



## Abed gets Clinton Global Award

UNB, Dhaka

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**RU reopens Oct 28, Ruet Oct 23**

RU CORRESPONDENT

Authorities of Rajshahi University (RU) and Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) in separate syndicate meetings decided to resume classes from October 28 and October 23 respectively.

The RU residential halls will open on October 25 while Ruet dormitories will open on October 22.

Only eight out of 17 members of

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**EXPLOSIVE POSSESSION 2 JMB leaders jailed for 14yrs**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Speedy Trial Tribunal judge of Sylhet yesterday awarded two JMB leaders 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 2,000 in default to suffer another one year each for storing explosives and bomb making substances at a house in Sylhet.

The convicts are regional chief of Sylhet JMB Moulna Saidur Rahman, hailing from village Khozargao under Bahubal

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# Flooding continues to get worse

### STAR REPORT

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65,984 houses completely and 9,27,650 partially, 557 educational institutions completely and 7,686 partially, 88 kms of embankments completely and 863 kms partially, and 78 bridges and culverts were completely and 1,692 partially, said the ministry sources.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) said the Brahmaputra-Jamuna observed rise by 13cm at Noonkhawa, 9cm at Chilmari, 5cm at Bahadurabad, 4cm at Sirajganj and 9cm at Aricha and were flowing above danger levels yesterday.

The Ganges-Padma observed rise by 7cm at Pankha, 9cm at Rajshahi, 5cm at Hardinge Bridge, 6cm at Goalundo and 5cm at Bhagyalakshmi and was flowing 9cm, 85cm and 69cm above danger levels at Pankha, Goalundo and Bhagyalakshmi, while the Meghna recorded a rise by 11cm at Bhairab Bazar and was flowing 3cm above the danger level.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports: Seven-year-old Jannati

Khatun of village Khamar Boali under Gaibandha Sadar upazila drowned in floodwater.

Having crossed the danger level, the Karotoa at Gobindaganj upazila may overflow Gobindaganj-Dinajpur highway at any time. The Brahmaputra was flowing above the danger mark and erosion took serious turn at Arendabari, Kabilpur and Char Krishnamoni under Fulchhari upazila where the river devoured 35 dwelling huts by night rendering 150 people shelterless.

At least 250 diarrhoea patients were admitted to Lalmonirhat Sadar hospital in the last three days while many others, mostly children, went to other hospitals and health complexes, reports a correspondent from Lalmonirhat.

Our correspondent from Sirajganj reports: Over seven lakh people have been marooned as the Jamuna was flowing above the danger level at several points yesterday, worsening the flood

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Islam Chhatri Shibir hangs a banner on the campus of the Institute of Health Technologies, Dhaka to welcome freshmen, disregarding the government ban on such activities under the state of emergency.

PHOTO: STAR

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Source: Islamic Foundation

## Hilsa outlets to be opened in city during Ramadan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government intends to set up a number of outlets in the capital to sell hilsa fish at a fairly lower price during the month of Ramadan.

Adviser to the Fisheries and Livestock Ministry Dr CS Karim said this at a briefing at the auditorium of Matsya Bhaban yesterday.

The briefing was held to inform consumers about supply and market price of hilsa and the government's success in conservation of jatka [hilsa fry] and the move to check netting of the fry there.

The adviser told reporters they are in contact with Dhaka City Corporation authorities on the outlets. But the number of outlets and their exact location has not yet

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# Govt moves to get rid of middlemen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to adopt a number of measures including cutting out the middlemen, also known as Forias, and introducing voucher system at four wholesale markets in Dhaka to curb prices of essentials during the month of Ramadan.

The decisions were taken in an inter-ministerial meeting at local government and rural development (LGRD) ministry with LGRD Adviser M Anwarul Iqbal in the chair. High officials from Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), law enforcement agencies, the deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhaka and representatives from all wholesale and retail markets in Dhaka were also present at the meeting.

Law enforcement agencies including Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Rapid action Battalion (Rab) have been assigned to enforce the decisions of the meeting as well as monitoring violations at the wholesale markets.

The voucher system at the wholesale markets would take effect from today (Thursday). As per the decision of the meeting, the wholesalers would be required to prepare and follow daily price lists for the sale of commodities and provide vouchers or receipts to retailers upon each sale.

The representatives of all wholesale markets in Dhaka present at the meeting agreed to dissolve the middleman system in the markets.

In a letter submitted before the LGRD adviser, Dhaka City Fish and Kitchen Market Small Traders Association alleged that the

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## Japan PM quits after string of scandals

AFP, Tokyo

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe resigned yesterday after less than a year in power, falling victim to a string of scandals that hampered his reform agenda and sent his popularity plummeting.

