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Tapas Das of
Moheener
Ghoraguli
passes away



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The only living member of the legendary Bangla rock band Moheener Ghoraguli, Tapas Das, lovingly known as 'Bapi Da', passed away earlier yesterday.

He was 68.

The news of his passing was confirmed by various news sources, and singer Rupam Islam.

The artiste had been

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Tariq Kazi celebrates with fellow centre-back Tapu Barman following his goal during Bangladesh's 3-1 win against Maldives in the SAFF Championship at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

PHOTO: SAFF

FORCED DISAPPEARANCES
Mayer Dak tries to
draw UN official's
attention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families of the enforced disappearance victims yesterday demonstrated to draw the attention of visiting United Nations peacekeeping chief to the allegations of human rights abuse by law enforcers.

They stood at a human chain under the banner of Mayer Dak, a platform of the families, in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Jean-Pierre Lacroix, UN under secretary-general for peacekeeping operations, is in the capital.

The families circulated a memorandum stating that since Bangladesh is often the largest contributor of troops to the UN peacekeeping missions, there needs to be thorough scrutiny of the officials being recruited so that those accused of committing human rights abuses are not chosen.

"We urge Lacroix to demonstrate his explicit commitment to adhere to the universal principles

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Hajj begins

AFP, Makkah

Vast crowds of robed Muslim faithful walked solemn circles around the Kaaba, the black cube at Makkah's Grand Mosque yesterday to begin the biggest hajj pilgrimage in several years.

Islam's holiest site is expected to host more than two million worshippers from 160 countries during the annual rites that could break attendance records, with 1.6 million foreigners already arrived by late Friday.

"This year, we will

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IMPROPER USE OF SPACE UNDER FLYOVERS
Causing health, environmental,
socio economic losses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The space beneath Dhaka's flyovers have been improperly used since they were opened to traffic without proper planning, resulting in annual public health, environmental, and socioeconomic losses, according to a study.

The study, financed by the UNDP and conducted by Brac University's Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism, was

revealed at a seminar yesterday.

It examined the 10 flyovers in Dhaka, which have a total length of 105.22 kilometres and a total area of 207 acres beneath them.

Adnan Zillur Morshed, executive director of the Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism, who led the study, said the spaces that have been grabbed, misused, and discarded could be turned into urban assets with effective policy and planning.

Using Hanif and Moghbazar

flyovers as examples, he said that underneath them, parking space, mosque, police box, temporary kitchen market, waste dumping area, and small shops have been set up.

In some places, street children and homeless people were seen taking refuge beneath those structures. In other places, these spaces were seen being used for the sale and consumption of illegal narcotics, Adnan noted.

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Booters seal
memorable
victory

ANISUR RAHMAN,
from Bengaluru

While returning to the dressing room on the back of a foreign coaching staff, defender Tariq Raihan Kazi, wearing a bandage on his left leg and a big smile on his face, could not have looked any happier as Bangladesh kept their semi-final aspirations alive with a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over

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Juno captures
image of lightning
on Jupiter

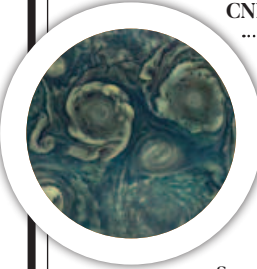
CNN ONLINE

A NASA spacecraft captured the eerie glow of lightning inside a swirling vortex on Jupiter.

The green lightning bolt was seen inside one of the many vortices that cluster near Jupiter's north pole.

The Juno spacecraft, which first arrived to observe Jupiter and its moons in 2016, captured the event during its 31st close flyby of the gas giant on December 30, 2020.

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