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CTG AMMO HAUL Charges framed against 43

UNB, Chittagong

A court yesterday framed charges against 43 accused in the sensational Chittagong ammo haul case.

Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Court framed the charges under the Arms Act.

Of the accused, 16 are in jail custody and 13 others including main accused Hafizur Rahman

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Commotion over dy secy promotion

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The promotion of 327 government officials to the rank of deputy secretary has caused a commotion in the administration.

Ministry sources said 327 officials have been elevated, flouting the provision of seniority of as many as

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Why ombudsman not appointed?

HC orders govt to explain; serves another rule on EC over particulars about candidates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday served separate rules on the government and the Election Commission (EC) over the appointment of an ombudsman and particulars about election candidates.

In one rule, the court asked the government to explain within two weeks why it should not be directed to appoint an ombudsman in line with the constitution. The rule followed a writ petition filed by three Supreme Court lawyers yesterday.

In the other, it ordered the Election Commission (EC) to explain why it should not be

directed to take measures to glean information on academic qualification, criminal backgrounds, if any, profession and source of income of the election candidates.

OMBUDSMAN
The petitioners said the constitution provides for an ombudsman as part of its built-in system for transparency. But successive governments since independence did not appoint such an ombudsman.

"This vital institution, which is essential for proper governance, has not been established even in three decades since the constitution was framed," noted the petition filed by Abdull Momen Chowdhury, KM

Zabir and Zaherul Islam.

They also cited the election manifesto of the ruling BNP that pledged to appoint an ombudsman at the earliest to uproot corruption.

"The [BNP] has assumed power twice but they are reluctant in the appointment of ombudsman thereby keeping them medieval lord to rule the people instead of representing the people for the task and trust they are entrusted with," the petition said.

The petitioners submitted that the ombudsman, if appointed, would bring justice to the doorstep of the people. "To ensure account

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PVT MEMBERS' BILLS JS body to set deadline for speaker's nod

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on private members' bills and resolutions at a meeting decided yesterday to give the speaker a deadline to allow private members to place in the House the bills that are already scrutinised.

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India ready for Saarc summit in Dhaka

