NEW

Rab busts 'arms factory' in Cox's Bazar STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Cox's Bazar

Rapid Action Battalion vesterday busted an "arms factory" in a remote hilly area under Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazar after conducting a 16-hour drive there.

They also arrested four persons in this connection.

drive The was conducted at Tulatali Hill in Chhagirakata under Eidgaon union in Ramu, said Lt Col HM Sajjad Hossain, commander of Cox's Bazar Rab-15 Battalion, at press briefing yesterday.

Rab recovered 10 locallymade guns, 10 rifle bullets, 12 cartridges and a large cache of arms making materials from the spot, he also said.

The arrestees are Zafar Alam, Lal Mia, Main Uddin and Shahab Uddin. A case was filed against them with Ramu Police Station.

However. Maniul Haque, owner and chief arms maker of the factory, managed to flee, the official said.

2 more flights diverted due to dense fog

Mild cold wave may hit several areas in north, west

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two international flights bound for Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka, between 12:00am and 7:00am yesterday, were diverted to Kolkata due to dense fog.

Group Captain Kamrul Islam, executive director at the HSIA, confirmed the information to The Daily Star.

He said the diverted flights started to return to the Dhaka airport from 8:00am when the weather became normal.

Meanwhile, Shahinul Islam, meteorologist of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, said temperatures may drop across the country today and mild cold waves may also sweep over northwest and western parts of the country.

According to the weather forecast of BMD, weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy skies over the country in the next 24 hours.



A day labourer warms her feet above a fire by the roadside in Rajbandh area of Khulna's Batiaghata upazila. Amid the chilly weather, like her, many head out from home early in the morning in search of work. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Moderate to thick fog may country, it added. occur over the country between temperature may rise slightly nearly unchanged over the

The lowest recorded midnight to morning. Night temperature in the country, in the last 24 hours till 3:00pm and day temperature may remain vesterday, was 12 degrees Celsius in Rajshahi.

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Stop filling up waterbodies

Speakers urge authorities STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists and urban planners yesterday said the illegal filling of waterbodies must be stopped for the sake of the city, as it is frequently facing climatic issues like excessive heat and waterlogging.

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They demanded that the government take necessary actions to protect wetlands and waterbodies.

They made the remarks at an event organised by Bangladesh Institute of Planners at their headquarters, in cooperation with TIB, Centre for Urban Studies, Bapa, BLAST and Nijera Kori, for protesting the recent filling of a waterbody in Mirpur by BADC.

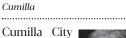
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Adil Khan, professor at Urban and Regional Planning Department of Jahangirnagar University, said Dhaka had 31 percent of wetlands in 1995, while it has come down to 4.6 percent now. "A city needs at least 12 percent of wetlands," he added.

Sultana Kamal, founding president of Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation, said government agencies are grabbing public space as they have no accountability and no respect for the country's laws.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said BADC has been misusing its power to violate existing laws and directives of the PM. It must have accountability for filling the Mirpur wetland, he said.

Cumilla Mayor Arfanul Haque passes away OUR CORRESPONDENT,



Corporation Мауо Arfanul Haque Rifat died at Mount Elizabeth

Hospital in Singapore last evening. He was 65.

He breathed his last around 6:30pm (Bangladesh time), confirmed Atikul joint Khokon, Islam secretary of Cumilla city Awami League, quoting Rifat's family members.

He left behind his wife two daughters, and a son to mourn his death.

Rifat, also the general secretary of Cumilla city unit AL, was elected the city corporation mayor on June 15 last year. He was born on February 2, 1958.

Rifat was the sports affairs secretary of Cumilla Victoria College unit student council in 1981. Later, he was made senior vice president of Cumilla South District Jubo League and founding general secretary of Cumilla city unit AL.

He served duties as the president of Cumilla District Football Federation for four consecutive terms. Besides, he was involved with several social organisations.

We welcome

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invest in Bangladesh including in its agro-based industries. "Many entrepreneurs are

keen to visit Bangladesh and invest here," the Spanish ambassador said.

During the meeting, both the premier and the Spanish envoy expressed satisfaction over the existing relationship between the two countries and hoped that this relationship will be strengthened further.

