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Low cost bombs alarm for everyone, report says JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Trained professionals manufactured the August 17 bombs using materials mostly available in common markets and worth a maximum of Tk 100 and assembled them using a simple method says a report of the government's explosive experts.

Such a low cost and simple methods for making bombs sends a "clear alarm for everyone that a terrorist can attack at any place at their desired time with SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Bounty for arrest of Abdur Rahman, Bangla Bhai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday announced bounty for information leading to whereabouts of Abdur Rahman and Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla Bhai, both accused of masterminding the August 17 countrywide blasts

Advertisements to this effect will be made today. They will contain 10 separate photographs, five each on different looks of the two militant leaders, and contact phone and fax numbers and email addresses

In other developments, police in Narayanganj yesterday arrested three people with suspected links to serial blasts while three people detained in Satkhira gave statements to a magistrate, admitting their involvement in the nearsimultaneous explosions.

Government sources said posters containing photographs of Abdur Rahman and Bangla Bhai would be circulated soon.

The police headquarters sent a copy of the advertisement to The

Daily Star last night. It requests the people to assist the law enforcers in tracing the two militant kingpins. It asks the people to contact the law enforcers if they had any information about the two

The ad said identity of the informer will be kept strictly confidential and if their information translate into the capture of the militants they will be given due reward.

The advertisement said Abdur Rahman, chief of banned Islamist

militant group Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), operates under different aliases like Moulana Md Abdur Rahman, Ehsan Moulana and Ehsan. Bangla Bhai, chief of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), another banned Islamist outfit, used Siddiqur, Azizul Islam, and Omar Ali Litu as his names on different occasions

It identified Rahman as the son of late Abdullah Ibne Fazal of Charshi SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



he capital witnessed serious traffic jam yesterday, following opening of offices after two-day weekly holiday that came into effect from this week. The picture was taken near Shahjahanpur intersection.

Six bills tabled in JS to raise high-ups' perks STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six bills were introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday proposing 45 percent hike in the remuneration and privileges of the president, prime minister, speaker, deputy speaker, ministers, state ministers, deputy ministers and judges of the Supreme Court (SC), and 50 per-

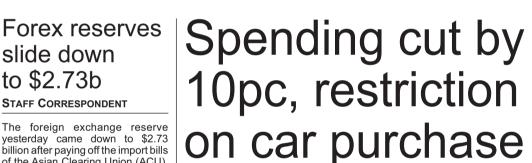
cent for members of parliament. Explaining the proposed remu neration hike for the speaker, deputy speaker and members of parliament, the bills said 'increase in the cost of living' is the reason for this.

In case of the others, the bills cited 'changing economic situation' and 'implementation of the national SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

These 10 photographs -- five each of Abdur Rahman, above, and Bangla Bhai -- will be included in the advertisement to be made today announcing bounty for their arrest.

Major outages grip country

A chronic load shedding grips the country with little hope of a major respite soon, as about 13 power plant units have gone for emergency maintenance and rehabilitation work.



REJAUL KARIM BYRON

PHOTO: POLICE

Hospital fee hike goes after minister's ignorance drama

notification as 'highly irregular'

said, "I didn't know anything about

the order. Former health secretary

Sarwar Kamal had ordered the

issuing of the circular without con-

In reply to a query, Mosharraf

who claimed to have learnt about

the circular from The Daily Star

news yesterday, said, "I have

already ordered cancellation of the

circular as it didn't have my

sulting me.

approval."

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health ministry yesterday cancelled the September 3 circular raising fees for different services and medical tests in the public hospitals down to district-level while the minister for health claimed he had no knowledge of issuance of the circular.

Different newspapers yesterday ran reports based on the circular through which fees and charges for admission, outdoor/emergency tickets, paying beds, ambulance service, and most of the medical examinations were increased by, in some cases, as high as up to 400 percent. Upazila health complexes. however, did not fall within the ambit of the order that took effect from Saturday last.

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The controversial agreement with Niko, a Canadian gas exploration company that inflicted damage to the Tengratila gas field, was challenged in the High Court yesterday.

serious implications for the public Health and Family Welfare should have had a cabinet sum-Minister Khandaker Mosharrat Hossain vesterday described the mary

AFM Sarwar Kamal last night Talking to The Daily Star, he also told The Daily Star, "The proposa for rise in user fees was submitted to the finance ministry six months ago and was approved two months ago. He said health minister knew about the proposal and circular al

> along About a month ago, at a coordination meeting attended by al heads of health departments. Joint Secretary (hospital) Fazlur Rahman raised the issue of increasing user fees, said Sarwar adding that he himself had explained it in detail to

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"In fact, I would never have approved such a circular which the health minister would mean immense sufferings to The very meeting had decided to the people, especially the poor," he said adding that notification of such



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