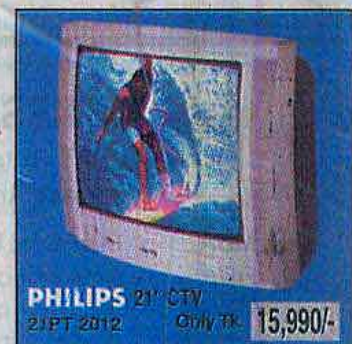




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OIC rejects duplicity in fighting terrorism

Resolutions on Iraq, Palestine toned down

AGENCIES, Putrajaya
The world's Islamic nations yesterday pledged to fight terrorism at the end of the biggest Muslim summit since the 2001 attacks on the United States, while toning down resolutions on Iraq and the Middle East.

More than 30 heads of state and government turned up at the triennial summit of the 57-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which was dominated by a sense of crisis in the Muslim world.
Two member states, Afghanistan

and Iraq, have been invaded by United States-led forces since the last summit in 2000, and the conference heard constant complaints that Muslims around the globe feel oppressed and humiliated.
On terrorism, the leaders pledged to "contribute to multilat-

eral efforts to counter this scourge," while making the point of including "state terrorism," a term usually used to refer to Israel's military actions.
The final communique at the end of the two-day summit yesterday...

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Private clinics snatch patients from DMCH

NAIMUL HAQ

A consortium of private clinics has set up a fleet of ambulances to stake out Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with intent to divert DMCH patients to the private clinics.

The DMCH has no ambulance service of its own and has no control over this flourishing business which is controlled by a section of employees of the hospital in collaboration with some private clinic owners.

"We have business deals with private clinics. The rides are free but for each patient we take for admission we get five to ten per cent commission on the admission fees," said one of the drivers on condition of...

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Ambulances are parked at the main gate of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) to take patients to private hospitals with a promise of better healthcare in shady dealings with the DMCH employees.

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Mahathir won't back down

AFP, Putrajaya

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad defended his claim Jews ruled the world against a storm of western protests, accusing his critics of bias and double standards.

His speech to the leaders of Muslim nations Thursday was received with "contempt and derision" by the United States and Europe, Israel expressed "disgust" and his comments were described by Italy as "gravely offensive".

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Time to show strength of Muslim unity: Khaleda

UNB, Putrajaya (Malaysia)

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday denounced what she called an unprecedented smear campaign to vilify Islam by linking it to terrorism, saying that Islam has never condoned acts that endanger lives of the innocent.

"Today, more than ever before, our great religion has unfortunately come under close scrutiny. Our commitment to moderation and tolerance is being questioned ...

Harassment, discrimination, intolerance and persecution of Muslims wherever they are in minority has virtually become the norm," she told the closing session of the two-day OIC (Organisation of Islamic Conference) summit at Putrajaya Convention Centre.

The prime minister said the immediate task for the Muslim Ummah is to "demonstrate to the international community the strength of our unity. This show of...

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Two killed as train derails near Akhaura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Two persons were killed and rail communications on Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Sylhet and Sylhet-Mymensingh routes disrupted when a train derailed near Akhaura at 10:10am yesterday.

Railway sources said a Dhaka bound container train from Chittagong was changing track from single to double when eight containers derailed.
The containers fell over two passers-by, killing them on the spot. The incident also damaged 500 feet railway track.

All local, mail and container trains remained stopped on both sides. The passengers of the inter-city Mahanagar Pravati have been interchanged with those of the Mahanagar Purabi on the other side.

A relief train from Akhaura reached the spot at noon. A stationmaster said it will take 12 to 15 hours to restore communications on the track.

Police sources admitted the casualties. The identity of the victims could not be known till filing of this report in the evening.

Question for pry teacher recruitment leaked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leak of the question paper of a written test for the post of assistant teachers at government primary schools was reported in different districts on Thursday night, hours before the examination began yesterday.

Allegations of the leak trickled in from Rajshahi and Barisal divisions

and those who claimed to have seen the leaked questions said most of them matched the original questions.

Our correspondents said examinees in six districts in Rajshahi division and two in Barisal bought the leaked-out question papers from photocopy shops at hefty prices Thursday night.

In Nilphamari, the leaked-out

question papers with answers sold at up to Tk 1,000.

In Panchagarh, many examinees and guardians collected the leaked questions.

Many examinees who got the leaked questions late copied from the papers they bought at high prices and finished the examination much earlier than those who did not.

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Bangladesh Vs England



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Clarification

Darul Ihsan University in a clarification on a report headlined "Inadequacies in two universities found", run in The Daily Star's October 10 edition, said the comment "sponsors seemed to be driven by business motive, rather than charity for education" is unjustified.

The sponsors of Darul Ihsan University do not take even a farthing from the university fund. Whatever the fund is available is

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