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Ctg cops to probe

three arms-laden

trucks' missing

## 'Kala' Jahangir gets life term for BCL leader murder

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka Court yesterday sentenced top listed criminal 'Kala' Jahangii and two others to life in their absence for killing a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, Moklesur Rahman, on September 13,1997.

The two other fugitives are Harun-ur-Rashid (Mamun) and Anisuzzaman. The court however acquitted 'Kana' Selim, Habibur Rahman (Bachchu) and Sohrab (Shahin) of charges, Only Selim and Shahin were present when Judge AR Masud of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

### 'Criminal' held by Rab dies

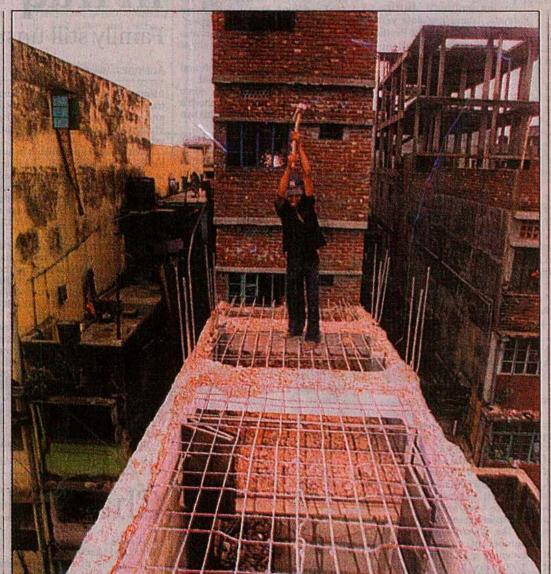
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

One out of three criminals arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Friday died at Kushtia General Hospital yesterday.

The deceased was Minar Hossain, 25, son of Shahid Hossain of Charkuthipara in the town. Rab officials claimed the cause

behind Minar's death was his previous ailment he was suffering from. Sources said Minar was an addict and suffering from ailment related to addiction.

Sources in the Rab said Minar, Anwar, 32, and Jumman, 42, were arrested from Chankuthipara with



A dilapidated six-storey building at Shankhari Bazar in Dhaka is being demolished yesterday. The 100-foot by fivefoot structure, like many others, was built flouting the building law.

# Bush pledges CIA reforms

US President George Bush has promised to reform the CIA after a report which criticises the US intelligence agencies for overstating the threat of Iraqi weapons prior to last

The report, by a US Senate committee, also said intelligence ignored doubts over Iraqi mobile bioweapons labs-- one of the key

Trade unionists

Industrial Workers-Employees

Protection Coordination Committee, a forum of country's trade unionists, enforces today a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal

and 24-hour strike in industrial belts

of the closed mills and factories and

minimum wages for industrial

The shutdown is also to protes

the government policy to privatise

state-owned mills and factories

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The demands include reopening

enforce hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

to press home its demands.

today

elements cited by the administration in making its case for the war

against Baghdad.
It added that US intelligence had no sources on Iraqi weapons programmes after 1998, and that the US and its allies went to war based on "flawed" information.

At a campaign event in Pennsylvania, President Bush yesterday said: "I look forward to working with members of Congress to put

NURUL ALAM, Chittagong

(CUFL) on April 2.

Chittagong Metropolitan Police

(CMP) will soon launch a probe to

unearth the mystery behind release

of three out of 10 trucks loaded with

arms seized from the jetty of

Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd

The report, published on Friday concluded that there was no evidence the Bush administration had tried to coerce or put pressure on officials to adapt their findings.

Meanwhile, a former top British
ppy has told Prime Minister Tony Blair that he alone should shoulder responsibility for intelligence fail-

The three trucks allegedly owned by the prime accused in the biggest

ever arms haul in the country,

Hafizur Rahman, were released by

the then officer-in-charge (OC) of

Karnaphuli Police Station Ahadur

Rahman, who was the first investi-

gation officer (IO) of the case. He

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## Publisher seeks ban on 'Muktijuddher Dolilpatro

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A publisher yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court (HC) seeking a ban on the sale, distribution and marketing of 'Muktijuddher Dolilpatro' (Documents of the Liberation War) published by the Liberation War affairs

Golam Mustafa, owner of Hakkani Publishers, accused the ministry of violating the book's copyright, resorting to piracy and hurting his business interest. Mustafa claimed the information

#### AL-QAEDA LINK Bangladeshi freed in Japan

UNB, Dhaka

Islam Mohammad Himu, a Bangladeshi arrested in Japan in June and speculated in the press to have Al-Qaeda links, was released by a Tokyo court on Thursday.

