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Hasan 'thinks' controversy irrational

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Would-be chief adviser to the next caretaker government Justice KM Hasan thinks the ongoing controversy over him is "irrational" and "unexpected", his well-wishers said.

"An unreasonable debate has been going on centring me," Justice Naimuddin Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday quoting Justice Hasan as saying while talking to him over telephone recently.

Justice Hasan also questioned the fairness of the ongoing debate, sources close to his well-wishers said.

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Home ministry sends Eid gifts to top cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry has sent gifts to high officials of police all over the country on upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr at public expenses.

Each gift-pack includes sari, punjabi, tupi, attar, and a few other items, said a police official upon

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Alert call ahead of power handover

Govt calls in cops from outside Dhaka to tackle law, order as opposition goes for street showdown

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has directed the police administration to take a 'foolproof' security measure in the capital as it fears a severe downturn in law and order during handover of power or soon after the caretaker government takes over.

The government has even asked the police authorities to reinforce their presence in Dhaka by dispatching forces to the capital from across the country.

The government is acting in this end when the 14-party opposition combine is preparing for a massive street showdown to protest against handover of power to Justice KM Hasan-led caretaker government, sources said.

The home ministry has already sent messages all over the country asking an additional police force to gather in the capital to maintain 'law and order'.

Speaking anonymously, a superintendent of police told The Daily Star yesterday, "We have been asked to report to the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner in the morning of October 26 with preparations for a few days' stay in the capital."

The home ministry has summoned an additional force of at least 5,000 police personnel in the capital. This additional force will be deployed in addition to the regular force and reserve troops from Dhaka and its adjacent districts, the sources added.

Moreover, the ruling BNP-led four-party alliance has also directed its leaders, lawmakers and activists to be in the streets during handover of power in a bid to counter the opposition's showdown, sources said.

Earlier on October 13, the BNP at a meeting decided to hold a grand rally in the capital to show its

strength before its tenure expires on October 27.

With the uncertainty mounting over the success of ongoing dialogue between the BNP and the Awami League (AL) to break the political standoff over electoral reforms, both the parties are taking preparations for establishing supremacy in the streets.

In line with the already declared programme, the 14-party is preparing to launch an all-out agitation move with oars and poles to press home its demands for electoral reforms.

To launch the final spell of agitation, the AL-led opposition alliance sits with its leaders of Dhaka city's thana and ward level units tomorrow and with those of its front organisations on October 21. The opposition is likely to instruct its leaders and activists to take control of the streets if

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PUBALI BANK 37pc classified loans in 20 top borrowers' pocket

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The top 20 defaulters of Pubali Bank, including a former Bangladesh Bank (BB) official, owe 37 per cent of the bank's total classified loans.

Of this amount, 65 per cent lie with only four defaulters that include two government organisations, which took the loans during the 1980s when the bank was run by the government.

The total classified loan of Pubali Bank up to June 30, 2006 is Tk 414 crore which is 12 per cent of the bank's total outstanding loan.

The top 20 defaulters owe the bank Tk 152 crore and the 20th defaulter on this list, Shahidullah Shyamal & Co, owes Tk 1.7 crore.

A former Bangladesh Bank general manager took the loan against a fictitious name during his career in the Bangladesh Bank.

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Touts feast on Eid tickets

SHAIHEEN MOLLAH

On the eve of the Eid-ul-Fitr, thousands of city dwellers craving to celebrate the greatest religious festival of the Muslims with their near and dear ones at their village homes are getting frustrated due to non-availability of advance tickets of inter-district buses, launches and trains.

