



## WB chief arrives on Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World Bank (WB) President Paul Wolfowitz will arrive in Dhaka on Sunday on a two-day visit, WB officials said.

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## Father-in-law breaks from Bangla Bhai

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The father-in-law of Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla Bhai has broken from his daughter and the chief of Jagrata Muslim Janata, Bangladesh (JMJB). Ibrahim Khalil formalised the family breakup with JMJB Commander Bangla Bhai and his wife Fahima Begum in an affidavit yesterday, lawyers said.

Khalil, a resident of Akanderpara village in Shaghata upazila, executed his decision before a notary public in the town, said his lawyer Advocate Rafiqul Islam.

The father and two brothers of Bangla Bhai also broke from him a few days ago.

In 2002, he married Fahima, SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

# 500mw shortfall as plants shut down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following the shutdown of several power plants, the country has been undergoing a steady power shortfall of at least 500 megawatts (mw) for the last one week, with no immediate respite in sight.

Power Development Board (PDB) sources said that different plants generating over 900mw now remained shutdown due to various reasons. As a result, the PDB is now supplying 3,251mw of power against a power demand of 3750 mw during the peak hours yesterday.

PDB allocated a 100 mw load

shedding for Dhaka in the evening while the day time power supply to the capital, which consumes more than one third of total demand, was uninterrupted.

However, due to line faults, system over-loads and other glitches in Desa (Dhaka Electric Supply Authority) and Desco (Dhaka Electric Supply Company), different areas of the capital faced long hours of load shedding, Desa sources said.

PDB sources pointed out that the level of load shedding will somewhat decrease after Wednesday when one of the plants, now shut down, resumes operation.

PDB says two 50 mw units of the Kaptai hydropower plant have been shut down recently due to a shortage of water at the plant site.

The Ghorashal units no. 3 and 6, each generating 210 mw, had to be shut down for urgent maintenance work recently. Of these, unit 3 will resume power generation from Wednesday. Unit 6 will resume operation from August 30.

The four units of Ashuganj, which have a combined power generation capacity of 724 mw, are now producing 424 mw as two units remain shutdown.

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PHOTO: STAR

Fifty-two-year-old Hosne Ara, an Ahmadiyya woman, lies on a bed at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital after a bomb explosion blew off her wrist yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

The mother and wife of abducted Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury lament the apparent death of the magnate as published in yesterday's newspapers after the arrest of prime suspect Shahid Chairman.

## Trader killed as family fails to pay Tk 10 lakh to captors

UNB, Narsingdi

A trader held to ransom by some criminals for a week was slain and his body was found dumped near the Meghna River here yesterday.

Sources said a gang picked up Kutubuddin Mithu, 26, a cloth trader of Narsingdi Bazar, from Khaser Char area in sadar upazila on August 9.

"The miscreants demanded Tk 10 lakh in ransom from his family over phone the following day. As the family failed to meet their demand, he was killed," said a relative of the victim.

A general diary was filed the day SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

## EATING DANGEROUSLY Even ants dare not touch biscuits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ammonia and other potentially harmful chemicals were found yesterday along with flour preserved in a rancid, insect-infested environment when a mobile court raided the Chandpur bread and biscuit factory in Hazaribagh.

Court officials found large quantities of materials used to sweeten the breads and biscuits, but not even legions of ants crawling on the floor and walls would touch them.

"This is sweetener, but see no ant touches it," said a Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute

(BSTI) official, pointing out cube-shaped materials preserved in an uncovered pot.

The BSTI official, who was visiting with the mobile court, said the material could be sodium cyclamate, which has been prohibited since 1982 since it may cause cancer after consumption.

The court also raided the neighboring factory of Diamond brand 'Vermicelli'. Rotten and dirty vermicelli was preserved on the premises and mixed with the fresh batches. Members of the court expressed their dissatisfaction with the products, SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

## 2 'outlaws' die in 'crossfire'

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Two alleged outlaws of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) were killed in 'crossfire' between Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and their accomplices in Mohonpur in the early hours yesterday.

The Rab on Sunday arrested SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

## Panic at Kharampur as bomb blasts near shrine again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Panic gripped the Kharampur locality in Brahmanbaria when another bomb exploded near the shrine in the early hours yesterday, but no casualties were reported.

The people, who were attending SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

## Bombs retrieved from mosque, Islamic academy

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Chuadanga police retrieved two powerful bombs from an Islamic academy and a mosque on Sunday night.

Being tipped off, a team of SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

Prayer Timing		
August 16		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-25	5-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-38	6-41
Esha	8-00	8-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		