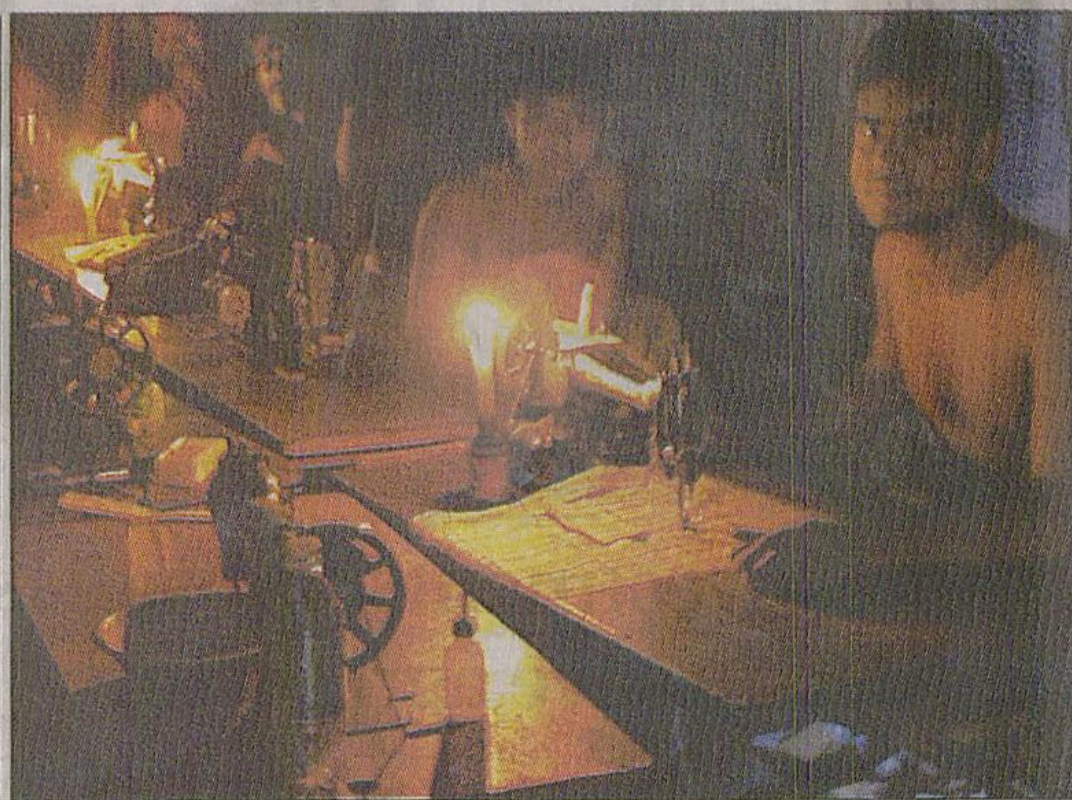
Says Natwar Singh

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Indian External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh yesterday said Delhi is keen to see the Saarc Summit take place in Dhaka soon.

He also indicated India's readiness to take part in the summit on

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Tailors work and sweat by candlelight at a shop at the Golden Gate Market on Mirpur Road in the capital during one of the frequent power outages yesterday.

ATTACKS ON AHMADIYYAS US envoy to report soon to State Dept

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador in Dhaka Harry K Thomas on Friday said he will soon inform the US State Department of the recent spate of attacks on Ahmadiyyas in Bangladesh.

During a visit to Ahmadiyya headquarters at Bakshibazar in the capital on Friday morning, the US envoy also condemned the oppression of Ahmadiyyas across the country, especially that in Satkhira last week, and expressed concern over the 'fundamentalists' attacks'. Thomas offered his sympathy to the sect leaders for the last week's violence, which left over 50 Ahmadiyyas including women and children wounded in Jyotindranagar of Satkhira.

Led by local leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, a key component of the ruling coalition, the religious bigots also changed the signboard of local Ahmadiyya complex and looted

several houses on Sunday.

The Ahmadiyya leaders held a one-hour talk with the ambassador. They gave him a detailed account of Khatme Nabuwat attacks on Ahmadiyyas in Jyotindranagar, said a source. Besides, they screened video clips of the attacks and looting.

"Ahmadiyyas have been attacked. And I am saddened to see the sorry state they are in," he told reporters after coming out of the meeting.

He said he hopes that civil society and the government will take steps to protect the Ahmadiyyas. "We all feel sad when fundamentalists attack the Ahmadiyyas," said Thomas who was scheduled to leave Dhaka for the US yesterday and raise the issue at a seven-day meeting of the US State Department.

Ahmadiyya Nayeb-e-Amir Prof Meer Mobashwer Ali, Central Missionary Abdul Awal Khan

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PASSPORT 'DOCTORING' JS secretariat sits on Jamaat MP's plea for new passport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Parliament Secretariat is yet to take any step to resolve the allegation of tampering with the passport of a ruling Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker who was refused visa by the Danish embassy in Dhaka last February.

The lawmaker, Mizanur Rahman

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TERRORIST REFERENCE Sony to revise games as Dhaka threatens legal action

UNB, Dhaka

The Sony company, which in one of its games depicted Bangladesh as a terrorist state, has decided to remove the reference after Dhaka threatened legal action, according

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SMALL PVT POWER PLANTS Cabinet body okays bid-free policy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs yesterday approved a revised policy on small private power plants of 10 to 50 megawatts contracts for which can be awarded without any bidding.

The policy aims to eliminate competition through tender to weed out incompetent and insolvent bidder.

"The government will not give these developers any guarantee of purchase of power. They themselves will have to determine their market. If they have excess power, the government may buy it or may not," Chairman of the committee and Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said.

Justifying the revised policy, an energy ministry proposal said the normal tender process for power projects takes a long time. So, the sector may be opened to interested parties under certain conditions.

