

### Six-year-old girl stabbed to death

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A gang of criminals stabbed a six-year-old girl to death at her house at Muhammadpur in the city yesterday.

The gang entered the house at Mohammadia Housing Society at about 5:30pm when the girl, Keya Moni, opened the door after hearing the door bell.

But when she screamed in fear, the gang stabbed her indiscriminately and fled the scene.

Keya, a student of class one, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital but she succumbed to her injuries at 7:10pm.

Monir Hossain, father of Keya, suspect that the gang entered his flat on the ground floor of a six-story building to loot valuables.



Family members of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and civil society members form a human chain as part of 'Blue for Peace' programme in front of the Fine Arts Institute in the city yesterday demanding fair trial of Kibria Murder Case.

### ISPR exam date changed

The written examination for the posts of assistant directors and research officer of Inter-Service Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate, Ministry of Defence, will now be held on September 22 instead of September 15, says an ISPR press release.

However, time and venue of the examination will remain unchanged.

## \$ 266m UNDP fund for 5 priority areas

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The UNDP will fund US\$ 266.05 million for Bangladesh in five priority areas over the next five years.

### WB to conduct study on Biman to resolve crises

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The World Bank will conduct a study on Bangladesh Biman to find ways to rescue the national flag carrier from the current crises.

"The bank agreed to study the crises the Biman is now facing on a request from our side," Biman Managing Director MA Momen told The Daily Star after a meeting between the World Bank and high level government officials yesterday.

The government has requested the World Bank to conduct a study on Biman with a view to resolving the crises, he said.

### BBC 'Bangladesh Sanglap' tomorrow

Recording of the second edition of the BBC Bengali Service's 'Bangladesh Sanglap' will take place at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city at 5:30pm tomorrow, says a press release.

Representatives of two major political parties and members of civil society groups will feature in a four-member panel and discuss major current affairs issues with around 150 invited people.

The new series of Sanglap are divided into two parts – the first running from September to middle of October, and the second running from November to end of December.

The Sanglap programmes will be broadcast by BBC Bengali radio on Sundays and telecast by Channel i on Mondays. Channel i will repeat the programmes on following Sundays.

### Malaysia offers 'Visa On Arrival' facility

The government of Malaysia has decided to extend the 'Visa On Arrival' facility to Bangladeshi citizens and other foreign nationals with effect from September 1, says a press release of the High Commission of Malaysia.

The facility is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Solely for the purpose of tourism for a duration of stay not exceeding 30 days and no extension will be granted;
2. Able to provide a confirmed return ticket;
3. Entering Malaysia via Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Penang International Airport, Senai International Airport, Johor, Kuching International Airport, Sarawak, Kota Kinabalu International Airport, Sabah, and Sultan Abu Bakar Complex, Tanjung Kupang, Johor.

The visa fee has been fixed at Malaysian Ringgit one hundred.

The government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement in this regard in Dhaka yesterday, says a press release.

The agreement, known as the Country Programme Action Plan 2006-2010 (CPAP), will help meet the development challenges of the country.

The five priority areas are Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Environment and Energy Management, Reduction of Social and Economic Vulnerability, Gender Equality and the Advancement of Women and Democratic Governance and Human Rights.

The Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) is the key tool for UNDP's programme-level management for the next five years, emphasising results to be achieved during the period.

### DEEP-SEA PORT Japanese experts visit Akram, Heron Point

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A 13-member team comprising eight Japanese experts went to Akram Point and Heron Point near Mongla yesterday to conduct a feasibility study for building a deep-sea port.

The team headed by Nabuaki Nagao arrived at Mongla Wednesday on a four-day visit.

Members of the team attended a views-exchange meeting with Mongla Port Authority on Wednesday about the deep-sea port at Akram Point (68km from Mongla).

The team also exchanged views with lawmaker Ali Asgar Lobi and members of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry Wednesday night at the Khulna Club Auditorium.

Lobi while discussing the matter told the team that the construction of a deep-sea port at Akram point will cost Tk 700 crore only while Tk 7,000 crore will be required to construct the same in Kutubdia.