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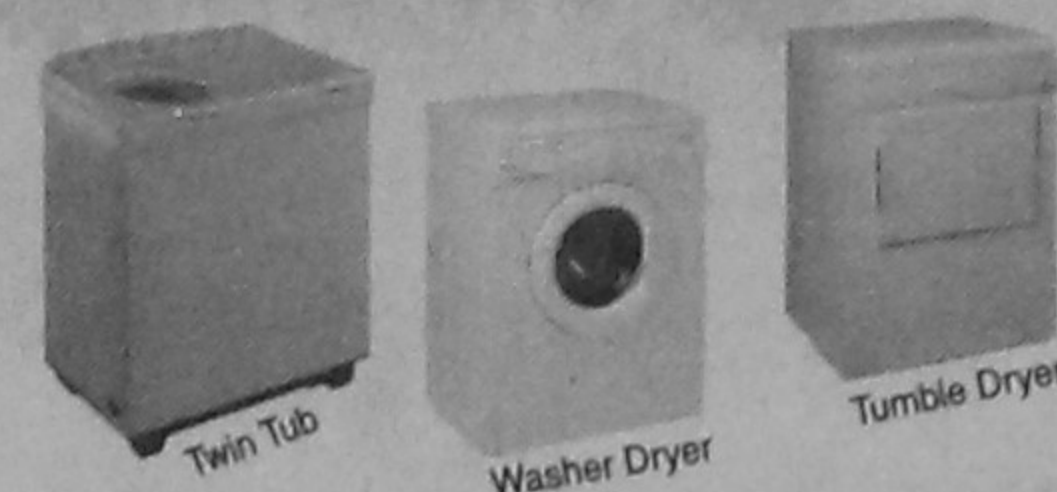
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## Spread of dengue under control: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has taken necessary measures to control the spread of dengue virus, and the situation is under control, reports UNB.

"There is nothing to be alarmed. Instead, people should undertake cleanliness measures to destroy breeding grounds of the Aedes mosquitoes around their homesteads," she said, while directing the officials to continue their all-out efforts for tackling the deadly disease.

Talking to the Health Ministry officials at a review meeting at the Secretariat, the Prime Minister asked all concerned to take adequate measures to combat the crisis and motivate the people not to be panicked.

According to official figures, 21 people died of Dengue fever and 1,212 others have been reported affected by the Dengue virus till last Tuesday. Some 297 patients have so far been admitted to different hospitals with Dengue fever.

The meeting was informed that the Health Directorate has

formed a high-powered committee to monitor and take necessary steps concerning the situation arising out of the spread of Dengue virus.

The directorate has also set up a control room, which is working round the clock in this regard.

Health Ministry officials said that immediate steps have been taken to conduct blood tests to detect the Dengue-affected patients. The World Bank has already supplied 1,500 test kits and is expected to supply 5,000 more of such kits.

They said there is no preventive drug for Dengue fever. It is cured naturally from two to seven days. Death risk can be avoided by taking immediate treatment on the basis of symptoms.

Spread of Dengue virus can be stopped by destroying the carrier of the virus — the Aedes mosquito — the officials said.

The meeting was informed of the steps taken by the Dhaka City Corporation to destroy the breeding grounds of Aedes mosquito. The Corporation is

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## Larma blames govt for not implementing CHT accord

By Staff Correspondent

Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) Chairman Jyotirindriya Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma has criticised the government for not taking initiative to properly implement the CHT peace accord.

The tribal people are still deprived of their social, political and economic rights but the government is yet to take steps to ensure these rights as per the peace accord, he said.

Shantu Larma, who is also Chairman of the CHT Regional Council, was addressing a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday, organised by the Jatiya Adibasi Samanaya Committee in observance of the World Day of the Indigenous.

He regretted that the Day was not observed at state level and hoped the government would go for observance of the Day at state level to share the joys and sorrows of tribal people.

Larma said, "Besides the CHT people, ethnic minorities

all over the country are fighting to protect their fundamental rights which are at stake due to discrimination and repression on them."

The CHT problem would not be solved unless the peace accord is implemented properly, he said. "The main principles of the accord are still ignored."

The PCJSS chairman said CHT people did not fight against the nation, rather, they fought to protect their constitutional and fundamental rights.

