

KAMRUL KILLING
One of the
'killers' held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday nabbed one of the killers of Mirpur Commerce College student Kamrul Islam Momin, gunned down at Ibrahimpur in Mirpur on September 13 allegedly following a land feud with former officer-in-charge (OC) of Mothijheel Police Station.

Mohammadpur police arrested Jafor alias Rabi, a close accomplice of the city's top notorious criminal Kala Jahangir, from Shyamali road No. 2 at 9:00am when he was roaming in the area.

Later, Jafor, one of the first accused listed in the information report (FIR), was handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), who is investigating the killing.

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C'WEALTH SUMMIT
Dhaka's proposal
for LDCs' duty,
quota-free market
access accepted

UNB, Malta

Commonwealth leaders accepted Bangladesh's proposal for Least Developed Countries' (LDC) duty and quota-free access to the markets of developed countries and developing countries, where possible.

The leaders also welcomed Bangladesh's proposal to establish a Commonwealth Natural Disaster Management Programme. The final communique is expected to give the Commonwealth Secretariat a mandate to start work to make the programme operational.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan is leading the Bangladesh delegation to the three-day summit of the 53-member forum of former British colonies.

Khan projected the vulnerability of the LDCs facing daunting challenges as the emerging World Trade Organisation (WTO) regime threatens to further marginalise them in global trade.

The Commonwealth leaders at the final phase of the retreat were busy finalising the Malta

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Tejgaon rail crossing, which does not have a barrier to close road when a train passes, remains a danger to vehicles and pedestrians.

Hannan placed
on fresh 5-day
remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Mufti Abdul Hannan, operations commander of banned Harkatul Jihad's (Huji) Bangladesh chapter, was placed on a fresh five-day remand yesterday for the ninth time since his arrest on October 1.

Hannan was remanded in one of the August 17 blast cases filed after an explosion near the Jatrabari overbridge. He was shown arrested in the case on November 17 and was placed on a 10-day remand for interrogation.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police, accompanied by the Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) members, produced Hannan before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at 3:30pm on completion of

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PRICE FIXING

Niko threatens to stop Feni gas supply

Demands date for deal by tomorrow

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Niko Resources Limited has sought a timetable from Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation, cautioned Niko that the corporation will go for legal action if gas supply from Feni is halted.

"If Niko is not assured of a deadline for fixing the gas price and the agreement by 4:00pm on Tuesday, gas supply from Feni field will be stopped," a Niko official said quoting a letter sent to Petrobangla yesterday.

In the latest letter addressed to

The Canadian energy junior's ultimatum came after Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation, cautioned Niko that the corporation will go for legal action if gas supply from Feni is halted.

On Thursday, Niko threatened to stop gas supply from Feni field it had developed from an abandoned condition under a joint venture agreement with BAPEX, a company of Petrobangla, if the price is not determined by today.

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C'wealth aims to scrap export subsidy by 2010
Summit turns focus on routing terrorism, facilitating orderly migration

AFP, Valletta

Leaders of the 53-nation Commonwealth turned their attention to tackling terrorism and mass migration yesterday after launching a united push for a global trade deal that would scrap export subsidies by 2010.

Terrorism and illegal migration were the main topics on the agenda as the leaders put the finishing touches to a final statement, expected in the early afternoon.

Leaders would particularly examine the subtle undercurrents which lead to extremism, and concentrate on building inter-faith understanding among its members across five continents, as well as encouraging greater tolerance, officials told AFP.

Much time has already been given

over at the summit to a discussion on mass migration, including the idea of rich countries accepting "temporary migration" of workers from poor countries to fuel their economies, Malta's Foreign Minister Michael Frendo said.

"Some countries which are countries of origin of migration actually lamented the fact that they were seeing a depletion of their human resources, that their mass migration not only included people from the lower levels of education but also well trained people including those from the medical services," Frendo told AFP.

"And other countries of destination, of settlement, expressed the

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