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Address parents'

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Otherwise, our children will be left behind compared to other developed countries," she said.

author Noted and academician Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal highlighted the positive of the new impact curriculum on children's learning. "The children accepted have this curriculum with joy. That is the biggest achievement," he said, adding that science education has been given more importance in the new curriculum.

Meherunnesa, headteacher of Rayer Bazar High School, said, "We have engaged with parents through meetings to help them understand the curriculum."

Ferdousi Begum, principal of Rotnogorva Farida Zaman School and and mindset of parents.

She also urged the government not to make frequent changes to curriculum, which may hamper a student's general

learning process. Prof Md Abdul Mannan of North South University said the new curriculum will help students identify the real world aspects and learn effectively.

Prof Syed Mahfooz Ali, director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, shared plans for providing further training to teachers in phases and bringing all educational institutions under the curriculum's scope.

NCTB member (Curriculum) Prof Md Moshiuzzaman said the curriculum is focused on reducing rote learning and adapting to modern

technologies. He shared plans for College, said, "The problem organising education fairs is not in the curriculum, but at upazila level to expand with the skills of teachers, awareness and display students' class outcomes During Rokeva Kabir. speakers said teachers and director executive of guardians have every right BNPS, moderated the to be concerned about the roundtable, chaired by updated curriculum as BNPS chairperson and students eventually enroll in educationist Shaymoli



The organisers later held a brief programme at Aparajeya Bangla. PHOTO: **STAR**

It's against DU spirit

FROM PAGE 3 the standard of education. Following the cancellation, "If you look at the the organisers hung two education posters at the entrance of developed countries, you the auditorium, one of which will not find any examples read "curbs on freedom of of changing the existing speech will not be tolerated curriculum at the university". because it has an impact They later held a brief on tens of thousands of

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programme at Aparajeya students, teachers, and Bangla followed by a protest guardians," he said. rally with participants wearing black badges.

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candidacy Chunnu's alleging that he concealed information of loan default. Meanwhile, the EC in three separate letters sought information from the foreign ministry regarding the dual of three aspirants with assistance from concerned embassies in Dhaka, who are AL

candidate for Barishal-4 Ahmed, AL candidate for Faridpur-3 Shamim Haq, and independent AK Azad from

Shamim and Azad appealed against each other's candidature in this regard, and the hearing is

Court refuses FROM PAGE 3

his bail was again rejected by the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court on

EC declares 46 Heart stent prices

According to the DGDA order, a separate cash memo will have to be provided mentioning the name of a coronary stent, its maximum retail price and the name of the manufacturer. The packet

> the patient. Bangladesh is dependent on foreign suppliers to

I miss the war of words

democracy or democracy of any other country is flawless. No one is perfect... but to achieve this perfection, to be perfect, we will eliminate those issues and make the journey of democracy smoother," he from said. we cannot withdraw

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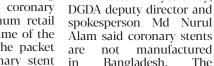
meet the demand for strict action will be taken

cardiac stents, as there is no as per law, he added.

FROM PAGE 3 "No one can claim that our buses, vandalising trains,

used at different hospitals across the country. Contacted yesterday,

are not manufactured in Bangladesh. The government has now fixed the price. If any person or organisation charges more than the prescribed price,





local producer. Each year,

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country by setting fire to

arson and terrorism. Regarding independent



additional "We need

training for teachers, awareness campaigns for improving parents, and physical required infrastructure to address these challenges," she added. Nasrin Chowdhury.

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universities after studying it. vocational training. "That is why I am talking about this curriculum," said Dhaka University Prof

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of Sammilita Shikkha Andolan, said they have Kamrul Hasan Mamun. been speaking about the He said all the successive curriculum since 2019 when governments including the incumbent one did not

the draft was prepared. "They did not pay any heed take any steps to increase to our concerns," he said.

suggested

Prof Nasir Uddin Ahmed The HC on December 7 for practical education, the

dismissed his bail petition government should focus for the third time.

Meantime, BNP Standing but they should not blend Committee Member traditional education with Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday Rakhal Raha, an activist sought bail in nine cases while its media cell convener Zahir Uddin Swapan sought bail in seven cases filed over political violence.

Detectives detained the two from the Gulshan area on November 3.

establish democracy in the compromise here.

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Invitation to Bid (ITB) For the supply of X-ray Films for Thermal Printer

the alliance

ITB Ref. icddr,b/SCM/OTM/2023/10

Date: December 14, 2023

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