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National mourning day today

UNB, Dhaka
The government has declared National Mourning Day today in Bangladesh at the death of Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah.

11 'guns' seized from truck at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Eleven 'firearms' were recovered from a truck and a container laden with imported cargo while passing out of the restricted area of Chittagong Port yesterday.

BSF kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Indian Border Security Force (BSF) killed two Bangladeshi youths on Sunday evening.

TAX DODGING NBR probes frequent business travellers

JASIM UDDIN KHAN
The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is including some affluent business persons, who have travelled abroad frequently, on its list of suspected tax dodgers.

2 commissioners appointed to give CEC majority

EC secretary, retired judge get posts in clever govt move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
In the wake of an impasse over preparing a fresh voter list, the government in a hasty move yesterday appointed two more election commissioners apparently to win the chief election commissioner (CEC) the majority in the commission.



PHOTO: STAR
Newly appointed election commissioners Justice Mahfuzur Rahman, left, and SM Zakaria walk out of the High Court after taking oath yesterday.

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday appointed former judge of High Court (HC) Justice Mahfuzur Rahman and the immediate past secretary to the EC Secretariat SM Zakaria as election commissioners.

HC GUIDELINES EC Secretariat seeks directives on voter list work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Election Commission (EC) Secretariat has sought directives from the EC on the next course of action in light of the High Court's (HC) January 4 ruling on electoral roll.

14-party rejects appointments

Calls for hartal on Jan 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Rejecting the appointments of two new election commissioners, the Awami League (AL) led 14-party opposition coalition yesterday announced a dawn-to-dusk hartal (general strike) across the country on January 22.

Govt set to accept Tata's thorny terms

SHARIF KHAN and JASIM UDDIN KHAN
The government is set to accept some of the thorny conditions tabled by Indian giant Tata for its \$2.5 billion investment proposal, though some of these will not be favourable for the country.

import of gas when the country runs out of it. If necessary, Bangladesh will import gas from Myanmar to meet Tata's requirement.

Jamaat leader ordered attack on PM's meet in Satkhira

Arrestee says
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira
A Jamaat-e-Islami leader had asked a supporter to carry out a bomb attack on the prime minister's meeting scheduled to take place in Satkhira on January 8, the adherent told the press at a police station yesterday.

US may have to go for military strike on Iran

Senators say
REUTERS, AFP, Washington/London
Republican and Democratic senators said on Sunday the United States may ultimately have to undertake a military strike to deter Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, but that should be the last resort.

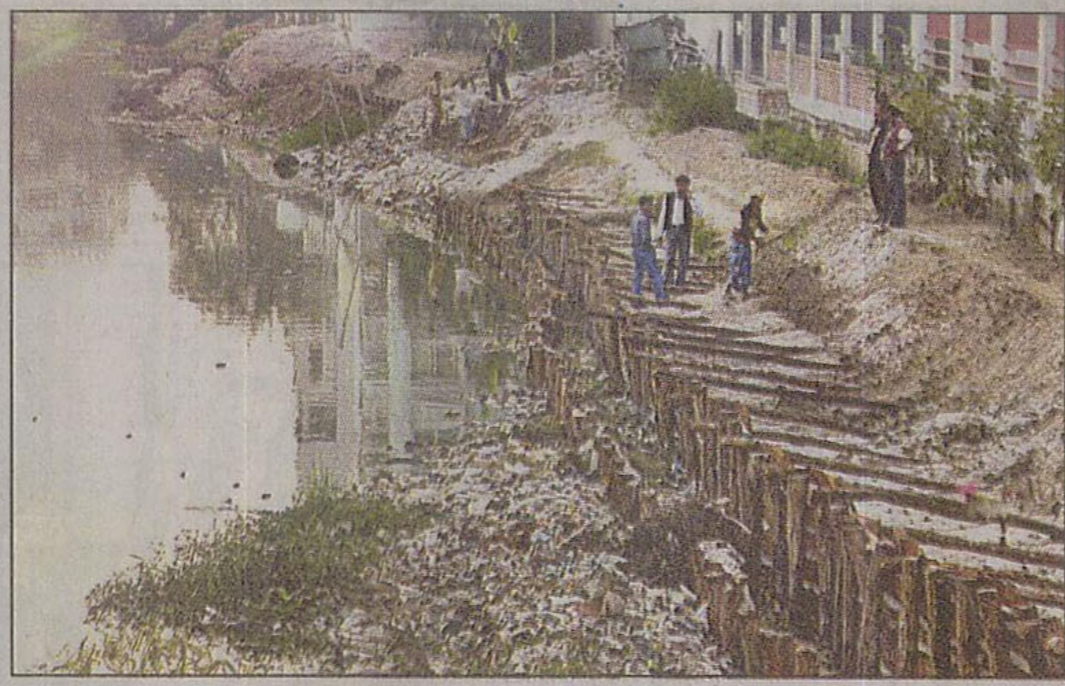


PHOTO: STAR
Workers construct pavement on the bank of Gulshan Lake in the city in a bid to enhance the lake's beauty even though a large portion of the lake has been illegally occupied.

Sunny shown arrested in 2 more cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Ataur Rahman Sunny, military commander of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), was shown arrested yesterday in two other cases pending with a trial court in Dhaka.

Announcement
Our Star Lifestyle could not be published today due to unavoidable reasons. We regret the inconvenience to our readers.

Advertisement for SMS 8CRI 8274, featuring a cricket ball and the text 'The Home of Cricket on your AKTEL'.

Large advertisement for AKTEL 'Clearly Ahead' 300 Tk. refill card, featuring a bouquet of flowers and the text 'Greetings with a New Card'.