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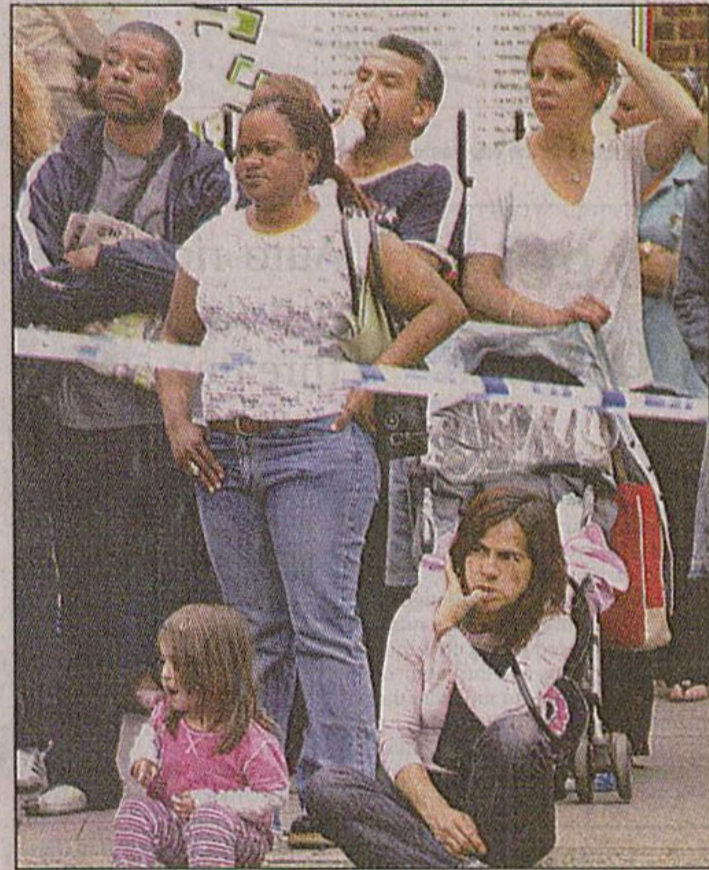
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London cops kill 'would-be bomber' at tube station

Hunt on for 4 suspects; mosque cordoned off; Muslims fear a shoot-to-kill policy



People stand outside the sealed off Stockwell tube station in London yesterday. The area plunged into chaos as emergency services closed roads after the incident where a suspected terrorist was shot dead. (Right) Close circuit TV images of four 'suspected bombers' released by London police.

AGENCIES, London

Police shot to death a man wearing a thick coat at a subway station and cordoned off a mosque yesterday, a day after the city was hit by a second wave of terror attacks in two weeks.

Metropolitan Police said the man died after being shot by officers at the Stockwell subway station in south London.

Passengers said they saw police pursuing a man who appeared to be

of Pakistani or Indian descent. Some said police pursued him into a subway car and shot him when he tripped.

But one witness said police "pushed him onto the floor and unloaded five shots into him."

"He looked like a cornered fox. He looked petrified," Mark Whitby told the British Broadcasting Corp.

Commuter Teri Godly said she stood next to the man early on

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PHOTO: AFP

PDB rejoinder, our reply

The Power Development Board (PDB) in two separate rejoinders on The Daily Star report headlined "Disqualified firm may get power contract" published on July 17 defended its selection of Chinese company Harbin as a qualified bidder and its handling of the Chandpur power project.

Defending that Harbin's bid was not disqualified in the fifth re-tendering of the 90 megawatt Fenchuganj Power Project, it said that in this bid Doosan Heavy Industries Korea was Harbin's consortium partner. Doosan's work

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SCREENING OF BAC OFFICIALS

ACC to seek ADB consultancy

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has decided to seek assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in screening the staffs of the now defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac).

The decision followed a deepening internal rift over a selection of 11 from among 14 Bac deputy directors (DDs) to absorb into the anti-corruption watchdog. Allegations are there the 11 DDs had landed the Bac jobs through fraudulence and

seven of them had even been brought to book for the misdeeds.

The commission held seven consecutive meetings to clear the selection but failed in the face of serious disagreement between its chairman and the two commissioners, sources said.

