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## BSF kills 2

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead two Bangladeshis—one in Chapainawabganj and the other in Brahmanbaria—yesterday.

In Chapainawabganj, a Bangladeshi national named Selim was gunned down while he was entering the Indian territory at Telkupi frontier in Shibganj upazila of the district at about 6:00am.

Police and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) sources said when Selim, son of Brian Ali of Bholamari village of the upazila, crossed the border to visit a relative's house on the Indian side, the BSF men of Shasani outpost opened fire, killing him on the spot.

Police Superintendent Rezaul Karim confirmed the killing.

BDR sources in 6 Rifle Battalion said they sent a letter to the BSF for holding a flag meeting to return the body.

In Brahmanbaria, the Indian border guards shot dead a teenage

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# Expedite process of cross-border listing

Suggests ICC-B regional seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day ICC-B regional seminar in the capital ended yesterday making a set of recommendations that included holding and continuing dialogues with regional and international capital markets for expediting cross-border listing process, and merger of small stock exchanges in the same market.

The seminar also recommended introduction of 'book building process' in determining IPO prices and demutualisation of the capital market to stimulate its further growth in the region.

ICC-B (International Chamber of Commerce - Bangladesh) President Mahbubur Rahman placed the recommendations at the wrap-up session of the seminar. Vice-president of the ICC-B Latifur Rahman spoke at the session.

The seminar recommended creation of matured bond market and setting up pension funds to bring variance in instruments for investors and, at the same time, creating some depth in the capital market.

It also suggested developing the country's equity market to ensure investors of protection of their

investment and encourage large companies to raise funds from the capital market instead of going to the banks for long-term loans.

The seminar recommended redefining the roles of merchant banks so that they provide guarantee on investors' protection.

It stressed improvement of the quality of auditing and accounting standards to reflect the fundamentals of the companies for ensuring their transparency, and introduction of a regulated code of conduct for standardising corporate governance.

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## Tata final round talks from Oct 2

UNB, Dhaka

The final round of negotiation with the Indian industrial giant Tata Group on the proposed \$2.5 billion investment in Bangladesh will begin from October 2.

As per the proposal, the Tata Group will set up a fertiliser factory, a steel plant and a 1000-megawatt coal-fired power plant in the country. The development and operation of a coal mine is also included in their investment plan.

Sources in the Board of Investment (BoI) said this will be the final round of negotiation, likely to continue for nearly a month, to arrive at a final decision.

"The fate of the proposed investment will also be clear from this round whether the proposed project will be viable for the country or

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The fuel station near the Matsya Bhaban in the capital remains closed with display of the words "no oil in stock" during yesterday's strike called by a faction of the petrol pump owners association.

## 7 student bodies to lay siege to secretariat today

Demand punishment of Motijheel OC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven opposition-backed student organisations will gherao the Bangladesh Secretariat today demanding punishment of the officer-in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station who was closed for his alleged role in the killing of a college student.

Kamrul Islam Momin, a student of Mirpur Commerce College, was shot dead on September 13 in the capital under the directive of the OC, Rafiqul Islam, according to the statements of two arrestees to a magistrate.

The student organisations led by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will lay siege to the secretariat at

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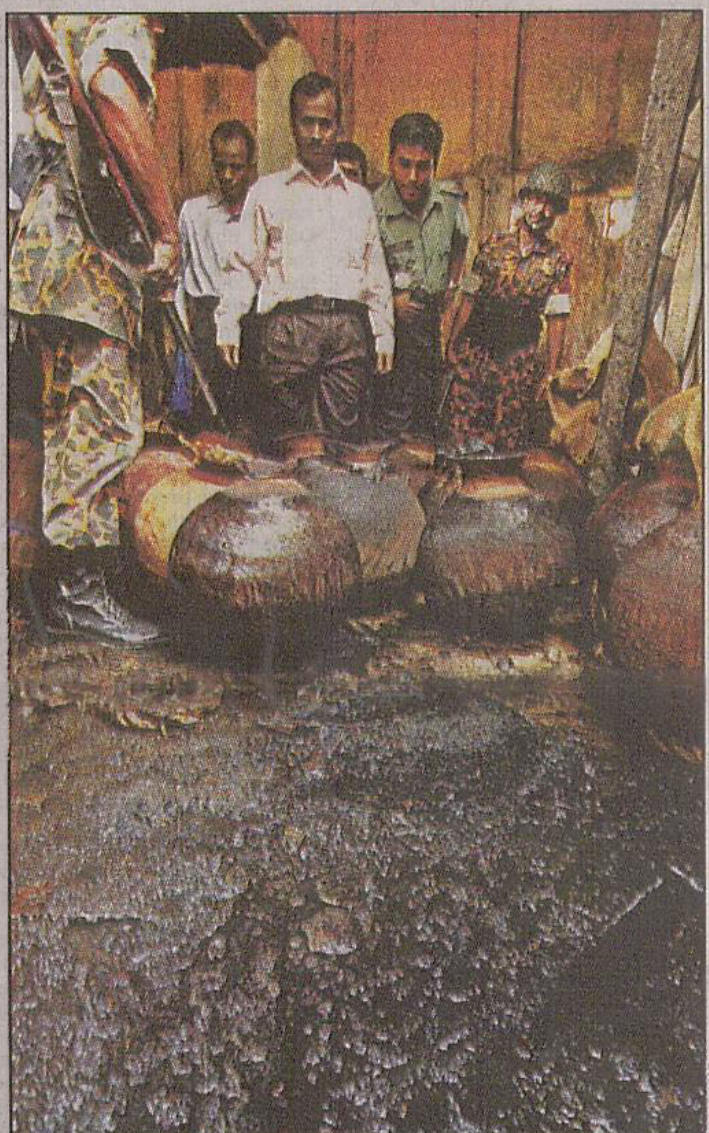
## Gayeshwar refutes rumour of resignation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, joint secretary general of the ruling BNP, refuted the rumour of his resignation from the party before being admitted to a hospital with ill health yesterday.

