensation from FIFA and Qatar authorities for abuses, and unexplained deaths that the workers suffered preparing for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, Human Rights Watch said yesterday.

"Migrant workers were indispensable to making the World Cup 2022 possible, but it has come at great cost for many migrant workers and their families who not only made personal sacrifices, but also faced widespread wage theft, injuries, and thousands of unexplained deaths," said Rothna

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BUDGETARY SUPPORT Tokyo considering Dhaka's request Says Japanese ambassador

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Japan by the end of this month will take the bilateral relationship between the two countries to a new height, Japanese Ambassador Ito Naoki said yesterday.

"This is a very significant visit. This is almost to conclude 50-year anniversary of our diplomatic relations. With this visit, we are going to elevate our partnership to a new height," he told reporters after a farewell meeting with Planning Minister MA Mannan at the latter's office yesterday.

Hasina will visit Japan from November 29 to December 1 and hold a meeting with her Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida. The two nations are likely to sign a number of memorandums of understanding on cooperation.

Japan is a key development partner of Bangladesh engaged in some of the country's major infrastructure development projects, including Metro Rail, Matarbari Deep Sea Port, Third Terminal of Dhaka Airport etc.

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Childhood abuse may affect future health: BSMMU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abuse and adversities before the age of 18 are associated with negative impacts on physical and mental health, researchers at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University said yesterday.

Based on 26 different case-control studies on five themes, conducted over the past five years, they said the torture of children is deep rooted in the Bangladeshi society and it needs to be addressed immediately.

The findings of the studies were shared at an event at BSMMU yesterday.

"Our studies show that anyone abused in their childhood is highly likely to suffer from health issues," Dr Md Atiqul Haque, a professor at the Department of Public Health & Informatics, who coordinated the studies, told The Daily Star.

The five themes of the studies were — child rights and protection; online child abuse; adverse childhood experiences and subsequent health problems; the

role of media in stopping child abuse; and impact of non-communicable diseases on child development.

A study on 1,416 children, aged between 11 to 17, in rural areas of Bangladesh showed that 19 percent of them were subjected to physical abuse, 17 to emotional abuse, and 78 were neglected at home, school, and/or work.

The study also shows that child workers, children with disabilities, and children living in slums are at a higher risk of abuse.

Researchers said that the children who experienced abuse are twice as likely to suffer from health issues compared to those who did not.

Another study on 460 children, aged 11-17, highlighted that 33 percent of these children are internet users. Some 59 percent of them had at least one "criminal attitude", while 38 percent had two and 26 percent had three.

A criminal attitude is when a child displays tendency to lean towards criminal activities.

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Webb reveals blazing hourglass around forming star




AFP, Paris

The James Webb Space Telescope unveiled its latest image of celestial majesty on Wednesday, an ethereal hourglass of orange and blue dust being shot out from a newly forming star at its centre.

The colourful clouds are only visible in infrared light, so had never been seen before being captured by Webb's Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam), Nasa and the European Space Agency said in a statement.

The very young star, known as protostar L1527, is hidden in darkness by the edge of a rotating disk

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জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

প্রবাসী বাংলাদেশি ও তাদের প্রিয়জনদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কস্টার্জিত বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা ব্যাংকিং চ্যানেলের বাইরে (ছড়ি বা অন্য কোনো অবৈধ পথে) প্রেরণ করা আইনত দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ এবং এতে দেশ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হয়। আপনাদের অর্জিত মূল্যবান বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা ছড়ি বা অন্য কোনো অবৈধ পথে না পাঠিয়ে বৈধ পথে/ব্যাংকিং চ্যানেলের মাধ্যমে দেশে প্রেরণ করুন, দেশ গড়ায় মূল্যবান অবদান রাখুন এবং আপনার প্রিয়জনকে ঝুঁকিমুক্ত ও নিরাপদ রাখুন। উল্লেখ্য, অবৈধ পথে রেমিট্যান্স প্রেরণের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের বিরুদ্ধে প্রমাণ সাপেক্ষে প্রচলিত আইনে বাংলাদেশ ফাইন্যান্সিয়াল ইন্টেলিজেন্স ইউনিট (বিএফআইইউ) যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করছে।

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UN publishes COP27 draft climate deal