The conditions include obtaining licence from the proposed Energy Regulatory Commission, gas tariff for these plants will be that applicable to the Power Development Board (PDB), investors will get the same financial benefits as the entrepreneurs get under the Private Power Generation Policy. If they want to sell power to the PDB or Rural Electrification Board, they will sell at 2.73 US cents per kilowatt hours (tariff of the 360 mw Haripur power plant).

The small power developers may strike deals with private organisations or industries on the basis of mutual understanding. The developers must install in their plants a system of supplying power to the national grid. They will get duty exemption for import of petroleum if they set up oil-fired power plants.

The PDB last year floated a tender for 15 such power plants with a

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Border tension flares as BSF kills 2 more

Takes away the bodies; India denies troops build-up along Akhaura border

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Only three days into striking an accord to exercise maximum restraint at border, Indian Border Security Force (BSF) without any reported provocation yesterday shot down two Bangladeshi citizens on the no man's land in Moheshpur upazila of Jhenidah district.

The Indian border guards also took away the bodies of Jahidul Islam, 24, son of Delwar Hossain of Jadavpur village, and Aktar Hossain, 30, son of Solaiman of Barabari village of the upazila, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) sources said.

Earlier, on Friday night, a BSF team entered Tarapur village in Kasba upazila of Brahmanbaria district causing panic among the

villagers. The latest shooting stoked up once again the Indo-Bangladesh border tension brewing since April 16 skirmishes at Akhaura that had simmered down to some extent last Wednesday, following negotiations between Dhaka and New Delhi at diplomatic and other planes. Border guards of both the countries have been blaming each other for opening fire first and thus triggering the shootout that left a 10-year-old Bangladeshi girl and a BSF assistant commandant dead.

With yesterday's killings, 387 Bangladeshis have been killed by BSF in the last five and a half years, according to the statistics compiled by Odhikar, a rights watchdog of Bangladesh. Besides, the Odhikar

report said, 1,863 persons have suffered human rights violations by Indian miscreants in the period at north and southwestern borders.

"With continued infiltration into Bangladesh territory and killings, abductions and tortures by BSF personnel, the Indo-Bangla border has turned into a human disaster," remarked Odhikar.

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MOHESHPUR KILLING
A BSF team based at Haripur opened fire on the two Bangladeshi villagers early yesterday when they went on the no man's land to send a

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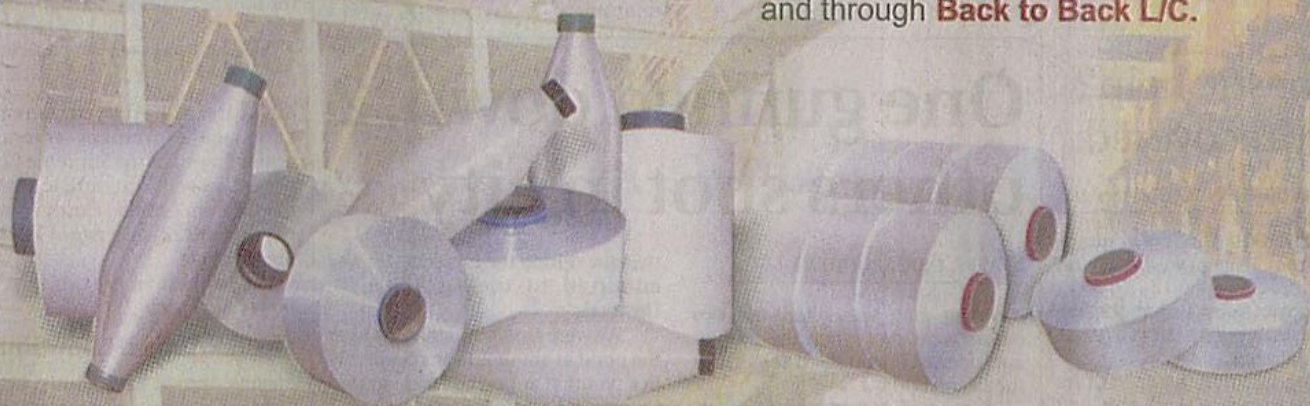
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