He called upon all democratic, progressive and secular forces in the country to extend cooperation so that the accord is implemented fully and peace is established in the CHT.

The rally was also addressed by, among others, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote leader Ramendu Mojumder and artiste Mamun-ur-Rashid. The speakers called for proper implementation of the CHT accord.

Later, a procession was brought out. A discussion meeting and a cultural function were held at the TSC auditorium in the evening as part of observance of Day.

## Nikunja murder: Four PWs cross-examined

By Court Correspondent

Four prosecution witnesses in the sensational Nikunja Bihari Debnath Murder Case were cross-examined in the fourth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday.

The witnesses are Mohini Mohan Chattarjee, Kanu Lal Das, Uzzal Roy and Maniklal Das.

Judge Syed Aminul Islam adjourned the proceedings of the case till August 21.

The third PW Mohini Mohan in his statement said at around 7 pm on January 11, he came to the ground floor after hearing shouts and found Nikunja Debnath injured in a rickshaw.

The fourth, fifth and sixth PWs said, they did not see the incident but heard about it from the police at around 11 pm the same day.

All the accused including principal accused Shukur Ali were present in the court yesterday.

Nikunja Bihari Debnath, 55, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development was stabbed to death by muggers near the Swadhinata Sangram (struggle for independence) Sculpture on the Dhaka University campus on January 11.

## Accused in Gulshan triple murder case arrested

GAZIPUR, Aug 9: Detective police today arrested an accused in the Gulshan triple murder case from the outskirts of the town, reports UNB.

Police said, acting on a tip-off, they searched the staff quarters of Seed Certification Office early in the morning and nabbed the accused, Bachchu, 32.

Bachchu fled to India with another accused Sajedul Islam Imon but returned home recently after the arrest of Imon by Calcutta police.

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Bangladesh Diploma Engineering Students, Teachers and Professionals Action Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of their demands, but it created a severe traffic jam on the road in front of Jatiya Press Club. — Star photo

## 2 Spl PPs appointed Proceedings of Shazneen case adjourned till Sept 12

By Court Correspondent

The Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the proceedings of the Shazneen Tasnim Rahman Rape Case till September 12 following a time prayer by the prosecution lawyers.

The Judge M Shah Alam Mia adjourned the proceedings of the case following a petition by the prosecution that the Law Ministry recently appointed two special public prosecutors to conduct the case.

The newly appointed Special Public Prosecutors have replaced public prosecutor M. A. Bari. But they are yet to get necessary papers relating to the case.

The two public prosecutors were appointed on the basis of a petition filed by the victim's father Latifur Rahman.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman, Chairman of Transcom Group, was raped and murdered at their Gulshan Residence on April 23, 1998.

Shahidul Islam is the principal accused in the case while contractor Hasan is the alleged

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## Land transport policy to mitigate users' woes

Workshop in the city told

By Staff Correspondent

Participants in a workshop in the city yesterday stressed formulation of a land transport policy and restructuring of various organisations concerned to reduce sufferings of road users and others involved.

The participants including transport experts, bureaucrats and public representatives were discussing formulation of a draft of the first ever land transport policy.

The draft policy would cover road and rail transports.

The two-day workshop organised by the Ministry of Communications began at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

At least 12 organisations are now regulating road transport sector and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority was created to facilitate all activities in the sector.

"It is only BRTA which should play the regulatory role in this sector," said AK Zainal Abedin of the National Road Transport Association of Bangladesh.

Earlier, inaugurating the workshop, Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Monju

said, although there are good roads in the country, there is a lack of suitable bus stoppages. Roads are mainly of two lanes and do not have any dividers, unlike in other countries.

He said although involvement of private sector in road

transport sector is about 95 per cent, funds from it could not be used for development of infrastructure. He emphasised a road transport policy which would involve the private sector.

Secretary of Bangladesh Sharak Paribahan Samity Maqbul Hossain MP, said policies are good only if those are properly implemented. "The land transport policy should serve the people."

Chairman of BRTA Azizul Haque Bhuiyan said the sector is now plagued with lots of man-made problems. A vested quarter aggravated the problems, he added.

The chairman of BRTC said inefficiency of bus services coupled with an overstuffed office are its main problems.

Md Abul Quasem, joint secretary in commerce ministry, stressed the need for improved transport facilities for development.

