

Detained forest conservator Ali Kabir has nine plots in capital

UNB, Dhaka
Apart from his other assets, forest conservator Ali Kabir Haider, already in jail, has nine plots in the capital, according to his wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

ICDDR,B OVERCROWDED
Move to shift patients to govt hospitals fails

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A handful of diarrhoea patients were transferred to public hospitals from International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) yesterday after the government decided to transfer patients from ICDDR,B to other hospitals as it is overwhelmed with patients.

FLOOD
Two advisers give different death figures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Food and Disaster Management Adviser Tapan Chowdhury and Health and Family Welfare Adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) ASM Matiuir Rahman yesterday gave two different figures of flood-related casualties during a joint press conference at the Bangladesh Secretariat.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed visits a voter registration centre in Rajshahi yesterday.

Shab-e-Barat on Aug 29

UNB, Dhaka
The holy Lailatul Barat will be observed on August 29, as the moon of Shaban month was not sighted anywhere in the country yesterday.



ICDDR,B continues to be crammed with diarrhoea patients as floodwater is receding. About 800 patients were admitted yesterday.

Verdict in gold smuggling case against Ershad on Sept 6

COURT CORRESPONDENT
The verdict of a case filed about 16 years back against former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad on charge of gold smuggling will be delivered on September 6.

Entire Dhaka to come under surveillance

DMP plans to install 155 cameras at 59 points
SHARIFUL ISLAM
Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) are expected to enter the digital era of traffic management and crime control within a year by setting up a unified control room that will bring the whole city under surveillance.

Biman's Jeddah flight finally cancelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A Jeddah bound Biman flight with 301 passengers was finally cancelled last night after it was delayed by about 24 hours due to technical faults.

Indigenous people want their rights recognised

RU CORRESPONDENT
Indigenous people in Rajshahi yesterday demanded constitutional recognition of their rights and introduction of their mother languages in primary education to increase literacy rate.

Cost of S Asia floods nears \$1 billion

AFP, Undated
The cost of South Asia's worst flooding in decades has reached nearly one billion dollars, officials said Tuesday, as Bangladesh struggled to cope with a major outbreak of water-borne disease.

Babar's trial in arms case begins

Mintoo shown held in extortion case
COURT CORRESPONDENT
The trial of an arms case against detained former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar began with deposition of the complainant at a Dhaka court yesterday.

Crackdown on Iraqi Shia militants

5 more US soldiers slain, 15 Iraqis killed in bombings, attacks
AFP, Baghdad
US and Iraqi troops launched massive raids across Iraq yesterday as part of a sweeping operation to rein in militants ahead of the start of the holy month of Ramadan, the US military said.

Creek barrage brings new hope to farmers in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari
Barrages built on the creeks running down the hills of Khagrachhari brought welcome relief to the usual hard living of the population there by providing them with a chance to bring previously fallow lands under cultivation, raise ducks and cultivate fishes.



Barrages built on creeks in the hilly Khagrachhari district have facilitated cultivation of fallow lands, raising of ducks and fish farming, easing life.

Table with Prayer Timing for August 15, including Azan and Jamaat times for Fajr, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, and Esha.