They said while one side in the commission was in favour of appointing some of the 11 DDs, the other was bitterly opposed to taking even one of them, terming their recruitment process to Bac unlawful.

As the seventh meeting on July 18 failed to end the deadlock, the ACC on the same day sat with some ADB officials and decided to involve ADB consultants in the screening.

Sources said the ACC in a letter to the Cabinet Division has already conveyed the intention and asked the government to finalise the terms of reference for the ADB assistance.

But a question has arisen as to why involve the ADB now, when appointment of 50 Bac officials - 20 anti-corruption officers and 30

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PBCP leader nabbed by Rab goes 'missing'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A listed criminal and top leader of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) arrested by the Rapid Action Battalion on Thursday, went missing yesterday.

The arrestee, Abdus Samad, known as Lal Samad of Senopara village of Jhikra union in Bagmara upazila was listed in criminal books of different law enforcement agencies as the second-in-command of the PBCP's Lal Pataka faction.

After his arrest by Rab following his release from Naogaon district jail over a High Court (HC) bail, Samad did not return home or made any contact with the family members,

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BIDHAN TORTURE Rab to punish the 'dirty dozen'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion command is examining the probe report into the July 15 torture on a garment factory owner by its troops and will take steps after the scrutiny against a dozen of them held responsible for the incident.

A 4-member probe body found 12 Rab men including ASP Ashraful Islam involved in beating up Abu Bakar Sultan Bidhan at Rab-1 office at Uttara in the city. The probe committee headed by Rab Director (Finance And Administration) Mokhesur Rahman in its report to the Rab director general (DG) on

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Ctg 'criminal' lynched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

A mob lynched a listed criminal and injured another after catching them in the act of extortion in the city yesterday.

The dead was Joyal Abedeen alias Ripon and the injured Manik, both listed criminals in Tigerpass under Double Mooring Police Station.

Police and witnesses said the two came to a grocery at Karmaphuli Market near Agrabad Choumuhami intersection to collect toll at around 5:00pm.

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Economy faced with worrying time

INAM AHMED

A crunching dollar crisis, weakening macroeconomic state, increasing pressure on the balance of payment, high petroleum, food and other commodity prices, and a bleak global economic and trade scenario -- the economy today faces all these plus a number of critical political issues that make the future worrisome.

A recent study of the premier think-tank Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) estimates that since

May 2004 taka has lost its value by 6.11 percent against US Dollar, 9.6 percent against Indian Rupee, 11.26 percent against euro and 10.2 percent against yen. The national currency is likely to weaken further as dollar gains ground, having wide-ranging impact on wage and production cost, although it may give some fillip to exports.

Comparing this with the increasing import bill one gets the chill. Food-grain import bill has gone up by 43.7 percent, petroleum 82.4 percent, fertiliser by 135 percent and

steel by 35.3 percent.

"Unlike other fiscal years, when the first quarter usually passes off in a calm mood, this year began with a restive note due to a risky confluence of domestic and international factors. An upswing in investment has further exposed the vulnerability of the economy," observed CPD Executive Director Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya.

The international trends do not bode well as petroleum prices have touched \$66 a barrel and global food

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TOP CRIMINALS, SUSPECTS OF AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK Interpol help sought for return of 15 from India

SHARIF KHAN

Bangladesh has sought help of the Interpol to bring back from India some 15 top listed criminals, including three suspects of the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally, said a well-placed source in the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

The criminals, who the government agencies claim to have links with the grenade attack on the AL rally, are Joy, Mukul and Robin.

Other criminals include "Chhenga" Babu, Jishan and Imon.

They are residing in Kolkata to avoid arrest, while they are controlling the underworld in Bangladesh from there, according to intelligence sources.

The government move for the Interpol assistance has been taken in the face of international pressure to curb terrorism, complete investigations into several sensational incidents and bring the culprits to

trial. The government has accordingly sent the files on the top 15 criminals living in Kolkata to the Interpol. It plans to request India, with support from the Interpol, to deport these criminals so that they can be arrested at the border.

Bangladesh earlier asked India to take measures against the top Bangladeshi criminals who had taken refuge in Kolkata in the last

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Notre Dame College in Dhaka yesterday started distribution of class XI admission forms that will continue till July 30.



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