

AL divisional conferences begin later this month

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The Awami League (AL) will hold a series of divisional conferences of the party from later this month mainly to boost the morale of its workers prior to the crucial central council of the main opposition party billed for December 22-23.

Rly workers oppose govt plan on BR corporatisation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Bangladesh Railway Sramik Union yesterday reiterated its demand that the government give up its move to corporatise the state-owned railway and modernise it with its own resources instead.

Police rescue abducted brothers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police rescued two minor brothers, who were abducted from Hazaribagh area Tuesday morning, from Uzila, Sripur in Gazipur on Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Sun Rises, Sun Sets. Rows for Sept 20 and Sept 21.

Table with 3 columns: Prayer Timings, Azan, Jamaat. Rows for Fajr, Juma, Asr, Maghrib, Esha.

Saudis to recruit 4,200 Bangladeshi medics

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Saudi Arabia will recruit 4,200 medical professionals from Bangladesh on an emergency basis. They will include doctors, medical teachers, nurses, technicians, demonstrators and paramedics, according to sources in the ministry of expatriate welfare and overseas employment.

"But now Saudi Arabia is showing interest to recruit more professionals from Bangladesh following diplomatic efforts by the new government," claimed State Minister for Expatriate Welfare Mohammad Quamrul Islam while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

DS-Viqarunnisa English debate championship underway

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
"The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa 2nd English Debate Championship 2002" started yesterday with 18 school-level and 12 university-level teams taking part.



Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, an economist, speaks as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of The Daily Star-Viqarunnisa Second English Debate Championship-2002 at the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College Auditorium in the city yesterday.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia speaks at the least developed countries expert group workshop titled "Capacity Building for Preparation of National Adaptation Programmes of Action" in a city hotel yesterday.

Climate change impact holds LDCs back: PM

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said impacts of climate change add additional complexities and burdens to planning for sustainable development.

5 killed in Tel Aviv suicide blast

AFP, Tel Aviv
Five people were killed and more than 40 injured yesterday when a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself to pieces in a bus in downtown Tel Aviv, police said, a day after another kamikaze killed a policeman in northern Israel.

South Asia needs to co-ordinate efforts to reduce poverty Yunus tells BEA conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Renowned economist and Managing Director of Grameen Bank Professor Muhammad Yunus has called for coordinated efforts by the South Asian countries for poverty alleviation and economic development.

