5 to be hanged for killing housewife, girl in city

2 brothers get life term

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verdict.

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murder case in a packed court-

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin found Nannu, Kabir, Deen Islam and Bhutto guilty of raping and murdering Kajol, 14.

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Five persons are to be hanged for killing two persons in two separate incidents.

The convicts are Nannu Miah, 30, Mohammad Kabir Hossain, 28, Mohammad Deen Islam, 28, Zahirul Islam alias Bhutto, 22, and Nazrul Islam, 28.

Of them, Nannu, Kabir, Deen Islam and Bhutto were convicted in the sensational Kajol murder case, and Nazrul in the Milon Akhter murder case.

The Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka Division yesterday handed out the judgement in the Kajol

Police break up Kamal's press conference **STAFF CORRESPONDENT,** Sylhet

A press conference called by AFM Kamal, a BNP rebel and mayoral candidate for Sylhet City Corporation polls, could not be held due to police intervention.

Kamal alleged that he was not allowed by the police to reach the Press Club where the press conference was scheduled to be held vesterday. In a written statement, he also blamed Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury MP for violating the election code by campaigning in favour of the four-party

alliance candidate MA Haque. Kamal also brought similar charges against AL central leaders--deputy leader of the opposition in the parliament Advocate M A

The convicts broke down in tears in the dock on hearing the Hamid, Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad MP, Suranjit The victim's parents present in Sengupta, Abdul Jalil MP and the courtroom were satisfied with others who took part in the election campaign in favour of AL-backed A case filed with the Demra candidate, the incumbent Mayor Police Station on November 6 last Badar Uddin Kamran. They year alleged that Nannu Miah, the addressed a number of public victim's maternal uncle, took Kajol meetings during the last few days to his residence in the city's Demra in support of Kamran, he alleged. SEE PAGE 11 COL 7



Army vehicles, left, patrol Barisal city before their pullout from election duties on a government order yesterday. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, right, speaks at a last-minute election campaign in fayour of the ruling alliance mayoral candidate in Sylhet. Barisal and Sylhet cities go to polls today.

2 die in gunfight Euros seized at ZIA, fake rupees **between BNP** factions in Ctg day.

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Jahangir, 25. Both were reportedly activists of the faction led by local BNP leader Babul, who is known as Two persons were killed and at least a supporter of party central leader and Food Minister Abdullah Al-15 injured in a gunfight between activists of two local factions of the Noman. ruling BNP at village Paittyalikul in Sarafbhata union under Rangunia upazila of the district yesterday.

The other faction led by another local BNP leader, Ismail, is said to be loyal to the prime minister's p a r l i a The dead were identified as Bhola Meah alias Bholaiya, 30, and

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Fatal flu alert Airlines asked to keep watch on passengers

The Ministry of Health yesterday issued emergency guidelines for all airlines offices in Dhaka, asking them to keep watch on arriving passengers and crew for a new fatal disease with symptoms of pneumonia. The World Health

disease --Severe Acute respira-

"There is nothing to panic. This is just a precautionary measure. We have not received any confirmed case of the disease", Dr Kanak Ranjan Talukder, Director of Communicable Disease, told The Daily Star vesterday.

tory Syndrome (SARS) -- killed

10 people in Hong Kong and

some other places in the world.

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"Any sign of sickness should SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

Moudud promises to increase seats for women in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

increase

PHOTO: STAR

Speaking as chief guest, Speaker of the Parliament Jamiruddin Sircar said, "Most of our national laws are already in conformity with the provision of the CEDAW convention and laws and administra

tive measures continue to be taken

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in city: 2 held STAFF CORRESPONDENT Customs seized 10,000 euros from an outgoing passenger at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yester-NAIMUL HAQ

Besides, two currency smugglers were arrested from a city hotel on the day and more than five lakh fake Indian rupees were seized from their possession.

Tipped off, customs officials at ZIA stopped an outgoing passen-ger, Mahbubur Rahman, before he left for Singapore by a Biman flight. Organisation (WHO) has issued They recovered 10,000 Euro form a worldwide alert after the

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A policeman stands guard in front of the US Embassy in Dhaka yesterday, as security was beefed up in diplomatic enclave ahead of a war threat to Iraq.

for direct election to those seats.

The number of seats reserved for

women in the parliament will be

rrangements made

Law, justice and parliamentary affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed stated this at the inaugural programme of the Asian Parliamentarians' Meeting on 'Violence Against Women'.

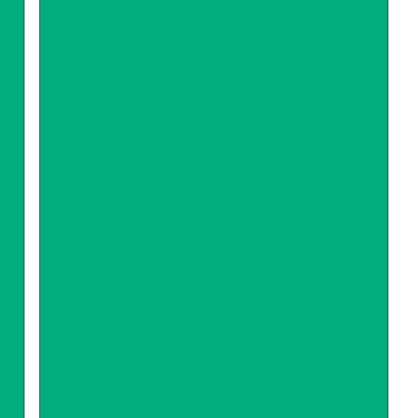
The programme was organised by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the Bangladesh Parliament and the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) in a city hotel yesterday.

Talking on the advancement and empowerment of women the minister said, "Poverty is the number one factor behind violence against women. So we must fight poverty.

Sun Rises Sun Sets Mar 20 6-10 pm Mar 21 6-02 am Prayer Timings Mar 20 Azan Jamaat 5-15 5-45 Fair 1-15 12-45 Zohr 4-32 5-00 Asr 6-20 Maghrib 6-13 7-35 8-00 Esha

Source: Islamic Foundation

He also said it is important to create awareness among all so that violence is eliminated.



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