The conservative 52-year-old, the youngest Japanese leader in

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## TIGERS' OPENER AGAINST WI TODAY

# Easy wins for New Zealand, Pakistan

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Shahid Afridi smashed 22 off seven balls and then grabbed 4-19 as Pakistan brushed aside Scotland by 51 runs while New Zealand fast bowler Mark Gillespie returned the best-ever figures in Twenty20 cricket as New Zealand demolished Kenya by nine wickets in back-to-back ICC World Twenty20 Championship matches at Kingsmead in Durban yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh face West Indies in their opening match

of the championship at the Wanderers in Johannesburg today. ESPN will beam live coverage of the game from 2.00pm Bangladesh Time.

Their opening match against the Caribbeans is as crucial as cricket games come, especially for the West Indies who must win to stay in the competition. Victory for Bangladesh on the other hand will ensure that the Tigers are not catching an early flight back home and a chance for more heroics in

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## 40 die as Pak militant hideout pounded

AFP, Miranshah, Pakistan

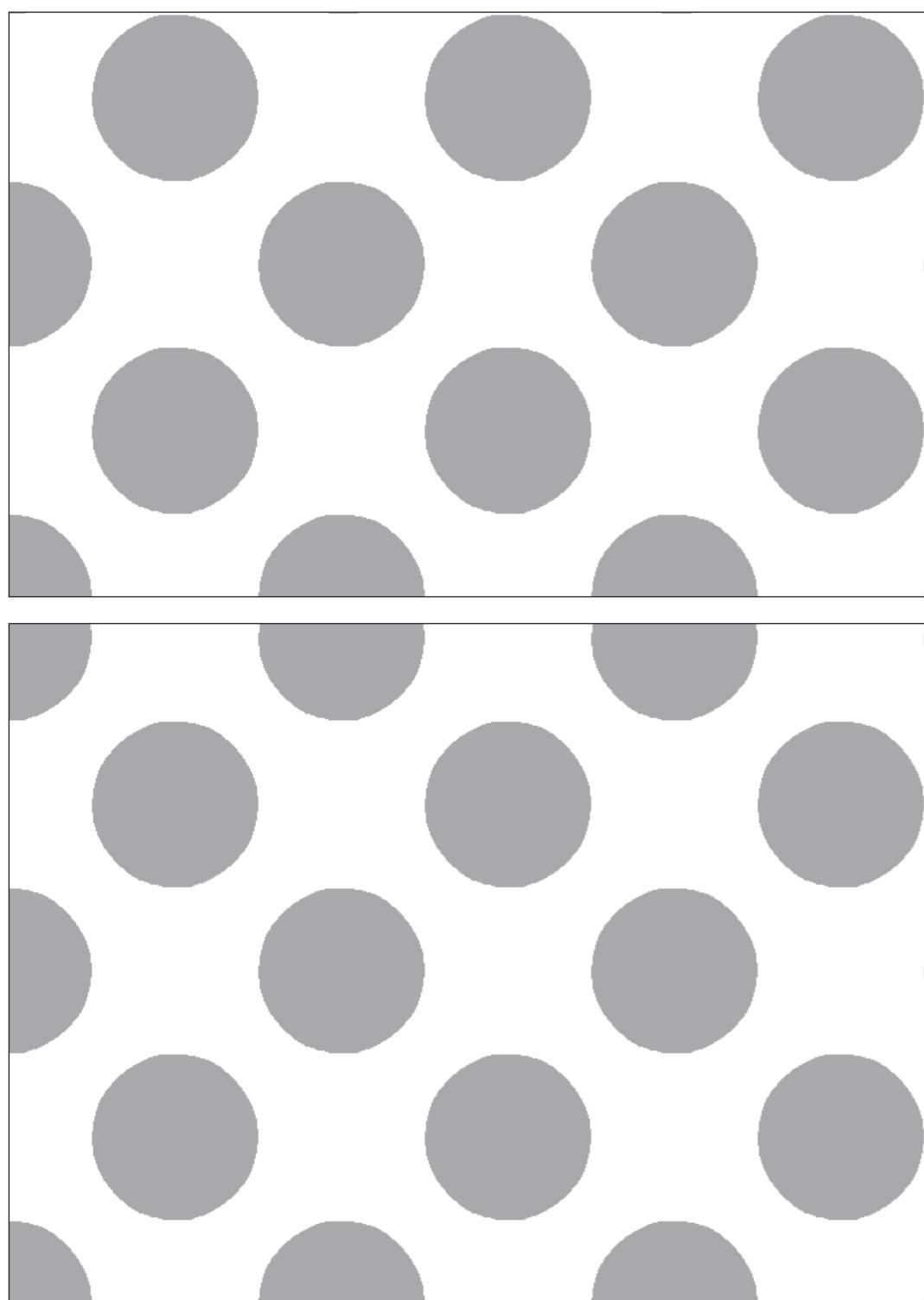
"The ground troops have started reaching the area for mopping-up operations once the firing ends," Arshad added.

He said the area where the operation took place, known as Punj Ziarat, was on the border between the troubled tribal zones of South and North Waziristan, where US officials have said that Al-Qaeda is regrouping.

Militants in Punj Ziarat had mounted several attacks on security force convoys passing through the region.

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