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CA to attend  
62nd UNGA  
session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Fakhrudin Ahmed will leave for New York on September 22 to attend the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which opens tomorrow at the UN headquarters.

Fakhrudin's weeklong trip, first trip to the United States as chief adviser, will focus largely on climate change, as part of the government efforts to push countries to tackle the scourge of global warming that will significantly affect Bangladesh.

The chief adviser is scheduled to address a high-level event organised by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on "Addressing the

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10,000 more  
bullets seized  
from Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A squad of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) early yesterday recovered 10,000 rifle bullets and three magazines of sub-machine gun (SMG) at Gazni forest in Jhenaigati, a frontier upazila of Sherpur district.

BDR conducted operations at six places near the bordering areas of greater Mymensingh district Sunday and early hours of yesterday and recovered the bullets. Sector Commander Col Anisuzzaman of 45 Battalion led the operations.

Muhammad Ali Sarker, a Subedar of BDR, filed a general diary (GD) with the Jhenaigati Police Station in this connection. The recovered bullets were handed over to Jhenaigati Police Station after the operations.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Jhenaigati Police Station told The

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BNP factions  
deny bid to  
woo B Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both the factions of BNP yesterday denied taking any initiatives to woo Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury.

Pro-Khaleda Zia leader and BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain said they did not make any move to talk with any leaders including B Chowdhury. He claimed even nobody from the party contacted the BNP's founding secretary general, who defected from the party in 2002.

"I heard he (B Chowdhury) will form a new alliance of nationalistic forces; so let's wait and see what he does," Delwar told reporters at his NAM apartment house.

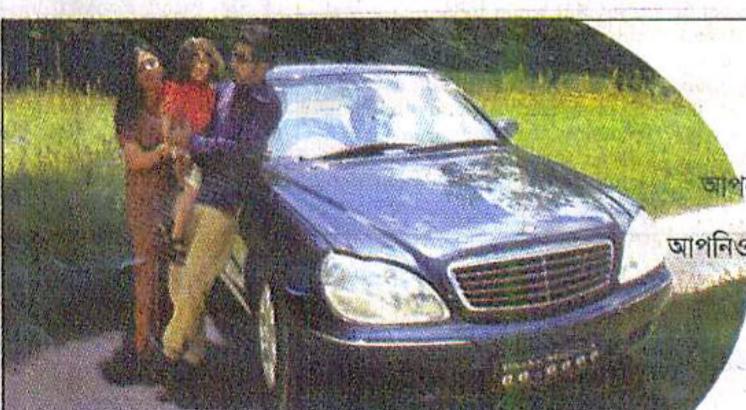
Asked about next party council, he said it is not possible to hold the council without approval of the chairperson as she is in jail.

"Bhuiyan can hold a council of the so-called reformists group, not of BNP as he is no more in BNP," he remarked.

He also said BNP is united under the leadership of Khaleda Zia, trashing reports of differences between him and Hannan Shah.

Terming the recent meeting called by Bhuiyan unsuccessful, he told the reporters BNP standing committee members are with him,

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এমন একটা সুন্দর জীবন  
আপনারও হতে পারে মাত্র  
বছরে  
আপনিও হতে পারেন মিলিয়নিয়ার

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৭,৮৯০ টাকা এবং ১০ বছরে ৮,৫৭০ টাকা মাসিক সরবরাহে মাধ্যমে আপনি হতে পারেন ১০ লক্ষ টাকার  
গুরুত্ব মালিক। তাই এখনই সুন্দর জীবন মিলিয়নিয়ার হবার সবচেয়ে সহজ সুযোগ।

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IAEA to help  
set up nuke  
power plant

UNB, Dhaka

In response to an appeal from Dhaka, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has assured assistance in establishing a nuclear power plant in Bangladesh for generating electricity.

This assurance came when Adviser for Science and ICT Tapan Chowdhury called on Deputy Director General and Head of Nuclear Energy of the IAEA Yuri Sokolov in Vienna yesterday, according to a message received here.

During the meeting, the adviser asked for IAEA help in formulating an action plan for the proposed nuclear power plant project for power generation.

The IAEA was also requested to provide technical support for building the plant.

Japan favours  
early restoration  
of democracy

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting Director General for Southeast and Southwest Asia of Japan foreign ministry Chihiro Atsumi yesterday said his country favours early restoration of democracy in Bangladesh.

"Japan and Bangladesh are very good friends and our bilateral relation is excellent. We discussed current political situation and reform by the caretaker government," he told reporters after meeting with Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.

Japanese Ambassador in Bangladesh Masayuki Inoue was present.

Atsumi said the foreign adviser

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Parties to ask EC to  
ban war criminals  
from polls

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Most of the political parties selected for electoral reform talks with the Election Commission (EC), plan to ask the electoral authority to include provisions in the laws disqualifying the anti-liberation forces and war criminals from contesting in polls.

If the majority of the participants submit the same proposal on the issue, the EC might consider the proposal quite seriously, and in case of its inability to incorporate the proposal into the upcoming

new electoral law, it will publicise ample clarifications for its failure, senior officials in the EC Secretariat said referring to the commission's adopted policies for the talks.

The EC that began the much awaited electoral talks on September 12, selecting 15 political parties for the dialogues, decided to disclose a report on the outcome once the process comes to a conclusion.

Before the talks began, Chief Election Commissioner (ATM) Shamsul Huda had repeatedly

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Three held for  
kidnapping  
Bangladeshi in  
Afghanistan

STAR REPORT

Afghan police said yesterday they had arrested three men over the kidnapping of a Bangladeshi development worker, an incident they said was criminal and not related to Taliban insurgents.

The men had claimed the Bangladeshi national had been taken across the border into Pakistan after his abduction at the weekend and would be brought back in a few days, Logar province police chief Ghulam Mustafa told AFP.

In Dhaka, Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday expressed grave concern

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How finest highway  
turns into the worst

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, BOGRA

The highway to the northern Bangladesh was one of the best when it was built with foreign assistance in 1978. Today, it could as well be billed as the worst highway in the country with a 34-kilometer path between Bogra and Sherpur becoming totally unusable.

The highway landed in its present state as no maintenance work had been carried out on it since it was handed to the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in 1994. The rest of the highway is also badly pitted and may become unusable any time.

A quick survey on 13 kilometers of the road about four months ago found over 13,000 potholes. But no one knows how many craters have

developed since then.

Iftekhar Kabir, executive engineer of the RHD, told The Daily Star that unless immediate steps are taken to repair the whole length of the road, the road connection with the north may become difficult. A warning note has been sent to the higher authorities but any decisions are yet to come.

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BREAKING EMERGENCY POWER RULES  
Charges framed  
against 6 RU  
teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi metropolitan magistrate's court for speedy trial yesterday framed charges against six detained Rajshahi University teachers in the case filed for violating Emergency Power Rules (EPR) 2007 during last month's student unrest.

The accused are former vice chancellor M Saidur Rahman Khan, Convener of Progressive Teachers' Society M Abdus Sobhan, Moloy Bhoumik of management department, and Dulal

Chandra Biswas, Sayed Selim Reza Newton and Abdullah Al Mamun of mass communication department.

The other charges included violation of EPR through bringing out a silent procession on August 21 protesting Dhaka University incidents, instigating students to be violent on the following day, and observing strike on the plea of taking leave on July 26.

Khondoker Ferdous Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Mothar Police Station, lodged the case against Saidur, Sobhan and Moloy on

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সহজ উপায়ে টাকা পেতে  
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