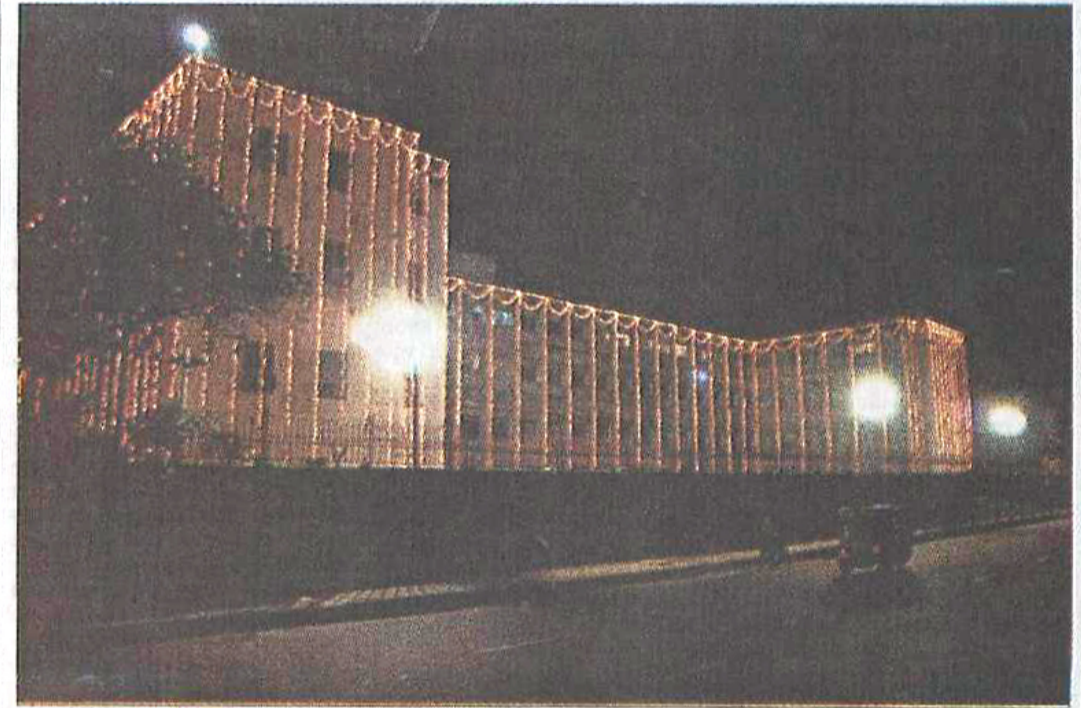
Many of the sufferers yesterday alleged massive scalping of tickets by a network of people in the transport sector and black marketers. An artificial crisis of tickets is being

created to force people to buy tickets at prices much higher than the usual fare.

At Gabtoli and Sayedabad bus terminals, Kamalapur railway station and Sadarghat launch terminals, hundreds of people were found disgruntled as they did get advance tickets for their journey home.

An employee of Matijheel Model High School, Wazed Ali, came to the railway station to buy tickets for Dewanganj in Jamalpur for journey on October 23. He

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The home ministry building inside Bangladesh Secretariat is lit with decorative lights yesterday while there is a ban on such decoration at shopping arcades to cut down power consumption amid countrywide power crisis.

2 JMB top shots in Ctg jailed for 20 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced two Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) militants to 20 years' imprisonment in a case filed in connection with three bomb attacks in Chittagong last year.

The convicts are JMB Chittagong division chief Javed Iqbal, 26, and Cox's Bazar area commander of JMB Naimuzzaman, 22, who carried out the attack on August 17, October 3 and November 29 that left two people including a policeman dead and many injured.

Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Ekramul Haq Chowdhury handed down the verdict of the case filed under the Arms Act.

The judge in the verdict said

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Two killed in 'crossfire'

STAR REPORT

An outlaw and an alleged robber were killed in "crossfire" during shootouts between their accomplices and the law enforcers in Kushtia and Chittagong early yesterday.

The dead are identified as Milon Hossain, 35, a member of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) and Abdus Salek, 42, leader of an organised gang of robbers.

Our correspondent from Kushtia said that the police arrested Milon at his house in Dhalnagar village under Kumarkhali upazila on Tuesday morning.

During interrogation at Kumarkhali Police Station, he confessed to having firearms hidden in different areas. Later, police took him to Dhalnagar village to retrieve the firearms.

As they reached at Badh Bazar area, 5 kilometres off the

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1 killed in BDR, BSF skirmish

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) traded bullets for an hour across Samanta frontier of Mohepur upazila in Jhenidah yesterday after BSF killed a Bangladeshi farmer.

Meanwhile, around 400 people of the village Kachuarputa have left their homes fearing further escalation of the gun battle.

