

**Cops home in on Delhi bombers**  
*India says blasts won't affect peace process with Pakistan*

AFP, New Delhi

Police have prepared a sketch of a key suspect in New Delhi's deadly bombings, Indian media said yesterday as Hindus celebrated the Diwali festival under tight security and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh hinted at a Pakistani link to the blasts.

An Indian minister said the weekend bomb attacks that claimed 62 lives in New Delhi would not affect peace talks with Pakistan despite the hints by Manmohan Singh.

"The Delhi serial blasts will have no effect on the ongoing peace process between India and Pakistan," junior home minister Sri Prakash Jaiswal told reporters in the northern town of Sultanpur, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Detectives were hunting for a casually-dressed unshaven man in his twenties, whom witnesses saw slipping off a bus after leaving a bag which exploded minutes later in the Okhla industrial area, police sources were quoted as saying.

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Sehri-Iftar			
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar
28	2		5-22
29	3	4-44	5-22



Prayer Timing		
November 2		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-44	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-22	5-37
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

**Ministries asked to make performance indicators**

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Ministries will have to work out a performance indicator under the medium term budget framework (MTBF) to promote transparency and accountability as the future allocations are to be made on the basis of that indicator.

The Finance Division has sent a circular to 10 ministries asking them to prepare the performance indicator and their respective budget for the next three years.

The government had earlier initiated large-scale reform programmes in preparing the budget and implementing it. Last year it asked four ministries under the reform programmes to prepare their budget,

and has added six more this year.

However, the ministries will now have an additional responsibility of making a performance indicator besides preparing budgets and prepare and publish a report on their financial and non-financial activities.

The ministries of education, agriculture, social welfare, women and children affairs, health and family welfare, communications, primary and mass education, fisheries and livestock, water resources, and local government department have come under the Finance Division directive.

Each of the ministries will also have a budget management committee headed by its secretary. The committee will set medium term target and

assess the achievement on the basis of the performance indicator.

The committee will also monitor progress of a certain programme and undertake steps to ensure that the set targets are achieved.

Every year a sizeable portion of the thousands of crore taka in revenue and development budget is wasted. There are departments and directorates under different ministries that have little work to do, but staff of those organs are eating away big chunks of the revenue budget.

Moreover, many non-priority projects are incorporated in the annual development programmes.

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**Rezaul Karim laid to rest**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ambassador MM Rezaul Karim was laid to rest yesterday at the Banani graveyard in the capital with state honour.

Karim, who was the Bangladeshi ambassador to Egypt and a freedom fighter, died of a heart attack in Cairo on October 29 at the age of 70.

His qulkhani will be held tomorrow after the Asr prayers at Gulshan Grand Azad Mosque.

Karim's body was flown in from Cairo yesterday noon. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Advisor to the Foreign Ministry Reaz Rahman, Privatisation Commission Chairman Inam Ahmed Chowdhury and high officials of the ministry received his body at the Zia International Airport.

Diplomats of different countries paid their last tributes placing

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Most of the launches are carrying passengers within capacity amidst a ban when the Coco-3, owned by the prime minister's son Tarique Rahman, sets out from Sadarghat in Dhaka yesterday, defying the law in presence of mobile courts and law enforcers.

**Irked Syria to cooperate with Hariri inquiry**

AFP, Damascus/Moscow

Syria vowed yesterday to cooperate with a UN inquiry into the murder of former Lebanese prime minister Rafiq Hariri after a Security Council resolution demanded that Damascus help or face the consequences.

However defiant officials and thousands of Syrians who turned out to protest in the aftermath of the resolution maintained Damascus's innocence over the assassination, even though a report by the inquiry team has implicated top security officials here.

The resolution, passed by 15 votes to 0, demands that Syria detain suspects and urges a travel ban and a freeze of assets on all individuals designated as suspects in the slaying.

While a passage threatening sanctions was withdrawn to ensure a unanimous vote, the text does say the council "if necessary, could consider further action." It did not spell out what the action could be.

"The resolution is unjust. Syria regrets that such a resolution was

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Rab men search a car with dog squad on Bijoy Sarani in the city as law enforcers swung into action yesterday as part of stepped up security measures ahead of the 13th Saarc Summit.

**Sweater factory godown gutted**

UNB, Dhaka

A godown of a sweater factory was gutted in a fire in the city's Kafrul area yesterday.

However, no casualty was reported. Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short-circuit at about 5:00am and soon engulfed the godown of UE Sweater Pvt Ltd on the 6th floor of Chourangi Market at Senpara Parabata under Kafrul Police Station.

On information, nine units of firefighters from Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Kurmitola and Fire Brigade Headquarters rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at about 8:00am.

The management of the factory estimated the loss in the fire at about Tk 1.5 crore.

**COMMUNICATION SECTOR MOST CORRUPT**  
**No Huda proof yet to discredit TIB report**

*Extended JS body deadline to minister expires again*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body could not probe corruption allegations against the communications ministry as the minister did not provide it with necessary documents after a TIB (Transparency International Bangladesh) report listed the sector as the most corrupt one.

Responding to the demand of Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, the parliamentary standing

committee on his ministry formed a sub-committee on October 2 to probe the allegation in a month.

But the one-month deadline expires today with no headway made in the investigation.

The sub-committee headed by ruling BNP lawmaker Syed Manjur Hossain, also chairman of the parliamentary

standing committee.

**4 held with gun, explosives in Chittagong**

UNB, Ctg

Police in two separate drives seized a light gun (LG), 8-kg of explosives and arrested four in the port city yesterday.

Kotwali police arrested two young men, Sumon Mia and Asgar Ali, along with one LG at a house at Love Lane. Police said the arrestees are the members of an organised gang of muggers.

In another drive, police recovered 8-kg of explosives from a house at West Madarbari and arrested two militants, Imam Hossain and Karim.

Imam and Karim confessed to their involvement in August 17 and October 3 bomb blasts, police said.

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