

Ireland pledges support for Bangladesh Opens honorary consulate in country

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT To build a stronger relationship with Bangladesh, Ireland yesterday opened its Honorary Consulate in Dhaka and will have an Irish ambassador approved in a few weeks. We hope Irish companies can be part of the economic growth in Bangladesh, Ireland's Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Simon Coveney told reporters yesterday. The Irish minister arrived in Dhaka on Sunday. Yesterday, he called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhavan and then met Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud. This is the first visit by a senior minister from Ireland. Briefing reporters, foreign ministry spokesperson Shehli Sabrin shared that Coveney said he would consider more scholarships to Bangladeshi students going to Ireland. Hasan Mahmud also requested that Ireland eases visas processing for Bangladeshi students. Simon Coveney also shared that

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SMILES WORTH THOUSANDS... As these three friends take their daily walk back home from school in Jhalakathi's Nalchhity upazila yesterday afternoon, freshly bloomed hill glory bowers on roadsides grab their attention. Their tired faces lit up in joy as they pluck the flowers and bundles them for their mothers, who are eagerly waiting for their return. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Journey to wedding party turns tragic

Six of a family die in collision between human hauler and pick-up

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet It was supposed to be a day of joy for the family, as they were on their way to attend a wedding. Getting dressed for the occasion, the family started their journey towards the festivity by boarding a human hauler, but it took a tragic turn as a pick-up van came from the opposite direction and collided with the human hauler head-on on the Sylhet-Tamabil highway. Six members of the family, including two children, died in the collision that took place at around 12:00pm yesterday. Of the deceased, four died on the spot, while two others died hours after being admitted to the hospital. The deceased were identified as Mangali Patro, 55; Sabitri Patro, 35; Suchita Patro, 35; Suchita's six-month-old daughter Bijli Patro;

Shyamola Patro, 55; and Ritu Patro, 8. Meanwhile, critically injured Pronoti Patro, 35, Kush Patro, 40, their two children, and the human hauler's driver are admitted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. Hailing from Thakurer Mati village in Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila, the Patro family was on their way to attend the wedding programme in Gowainghat upazila's Mokampunji. Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jaintapur Model Police Station, said the accident occurred when a cow-laden pickup van collided with the hauler. After the road accident, locals blocked the highway for around an hour, which suspended vehicular movement on the road, he said. "We have pacified the agitated locals and reinstated regular vehicular movement," he added.

4 more killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT Three men, including a madrasa teacher, died and another one was injured in a road accident in Pirojpur Sadar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased were identified as Masum Billah, 53, assistant superintendent of Purbo Matibhanga Montazia Dakhil Madrasa in Pirojpur's Bhandaria upazila; Mohammad Hasib, 26; and Nuru Mia, 60. The injured is Mohammad Arif, 30. According to an eyewitness, riding on their motorcycles, Masum and Hasib were coming from opposite directions and collided head-on as they were trying to avoid Nuru

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FIGHTING IN MYANMAR Teknaf rocked by sounds of explosions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar Following a period of relative calm, sounds of mortar shell explosions in Myanmar's Rakhine state disrupted the peace in Teknaf again on Sunday night. Locals reported hearing sounds of at least 20 explosions echoing across the Rakhine state, adjacent to the Bangladesh border, which continued for around half an hour until 10 pm. Rafiqul Islam, member of Ward-3 in Whykong union of Teknaf, recounted hearing explosion sounds originating from across the border on Sunday night. "Maungdaw and Nakpura areas in Rakhine lie directly opposite to our area, and the sounds appeared to originate from there," he said. Rashed Mohammad Ali, chairman of Whykong Union Parishad, expressed concern over the recurring explosions, attributing them to ongoing clashes between Myanmar junta troops and the rebel Arakan Army. The frequent explosions have instilled fear among people, which is why they refrain from going to their fields or fish enclosures to work, he said. The conflict escalated in early February when Myanmar government forces clashed with the Arakan Army at the Tumburu border in Ghumdhum union under Naikhongchhari upazila of Bandarban. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Youth jailed for molesting minor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur A youth has been arrested for molesting a sixth grader in Dinajpur. The arrestee was identified as Shakhawat Hossain, 20, a student of Hafizia Madrasa. Cops made the arrest on Sunday night after CCTV footage showing the youth intercepting, molesting and attacking the child went viral, said Farid Hossain, the Officer in Charge of Dinajpur Sadar police station. A Dinajpur court sent him to jail after police produced Shawkat before it on Monday afternoon. A case was filed by the victim's father in this regard, the OC added. Meanwhile, there have been protests in Dinajpur town since the video surfaced on social media on Sunday.

Ex-outlaw shot dead in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna A former outlaw member was shot dead at Pabna Sadar's Maniknagar Bazar area on Sunday night. The deceased, Abdur Razzak Sheikh, son of late Azizul Sheikh of village Harinarayanpur, was a Purbo Banglar Communist Party (ML Lal Pataka) activist who surrendered and returned to normal life in 2019. He then became involved in business, said Md Rawshon Alom, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar police station. Razzak was at a tea stall in Maniknagar Bazar area when unidentified people appeared there of motorcycles and shot him around 9:00pm. The criminals fled the scene while Razzak was rushed to Pabna General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 10:00pm. "Previous enmity might be the reason behind this killing. We are trying to identify and arrest the culprits," the OC added.

After the road accident, locals blocked the highway for around an hour, which suspended vehicular movement on the road. TAJUL ISLAM, OC of Jaintapur Model Police Station

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