While most of the speakers talked about land transport policy some said there should rather be a single policy covering land, water, rail and air transports.

## BCL activist held with arms in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 9: Mithu Devnath, 23, an activist of Khulna city unit of Chhatra League was arrested by Khulna thana police today.

He was arrested while taking preparation to commit a robbery in Kollaghat area, police said.

Police recovered a revolver loaded with five bullets from his possession.

The BCL activist is a professional mugger. Three of his accomplices, however, managed to escape during police raid.

## Bushra murder: Kader, 2 others on fresh remand

By Court Correspondent

Three people including two women arrested in connection with the killing of Bushra Islam Phool, were placed on a five-day fresh remand yesterday.

Abdul Kader, city Awami League relief and social welfare secretary, Kaniz Fatema Hena, sister-in-law of Kader and Sufia, a domestic help of Kader, were produced before the CMM's court yesterday with a prayer for seven-day remand. After hearing both the sides, the court granted them five-day remand.

The case was transferred to the CID from the Detective Branch of police on July 12.

After taking up the case, the CID took Hena and Sufia on a three-day remand. But they did not get any important information from them about the murder.

Bushra Islam Phool, 18, a college student and only daughter of a retired police officer, was murdered in the bedroom at her Hazipara residence.



The queue at the Red Crescent Blood Bank at Asad Gate in the city yesterday testifies to the high demand for blood for dengue patients. — Star photo

## Farooq was neither involved in conspiracy nor in killing: Defence

Condemned army officer Syed Farooq Rahman was neither involved in the conspiracy nor in the killing of Bangabandhu, the defence claimed yesterday with supporting grounds, reports UNB.

Citing evidences defence counsel Khan Saifur Rahman told the High Court that four persons — Lt Col Farooq Rahman, Lt Col Abdur Rashid, Taheruddin Thakur and Jobaida Rashid — were charged with conspiracy of killing Bangabandhu.

Of them, Thakur was acquitted, Jobaida Rashid discharged by the higher court while Col Rashid was in India when the so-called conspiracy was taking place, as per evidence. "So remaining one person can't do any conspiracy," he said.

Stretching his arguments, Khan Saifur told the court that Farooq did not require hatching up any conspiracy to kill Bangabandhu. If he wanted he

could kill him (Bangabandhu) while in charge of security of Bangabandhu's residence till August 2, 1975 since 1972.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was killed by her bodyguards and there was no conspiracy there," the counsel mentioned in this context arguing that Farooq could kill Bangabandhu that way.

Drawing from evidences of different prosecution witnesses, the counsel said if it was plan to overthrow the government, then it was not a planned one, because there were army men in civil dress, and in a planned conspiracy army people will only move in uniform.

There was even no such evidence that Bangabandhu was killed in presence of Farooq and he was found present in Bangabandhu's residence after the occurrence. So, he pleaded, Farooq was not involved in the killing.

Khan Saifur said in evidence

it was found that Farooq was behind the conspiracy and he sent his men. But, for argument's sake, if Farooq sent his men to Bangabandhu's residence, he sent them to bring Bangabandhu to the cantonment, not to kill him.

Farooq went to Bangabandhu at the order of the Chief of General Staff (CGS), Khan Saifur said.

Lifting from proceedings of one of the prosecution witnesses, Khan Saifur said it was found that in a meeting Farooq told his fellow officers that if Mujib could be killed, then Ziaur Rahman would be with them.

On a query from the court, he said Farooq in his confessional statement said if there was any resistance and counterattack, then execute (Mujib). But, there was no such evidence that there was any resistance or attack or counterattack at Bangabandhu's residence.

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## Regional co-operation on transport to benefit all

By Special Correspondent

Bangladesh could gain a lot by availing the opportunity of becoming the hub of regional transport system, participants at a discussion on prospects of sub-regional cooperation in transport observed yesterday.

"Regional Cooperation has high potential for us. If we can forget the prejudices then we can play the role what Singapore plays in the Malacca Straits. If we do not take the advantage, others will take it," Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, State Minister for Planning said, summing up the discussions.

