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Tullow strikes gas in Bhangura

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Tullow Oil Plc has discovered about half a trillion cubic feet (TCF) of gas at Bhangura in the block 9.

However, the Irish oil company will disclose the commercial prospect later.

"It wants to make the announcement after test production for six months from November or December this year," said an official at Petrobangla.

The Tullow yesterday made a presentation before the officials of Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation.

It also approached to set up pipeline and develop a processing

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PHOTO: STAR

Oil tankers and wagons lie beside the tracks after two freight trains collided at Pubail yesterday, snapping the rail link to Chittagong, Mymensingh and Sylhet for 12 hours.

Rail link snapped as freight trains collide

1 killed as 17 wagons fall off track

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A collision between two freight trains at Pubail in Gazipur yesterday morning left a man dead and snapped the rail link to Chittagong,

Sylhet and Mymensingh for over 12 hours.

The collision also left three persons seriously injured.

A Dhaka-bound container train hit a Chittagong-bound train carry-

ing oil tankers at 5:30am, seriously disrupting rail communications on the Tongi-Chittagong route throughout the day.

Services of six passenger trains

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Saudi prince Aziz due Mar 15

BSS, Dhaka

Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, a business tycoon of Saudi Arabia, will arrive here on March 15 on a one-day visit to explore investment potentialities in Bangladesh.

He is expected to meet Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury and Board of Investment (BoI) Executive

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MADRID MEET Hasina to talk terrorism Leaves for Spain

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she is going to Spain to attend an international seminar against terrorism to mobilise world opinion against the alliance government patronised grenade and bomb attacks, killings, terrorism and human rights abuses.

"The organisers of Madrid summit wanted to know about continuous terrorism, human rights viola-

tions and torture and repression by the BNP-Jamaat alliance government from me. I myself am the victim of terrorism by the alliance government," she told journalists at the Zia International Airport on her way to Spain.

Hasina will take part in a four-day international summit of former heads of the state and government.

More than 200 participants from 52 countries from across the globe will

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Lady doctor, maid slaughtered at Dhanmondi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown assailants slaughtered a female doctor and her domestic help at Central Road in Dhanmondi yesterday.

The murders took place sometime between evening and 10:00pm, said relatives of the slain doctor named Nazneen Akhter, 45. The domestic help was identified as Parvin, 20.

The relatives, however, could not say why the doctor was killed but

said a nephew of Nazneen's husband has been missing since the murder.

Dr Nazneen, wife of Doctor Afsanuzzaman of Nutrition Science Institute at Dhanmondi, worked at Suhrawardy Hospital and was posted at a government healthcare clinic at Segunbagicha.

Dr Nazneen, the domestic help and Dr Afsan's nephew Aminul, a madrasa student, used to live on the second floor of the 13/1, Central

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Rab seizes 140kg explosives from bus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized 140kg of explosive substances, 90 bottles of phensidyl, 64 cans of Indian pesticide and arrested one person from a Kuakata-bound bus near Jhenidah Police Lines.

Seized explosive substances are used for making powerful bombs, Rab sources said.

The arrestee, Minnat Ali, 40, of Kaliganj upazila in Jhenidah, is being quizzed at the Rab headquarters in Khulna.

Acting on a tip-off, a Rab team conducted a search in the passenger-bus from Jessore and found the items kept in four cartons.

Crackdown not linked to Islamist militants

Babar says he is not familiar with term 'crossfire'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government's ongoing crackdown is not related to Islamic fundamentalism, rather it is to make an overall improvement in law and order.

When Jatiya Party (Brshad) lawmaker Moshirur Rahman Ranga said that recent steps by the government have succeeded in containing lawlessness caused by the religious fundamentalists, Babar said, "I don't agree with you. What we are doing is not related to fundamentalism, it's to improve law and order."

Replying to another query by the JP lawmaker, the minister quoting yesterday's newspaper reports said Bangla Bhai has possibly fled the country, still, the police administration has been instructed to arrest him. "We are committed to take legal actions against the persons who are trying to disrupt law and order," he added.

Babar did not give a categorical answer to Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Abdul Khaleq Mandal's question as to where the recently banned Jagrata Muslim Janata, Bangladesh and Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh mainly

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PM okays body for tri-nation gas pipeline

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday approved a proposal to form an inter-ministerial committee to finalise conditions for India for the

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A party, foreign force plotting against progress

PM tells rally

UNB, Thakurgaon

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday alerted people that a certain political party is hatching 'deep conspiracy' to halt progress of the

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