Sources said Khabir Uddin, 40, and his son Suman, 10, of village Kachuarputa were mowing their field around 10:00am when the BSF shot Khabir killing him on the spot.

An hour later, BDR reached the spot and took position near the border when the exchange of fire began. The BDR claimed they fired at least 200 shots while the BSF fired 500. The BDR also claimed to have injured at least two BSF men.

Sources in the BDR said they are going to have a flag meeting with the BSF today at 4:00pm to ease the mounting tension.

HC stays trial of daily Runner editor's murder case

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday stayed the proceedings of a murder case of the editor of daily Runner pending with the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jessore.

Runner editor Saiful Alam Mukul was killed in a bomb blast on August 30, 1998.

Staying the trial court proceedings upon a revision petition filed by one of the accused in the case Farazi Azmal Hossain, senior correspondent of the daily Ittefaq, a division bench headed by Justice MA Rashid issued rule upon the government to explain why Farazi should not be exempted from the charge brought against him by the trial court.

It also asked the government to explain as to why the case should not be quashed.

Barister M Amir-Ul Islam assisted by Barrister Moniruzzaman Asad appeared for Farazi, who is now on bail.

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Customers Beware! The easiest way to find out Fake Televisions:

When you will jaunt around the electronics market of Bangladesh you will see lots and lots of Sony Color and Sony Black & White televisions. For your information Sony doesn't make Black & White televisions anymore and as long as color televisions are concerned, are those fake or genuine?

This is a country where people manufacture artificial medicine and even artificial powdered milk for kids to earn more money!! So making phony televisions of world renowned Sony is not something impossible. But if you just be a little bit careful then you can get rid of this forgery. How?

During the 19th century when television was first invented the type of picture tube that was used was called Shadow mask Picture Tube.

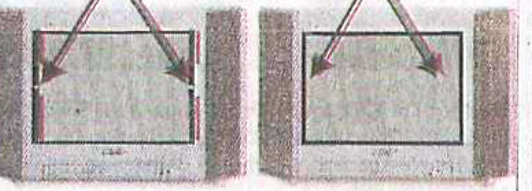
In the Shadow mask Picture Tube one kind of wired net is used and the overall structure of this picture tube is Oval. As a result the television looks oval from the outside as well. Those televisions that are still being created using the same old shadow mask technology; a customer can easily identify it even if the company of that particular television tries to make it flat by putting an extra glass. How? When the television is turned on or off, if you look at it very closely and carefully, you will notice that at the right and left side of the vertical black portion of the television screen, in the middle there are two points, one at each side. These points indicate that the television is created using the ancient shadow mask technology. All the televisions that are developed using ancient shadow mask picture tube technology, because of its oval structure, must have these two points at both of its sides.

But in the whole world, televisions that are created by Sony do not have any kind of spot in its screen. Because after a long research, when Sony Japan first created the FD Trinitron Picture Tube, it did not consist of any kind of spots because the picture tube itself was FLAT and had four sharp plane corners, so no spots/marks were necessary to balance the picture tube on the screen. As the

picture tube was flat even from the outside. The rays that are radiated from FD Trinitron Picture Tube are harmless for eyes. As a result, if a person watches a genuine Sony television for several consecutive hours, that person's eyes won't feel tired and have any harmful effect. The color of the picture is natural and the television lasts more than a television made by the shadow mask technology. This new technology created an unbreakable new world record.

So after the new technology became famous world wide, it was registered by Sony Corporation for their own business purpose. As a result no one can use this extraordinary picture tube other than Sony Corporation. So if anyone tries to deceive customers by using Sony logo on a cheap television and gives a worthless shot of making an oval television flat by putting an extra glass on the screen and tries to sell it by saying that it's a genuine Sony - a person with a normal eyesight will quickly identify it as a fake Sony television by noticing the visible spots at both sides of the screen.

A 100 percent genuine Sony television with FD Trinitron Picture Tube and other genuine parts with 5 years after sale service can only be purchased from country wide SONY-RANGS 64 showrooms and more than 200 dealer networks. Before purchasing please make sure that the documents of SONY-RANGS are in order.



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