

Home asks law ministry to speed up penning law against terrorism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
In the wake of the continued bomb attacks by Islamist militants, the home ministry in a letter yesterday urged the law ministry to speed up the drafting of a law to contain terrorism.

MEETING WITH HASINA Howells for free polls, action against bombing

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The visiting UK Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Dr Kim Howells yesterday made a plea for action against bomb attacks in Bangladesh.

There should not be any bomb attacks or 'terrorist activities' in Bangladesh, the British minister told journalists as he emerged from a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence in the capital.

MAKING FRESH VOTER LIST EC high-ups in dark as 3 lakh staff getting job

SHAKHAWAT LITON
With the disagreement over preparing a fresh voter list for the next parliamentary election remaining in the Election Commission (EC), the EC secretariat is set to complete recruiting around three lakh enumerators and other officials for the work by next week.



An eviction squad of Dhaka City Corporation demolishes a number of illegal structures adjacent to the Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

BIRD FLU China confirms 3 human cases

AP, Beijing
China reported its first three confirmed human cases of bird flu yesterday as the government raced to vaccinate billions of chickens, ducks and other poultry in a massive effort to stop the spread of the virus.

Boy killed by BSF in Kurigram

BDNEWS, Kurigram
The Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi boy on Roumari border in Kurigram in the afternoon yesterday.

Jalil, Maya face wrath of Hanif supporters

BDNEWS, Dhaka
Awami League (AL) General Secretary Abdul Jalil and City Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya came under fire of City President Mohammad Hanif's followers yesterday.

ATTACK ON JUDGE Sylhet bomber tight-lipped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Sylhet kotwali police could not extract any significant information from the suspected JMB cadre Obayed Prodhania during the 4-day remand, which ended yesterday.



Visiting UK Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Kim Howells meets Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

Charmonai Pir terms Jamaat enemy of Islam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira
Islami Shashantantra Andolon (ISA) Ameer Charmonai Pir Maulana Syed Fazlul Karim yesterday termed Jamaat-e-Islami as the "enemy of Islam."

CHANDPUR POWER PROJECT PDB ignores review panel's directive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
When the country starves for power, the Power Development Board (PDB) has showed another example of complete indifference by not complying with a government-commissioned Review Panel's directive for concluding contract with the successful bidder for a 150-megawatt Chandpur Power Project within the stipulated time.

Bishwa Ijtema from Jan 26

BDNEWS, Gazipur
The three-day Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of the Muslim community after Hajj, will begin on January 27 on the bank of the Turagriver in Tongi.

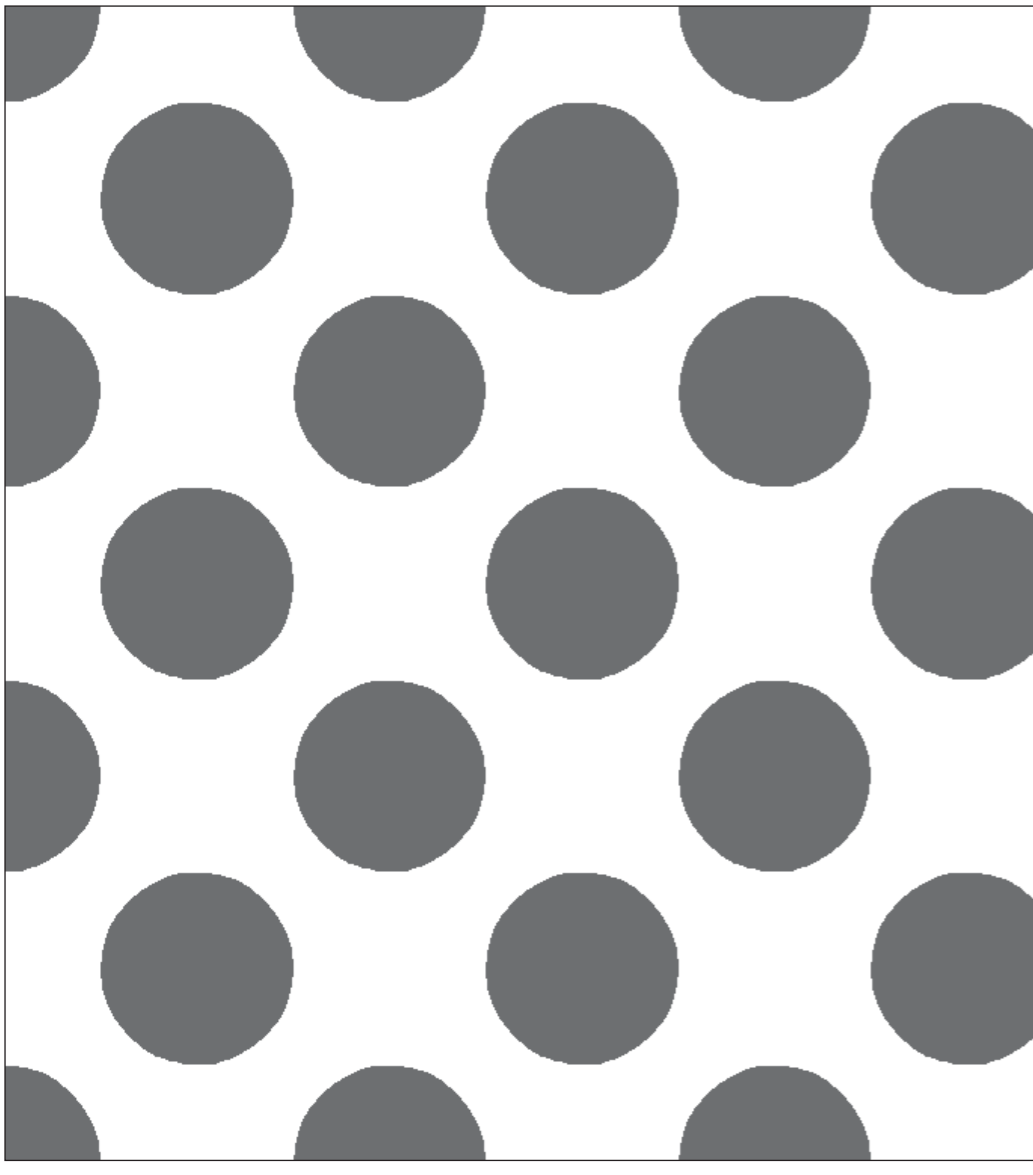


Table with Prayer Timing for November 17, including columns for Azan and Jamaat times for Fair, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, and Esha.