The seminar on Prospects of Sub-regional Cooperation in Transport was organised by Development in Democracy Inc. (DID) at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. The seminar examined in depth the issue with the presentation of a study on Sub-regional

Transport Cooperation: A Bangladesh Perspective. The study, prepared for the DID, was carried out by two researchers of the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

"It presents (before) us a wide area from Hunan in China to Sylhet region, which is yet to be explored," Dr Alamgir said while pointing out the potential that remains to be tapped through cooperation.

"If we need to take some steps, then we need to take them now," he said, adding that creation of trade prospect in the region is a possibility in the region and it would be foolish not to take advantage of that.

"If we open up the area we need a deep sea port. This may be the end product of the countries that may be interested. A private sector company with support from the government could be engaged to open up the region from Hunan to Sylhet," Dr Alamgir noted.

On the benefits of linking the railroads between Bangladesh and India, he observed that "it is a good idea to get rail links back from where they existed since 1947."

In an attempt to allay security concerns, he noted that

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## Changes at secy level

By Staff Correspondent

The government yesterday made some changes at the secretary level.

Dr Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Secretary, Energy Ministry, was transferred to the Planning Commission as its secretary.

Information Secretary Akmal Hossain was transferred to the Energy Ministry. Director General of Bangladesh Betar, MI Chowdhury, was made Information Secretary.

Unidentified people murdered a domestic help at the residence of a top government official at Sobhanbagh staff quarters in the city yesterday afternoon, police said.

The victim, identified as Feroza Begum, 28, was working at the residence of Akhteruzzaman, Deputy Chief of the Planning Commission, for the last two years.

The official and his wife were away from the house when the incident took place, police said quoting the FIR lodged by him with Mohammapur thana.

When contacted, Akhteruzzaman said that he returned at about 3:00 pm when a neighbour told him over telephone that there was some problem at his house.

On return, I found Feroza lying on the floor, partly inside the bathroom and partly on the adjacent verandah," he said.

Asked how the victim was killed, he avoided a direct reply, saying, "The body has been sent for autopsy and we would know the cause of death when the report is received."

"My seven-year old son saw Feroza lying on the floor and then went upstairs to inform some of our family friends. They later telephoned me," the official said.

He said that his son who studies in an English medium school returned home at 12:45 pm and his 14-year old daughter returned home later.

"The house was already taken over by police when I returned," he added.

Asked about his wife, he said, "She works in a bank and returned home after me."

According to some police sources, Feroza was strangled and hanged from the ceiling of a room at the fourth floor flat. Her employer, however, denied this.

A television set and an audio cassette were found missing from the house, the sources said.

There were scratches in different parts of her body, hospital sources said. The killers might have attempted to rape her before killing.

## 11 dengue cases in Khulna

KHULNA, Aug 9: Eleven people have been affected by dengue fever in the city and its adjoining areas, reports UNB.

Of them, six were admitted to the government hospital and five others to private clinics. None, however, died of the disease, said Civil Surgeon.

Sources said panic gripped the local people following the outbreak of the disease in the district.

Meanwhile Khulna City Corporation (KCC) has opened a control room in its health department. KCC has also decided spray inside the buses and other vehicles arriving here from Dhaka.

## Another Harkatul Jihad cadre held in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 9: Another alleged Harkatul Jihad cadre was arrested at Ukhiya upazila in the district this afternoon, reports UNB.

He was identified as Faridul Alam, 26, son of Sultan Ahmed of village Digalia Palang.

Police said Alam has been working with the fundamentalist group, Harkatul Jihad, in the forest of Harinamara and Nihangchhari. He was also involved in another armed fundamentalist group of Myanmar.

Meanwhile, the Harkatul Jihad activist, Noor Muhammadd, arrested Tuesday night from Myanmar border was taken to a three-day remand.

## 3 Shibir activists held in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 9: Police Tuesday night arrested an Islamic Chhatra Shibir cadre from Hathazari thana on charge of opening fire on ruling party's procession on July 15, reports UNB.

The arrested identified as Gias Hajerika, 34, son of Jafar Ahmed of South Kurais in Hathazari.

Gias was granted a seven-day police remand when he was produced before the court today.

Meanwhile, Bakulia police today arrested two more Shibir activists — Sobur and Ahmed Hossain — along with some objectionable leaflets and other documents.

A case was filed with local police against them.

## ডেঙ্গুজ্বরের চিকিৎসা ও প্রতিরোধের জন্য যা করণীয়

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