"The speculation was proved totally unfounded in the court as he was charged with violation of immigration act," an official press release said yesterday.

According to the Tokyo newspaper reports and reports of Bangladesh mission, Himu was not at all charged with having any links with al-Qaeda, the press release added.

# Rajuk pledges its best to protect Gulshan Lake

protect the lake and the residential

characteristics of the area from

pollution and relentless commer-

In response, the Rajuk chief

"If encroachment goes on in the

engineer said many big plots allot-

ted during the 1960's in Gulshan are

present manner, the validity of

Rajuk's Master Plan will be lost,"

said Syeda Rizwana Hasan of

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association.
"We don't know of any fresh

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nowillegally occupied.

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Any structure if found to have encroached on Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara Lake will be demolished, Rajuk Chairman M Shahid Alam told Gulshan Society office-bearers when they met him at his office yesterday.

Alam said the Rajdhani Unnayon Kartripakkha (Rajuk) will also demarcate the lake according to mouja maps and eliminate the existing waste disposal system to save the ecologically important water-body.

"We will take all out measures to remove the sewerage lines leading to the lake," the city planning authority chief assured the delegation of Gulshan residents.

Rajuk Chief Engineer Emdadul Islam said a project is being planned to remove all the link roads across the lake and construct six bridges in

During the meeting, the society leaders alleged filling of the lake has been going on unabated in violation of a Supreme Court ruling and urged

Bangladeshi among 5 illegal workers die in Malaysia

AP, Kuala Lumpur

Four illegal foreign workers drowned and another died from a heart attack when they tried to flee from a police raid in northern Malaysia, a news report said yester-

Police recovered the bodies of two Indonesians and one Myanmar The Rajuk chairman agreed with the visitors, saying the area might national from a river on Friday and become inhabitable in near future, if were searching for the body of the fourth immigrant who drowned, the sewerage outlets dumping hazardous effluents and wastes into The Star newspaper reported.

Police also found the body of a the lake are not reversed. Co-ordinator of Gulshan-Bangladesh national who died of a Banani-Baridhara Association and heart attack in a neighbourhood near the river, the newspaper Chairman of Highspeed Group KM Mahmudur Rahman alleged, same quoted Othman Talib, Penang's police chief. He said the Bangladeshi as the private encroachers, Rajuk too has developed several plots by SEE PAGE 11 COL 6 filling the lakebed.

Prayer Timing July 11		
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

# 11 die in road crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven people, including a college student, were killed and 32 others injured in road accidents in Gazipur, Cox's Bazar, Faridpur and Kushtia

A Sreepur bound bus from Dhaka rammed a road divider and overturned at Tek Nogopara in Gazipur Sadar upazila in the morning, killing four on the spot and injuring 20 others, according to the UNB

One of the dead was identified as Ibrahim. Identity of three others, including a child and a woman, could not be known. Seven of the injured were admit-

ted to Sadar Hospital in critical condition, while the rest given first aid in different clinics and Sadar Hospital. Meanwhile, a bus and a truck

collided head on at the same time at Kodda in Sadar upazila, leaving ten people injured. Two of the injured, policeman

Monindra Nath and Nikhil Karmakar, were admitted to Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Our Cox's Bazar Correspondent reported that three people were killed and two others injured in a

road accident on Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway in panirchara area of Ramu upazila in the early hours of yesterday.

The accident occurred at around 1:00am when a Cox's Bazar bound passengers bus hit an autorickshaw from behind. Three people, including the driver of the autorickshaw, died on the spot

They dead are Mohammad Ullah, 30, Mujibul Haq, 35, and taxi driver Abdullah, 28. The injured were admitted to Cox's Bazar Sadar

According to the BSS, three people, riding on a motorcycle, were crushed under the wheels of a Boalmari bound passenger bus from Faridpur on Dhaka-Boalmari road at Majiurdia in Faridpur Sadar upazila at about 3:00pm yesterday. Identity of the victims could not

be known till 7:00pm yesterday. Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Sadar Hospital morgue for

A college student was killed in a road accident at the main gate of Islamic University in Kushtia yester-

The victim was identified as M SEE PAGE 11 COL 6



President of the Communist Party of Bangladesh Manjurul Ahsan Khan has been pushed down to ground by police as the left-leaning 11-Party tried to bring out a procession in support of today's hartal called by trade unionists.



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