The BNP leader hinted he might resign from the party in an interview

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A mobile court finds rotten molasses and unhygienic conditions at the factory of Shadhana Aushadhalaya at Sutrapur in the capital yesterday. The court fined the factory Tk 1,20,000.

## Case against Huda to be heard on Oct 9

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, yesterday admitted the accusation against Communications Minister Nazmul Huda and his 35 supporters over unlawful assembly, looting and ransacking the Fazlur Rahman Foundation office in Dohar.

Earlier on September 13, the First Class Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, refused to take the case filed by the secretary of the foundation.

It was stated in the case that

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## Media no less than terrorists

Says Nizami

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer and Industries Minister Matfur Rahman Nizami has said the role of media is not less than that of terrorists.

The minister was addressing a seminar on 'Fundamentalism, militancy and Islam' organised by Bangladesh Quran Shikha Society at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Chaired by Moulana Abdus Saheed Nasim, the seminar was attended, among others, by former secretary Shah Abdul Hannan, Editor of the Daily Sangram Abul Asad and Dhaka City Jamaat Secretary Moulana Rafiqul Islam Khan.

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## Update voter list with photos

Asks Hasina, leaves for India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday opposed the move to prepare a fresh electoral roll ahead of the next general election but demanded inclusion of voters' pictures after updating the existing list.

"The BNP-Jamaat-led alliance

has been conspiring to rig the next election sensing their defeat. And the preparation for a fresh voter list with the involvement of coalition loyalists is part of their conspiracy," Hasina told newsmen at the Zia International Airport before flying off to India for a five-day visit.

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## Woman bomber kills 7 in Iraq army centre

REUTERS, Tal Afar

A female suicide bomber blew herself up outside an army recruitment center in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar on Wednesday, killing at least seven and wounding 37, police said.

The recruitment center, housed

in a former US military base, had only opened on Wednesday after a joint Iraqi-US military operation which US forces said had effectively rid Tal Afar of what they called "terrorists and foreign fighters."

"A suicide bomber blew herself up in front of the recruitment center.

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## Good aman outlook can't beat farmers' worry

REAZ AHMAD, back from Comilla

The recent rise in diesel and fertiliser prices has sent a chill to otherwise happy Comilla farmers faring for a good harvest in aman crop.

Crop growers at farm-rich Srimantapur Village under Chandina in Comilla expressed a deep sense of worry at recent price hikes of potash, triple super phosphate (TSP) and diesel, which they use for running irrigation pumps in the farmlands.

Chandina farmers, known for their aptitude in growing quality vegetables, potatoes in particular, feared that the rise in TSP and pot-

ash prices along with repeated inflation in diesel prices would make potato and boro farming difficult.

Talking to visiting journalists on Tuesday, they complained that a 50-kg bag of potash is now selling at Tk 600 compared to Tk 410 a year ago, while a 50-kg bag of TSP, produced by the state-run factory of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), is selling at Tk 950 compared to Tk 750 last year.

Local fertiliser dealer Nuruzzaman Bhuiyan did not contradict the farmers' complaints, but said, "BCIC supplies only 10 percent of the country's TSP requirements

while the rest comes mainly from China and Tunisia. We're now selling the imported TSP at Tk 600 a bag, down Tk 100 from last year's price of Tk 700, as the government has given subsidies to TSP importers."

However, Nayak Md Abu Taher, an elderly grower who now cares more for farming after retiring from the Bangladesh Army, reminded that "the quality of imported TSP is nowhere near the homegrown one. Besides there are fears of purchasing adulterated fertiliser."

It appeared both from the dealers and users' sides that they were quite happy with the current stable price

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## IG (Prisons) removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday dismissed Inspector General (Prisons) Toufique Islam from his job several hours into a joint drive in Dhaka Central Jail.

Brigadier General Zakir Hossain has replaced him.

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## Prayer Timing

September 29

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:35	5:10
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	6:00	6:05
Esha	7:30	8:00

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