

## Death anniv of Jahanara Begum today

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Today is the 7th death anniversary of Jahanara Begum, mother of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge AHM Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held after the Asr prayers at Jahanara Manzil Shaheb Para in Lalmonirhat, said a press release.

Food will be distributed among the destitute. Her relatives have been requested to attend the event.



## PM leaves

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opening of the Women in Islam Exhibition and banquet dinner in honour of her. Later, she will leave Jeddah and then visit Makkah where she will perform Umrah.

On Tuesday evening, she will leave Makkah for home.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines commercial flight carrying the prime minister will depart from King Abdulaziz International Airport at about 10:45pm local time. The flight is scheduled to land at Dhaka at 8:00am on Wednesday.

## Polls as per

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constitution is not a negotiated settlement. It was not given by any former colonial power, nor was it based on an agreement with any external sovereign power.

"Bangladesh achieved its independence and the constitution through sacrificing numerous lives," she added.

Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, member of the Law Commission, said it was only possible to try war criminals in the shortest possible time because of the constitution.



PHOTO: MONIR UDDIN ANIK

Montaj Mia and his nephew returning home on a boat, loaded with grass for their cattle. They collect the grass from a nearby char in the Tentulia river in Bhola's Farashganj union. With feed getting pricier, many herders now travel to nearby shoals to collect food for their animals. This photo was taken yesterday.

## Why are you afraid of fair polls: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

The BNP yesterday alleged that the government has created an appalling situation in the country to try and eliminate their political opponents through the use of force.

Speaking at a virtual press briefing, the party's senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi alleged that the government has launched a drive to arrest the BNP's "top to union-level" leaders and workers, with an aim to hold another lopsided election.

He said, "The prime minister told a foreign media outlet a few days back that people are her main strength. Then why are you not arranging a fair election by stepping down and handing over power to a non-partisan government? If the people are with you, then why are you afraid of holding a free, participatory and competitive election under a neutral government?"

He also questioned why the government is arresting the top leaders of BNP and other opposition parties ahead of the election, after "brutally" attacking their Nayapaltan grand rally on October 28.

"If the people are on your side, why would you adopt this destructive and bloody path? A government that the people fear is a dictatorial government. One that fears the people is a democratic government," the BNP leader said.



## Rizvi hiding in a cave: Quader

BSS, Dhaka

BNP leaders went into hiding in a "cave" after threatening to topple the government, said Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday.

"BNP announced Sheikh Hasina's government won't be seen after October 28. Such brave men they are!"

"But now Rizvi (BNP leader) went into hiding in a cave. He is holding press conferences from a cave now," he said.

Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, was addressing the AL's Dhaka divisional rally in the city's Arambagh intersection.

AL President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressed it as the chief guest after opening the second phase of metro-rail service on the Agargaon-Motijheel section.

Referring to the recent debacle over "Biden's advisor visiting BNP office", Quader said BNP always come up with fake stories and AL will defeat all "fake and evil forces" in the next general election.

The minister said democracy is not safe at the hands of those who perpetrated the August 15 carnage, November 3 jail killing and August 21 grenade attacks and killed 21,000 leaders and workers of AL.

If they go to power, they will ruin the spirit of democracy and Liberation War, he said.

He said Sheikh Hasina's AL will be victorious in the next general election defeating all communal forces.



## Five rare capped

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and sent to India via Satkhira and Jashore.

The arrestees are Md Selim, 53, Salauddin Kader, 35, Nurul Kabir, 31.

Selim was earlier arrested by Banskhali police on May 24 along with four hornbills. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment but he walked out of jail on bail.

Deputy Commissioner of CMP south Zone Mostafijur Rahman said, "The capped langurs were first collected in Ali Kadam area and taken to Cox's Bazar. Later, the arrestees

took them from Cox's Bazar's Shaplapur area and was scheduled to hand the animals to another party in Dhaka. But police caught them when they were entering the city."

"We have learned that they [the arrestees] are active operatives of an international wildlife trafficking racket. The wildlife used to be smuggled to India," he said.

## PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 5



Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:55	12:45	4:00	5:30	7:15
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## PATUAKHALI'S RANGABALI UPAZILA

# Locals suffer as road work drags on

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Construction work of a key road in Patuakhali's Rangabali upazila is yet to begin, even though 10 months have passed since its foundation was laid.

The Local Government Engineering Department took the initiative to pave 2km of the 4.5km road from Maudubi Bazar to Mukharbanda Cyclone Shelter in the upazila under a Tk 1.62 crore project.

On January 20 this year, Mohibbur Rahman, lawmaker of Patuakhali-4 (Kalapara and Rangabali) constituency, laid the foundation stone of the road's construction work that is scheduled for completion by December 31, according to sources at LGED's Rangabali office.

While the work order was issued on February 14, the contractors -- Ilyas Sikder and Altaf Hossain Howlader -- have not started the work yet, leaving around 5,000 people in Maudubi union amid untold suffering.

Maudubi union parishad office sources said the union, consisting of around 22,000 residents, has not seen any development regarding its communication infrastructure since it was separated from neighbouring Barabaisdia union in 2011.

Moreover, on the union's south end, there is an emerging tourist spot -- Jahazmara Char -- on the shores of the Bay of Bengal, and the Maudubi Bazar Road connects the spot to the rest of the upazila.

However, the road is in a dilapidated state.

Of the 31km of road connectivity in the union, only 6km are paved, while 2km have bricks laid, and the rest 23km are earthen roads that become unusable during monsoons.

There are several educational

institutions along the road, including Maudubi Higher Secondary School and Maudubi Govt Primary School.

"The road is very muddy and slippery, and we often have to turn around halfway and go back home as our dresses and books get ruined by mud," said Pavel, a fourth grader.

Abu Zafar, headteacher of Maudubi Secondary School, said, "Our school has over 1,000 students, but their attendance is often affected due to the road's poor state. It needs to be paved urgently."



Maudubi UP chairman Russell Mahamud confirmed that the union's internal road communication is severely undeveloped and they are waiting for LGED to pave the road.

Assuring that the work will begin soon, contractors Ilyas Sikder and Altaf Hossain Howlader said it has not been possible to bring the construction materials to the site due to the road's muddy condition amid the monsoon.

Rangabali Upazila LGED engineer Habibur Rahman said they have urged the contractors to start the construction work as soon as possible.

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