Text retains 1.5C limit, but many contentious issues remain unresolved

REUTERS, Sharm El-Sheikh

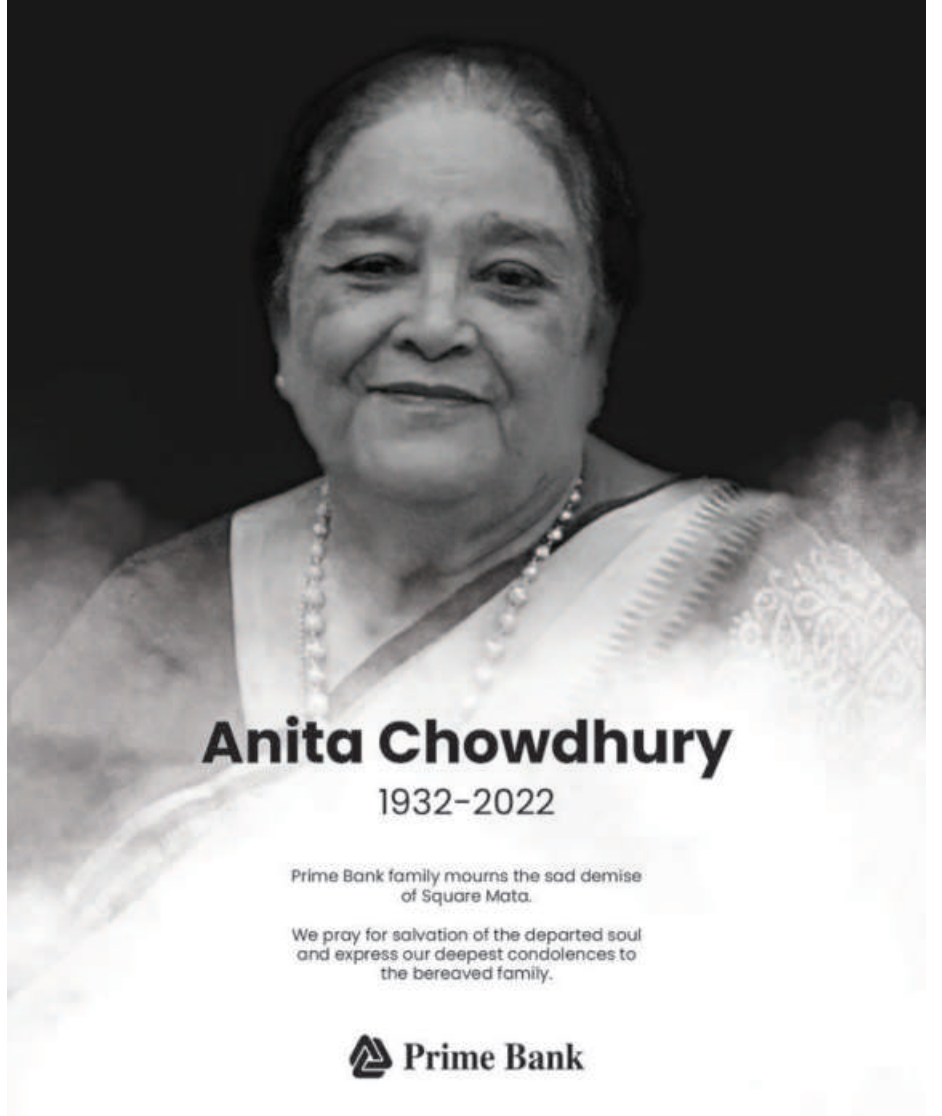
The first draft of a deal being hashed out at the COP27 climate summit in Egypt would keep a target of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius but left many of the most contentious issues in the talks unresolved ahead of a deadline.

Egypt's COP27 president urged negotiators to speed up the pace on overcoming their differences, while poor nations slammed the draft for failing to address their need for funds to cope with damage already being wrought by climate-driven storms, droughts and floods.

"Time is not on our side, let us come together now and deliver by Friday [today]," COP27 President Sameh Shoukry said in a letter to delegates dated Wednesday and published yesterday.

The 20-page UN draft for a hoped-for final agreement repeats the goal from last year's Glasgow Climate Pact to limit warming to 1.5C, and asks countries "to accelerate measures towards the phase down of unabated coal power and phase out and

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Prime Bank family mourns the sad demise of Square Mata.

We pray for salvation of the departed soul and express our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

