### BAF PLANE CRASH Burnt housewife dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The housewife, who was fighting for life with critical burns since the June 7 Uttara plane crash, died at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Rowshan Ara was shifted to the hospital's ICU Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit with 60 percent burns on June 8 where she died at 5:35am, DMCH sources said.

An F-7 MB fighter of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) nosedived into her house in Uttara in the capital when she was feeding her 18-month-old daughter Albina. The accident left SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

### Outlaw killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

ground Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) at Bhabanipur village in the sadar upazila in the early hours yesterday.

The dead was identified as Shamim Hossain alias Dat Shamim, 36, a top cadre of the outlawed outfit. Bhabanipur on information that the

GMF was about to clash with outlawed Biplabi Communist Party

### Judicial probe into 'murder' by Khulna cops ordered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

(CMM) has ordered a judicial probe Khatoon that named seven police-

First class Magistrate Mohammod Nazrul Islam, now on deputation in Khulna city corporation, has been asked to probe into the incident by Mohammad

## Mobile operators ask govt to withdraw tax on SIM card

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the four private mobile phone operators yesterday urged the posed Tk 1,200 tax on new subscription in the budget for fiscal

Imposition of the tax will hinder fast growth of mobile telephone sector and also adversely affect foreign direct investment (FDI), said the top executives of the cellular operators at a press conference.

The number of mobile phone subscribers in the country will not exceed eight lakh instead of rising to projected five million during the next fiscal year if the proposed tax is not

Eric Aas, chief executive officer (CEO) of GrameenPhone, Nasir Baharom, managing director of Telekom Malaysia International Bangladesh (TMIB), service provider of AKTEL, Lars P Reichelt, CEO of Sheba Telecom that oper-Banglalink, and Faisal Morshed Khan, vice president of Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Limited (PBTL), service provider of CityCell spoke at the press confer-

This sector has attracted huge FDI and is one of the largest contributors to government revenue earning through direct and indirect

taxes, the CEOs said in a statement. The strategy in the sector is to attract new customers with limited Connection fees have been reduced to Tk 200 and call

charges by up to 35 percent while

prices of cellphone sets have come

down by almost 40 percent this year,

They hailed the proposed reduction of import duty on cellphone sets to Tk 300 each.

The new tax will discourage lower income groups and rural people to own mobile phone, the executives feared.

It will greatly hinder network

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### No tax on SIM, **RUIM** card replacement

NBR clarifies

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The newly imposed duty of Tk 1,200 will not be applicable for replacement of a missing or defective mobile phone SIM (subscriber identity module) or RUIM cards or CDMA technology with a fresh one for the same phone number, the NBR (National Board of Revenue) said yesterday in a clarification.

Earlier, the NBR in a circular enforced the June 9 budgetary provision imposing supplementary duty of 35 percent (Tk 760.20) and VAT (Tk 439.83) or total Tk 1,200 on new mobile phone connection of above categories as per the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1931 (XVI of 1931).

A government handout said no payment of new tax of Tk 1,200 will have to be made for replacement of damaged or missing SIM card, RUIM card or CDMA in case the number of mobile phone remained



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia talks to the outgoing army chief Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury when the latter pays a farewell call on her vesterday.

## Exports support | 15 die as truck facilities under one roof planned in Kashmir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has planned to set up a National Export House (NEH) in the city in order to provide exporters with more sophisticated and quick services through bringing all the export-related services under a

The decision was taken at yes-

terday's board meeting of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) with its Vice-chairman Mir Sahabuddiun Mohammad in the chair.

"Services such as banking, customs, freight forwarding, clearing and forwarding and buying will be accommodated at the house to make the export procedure in the

The blast uprooted trees, shat-**SEE PAGE 15 COL 3** tered two cars and damaged a

# bomb goes off

A bomb hidden in a pickup truck exploded in a bustling town in Indian-controlled Kashmir yesterday, killing 15 people, including the suspected attacker and a 14-yearold boy, and injuring at least 60 others, police said.

Ahmad said.

ritical condition, Ahmad said. Eleven civilians, three paramili-

dozen shops, a school and a post

office near a security forces' camp in

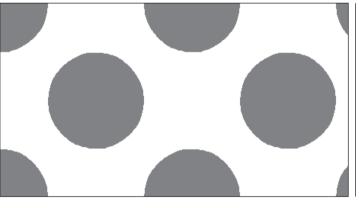
the town of Pulwama, Deputy

Inspector General of Police Owes

At least eight injured people were



clogs the other one yesterday afternoon.



## 3 murdered, dies of injury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were murdered in separate incidents in Mirpur and Keranigani yesterday while another beaten up on June 4 succumbed to

The dead were identified as Shahidul Islam, 19, Md Babu, 25, Mohammad Sentu, 25, and Md Alam, 20.

Shahidul's body was recovered from a field close to his house at SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



### JP leader held on charge of murder

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

A Jatiya Party (JP) leader has been arrested and remanded for three days in a murder case.

Police arrested Harun-ur-Rashid, secretary of Gulshan thana unit JP, from his Badda house on Sunday night in connection with the SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

### Tk 10 lakh looted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPODENT, Ctg

Armed robbers looted valuables worth Tk10 lakh in cash and kind in Khulshi residential area of the port city yesterday afternoon.

Some 15 armed robbers broke into Rangamati Timbers, the business establishment of timber merchant Hazi Nazrul Islam at Khulshi, about one hundred yards from the

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#### **Prayer Timing** June 14 Azan Jamaat 4-05 4-40 Zohr 12-45 1-15 5-15 Asr 5-00 6-55 Maghrib 6-50 8-15 8-45 Source: Islamic Foundation

