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AUG 21 ATTACKS
Mufti Hannan
remanded
for 10 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Harkat-ul Jihad al Islami (Huji) leader Mufti Abdul Hannan on a 10-day remand in a case filed in connection with the August 21, 2004 grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally.

The investigation into the grenade attack on the AL rally took a new turn yesterday when CID investigators showed Hannan arrested in connection with the case and sought a 14-day remand before the court.

The investigation officer (IO) of the grenade attack case, Assistant Superintendent of Police of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Fazlul Kabir, in the forwarding report placed before the court said Mufti Hannan revealed that he and his associates were involved in the attack. The IO said Hannan master-minded the attack.

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Officials of Ziaur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University check students' ID cards before they enter it as all dormitories vacated on August 22 following campus violence reopened yesterday.

Female suicide squad threatens to attack Benazir Bhutto

PTI, AFP, Islamabad

Former Pakistan premier Benazir Bhutto has received a threat that she would be targeted by female suicide bombers, one of her close aides said yesterday.

Farooq Naik, a senior lawyer and member of the Senate or upper house of parliament, said the chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party had received a letter that contained the threat.

The letter was purportedly written by the leader of the suicide squad, Naik told Dawn News channel.

Naik indicated that the bombers might be linked to terrorist groups like al-Qaeda.

The development came five days after a suicide attack on Benazir Bhutto's homecoming rally in the southern port city of Karachi that claimed nearly 140

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DU dormitories reopen after 8 weeks

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) dormitories reopened yesterday aimed at resuming academic activities on October 28 after over eight weeks following violent incidents on the university campus last August.

A small number of students returned to 16 DU halls including four for female students on the first day. The students entered the dormitories, reopened at 9:30am.

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BSF kills 1

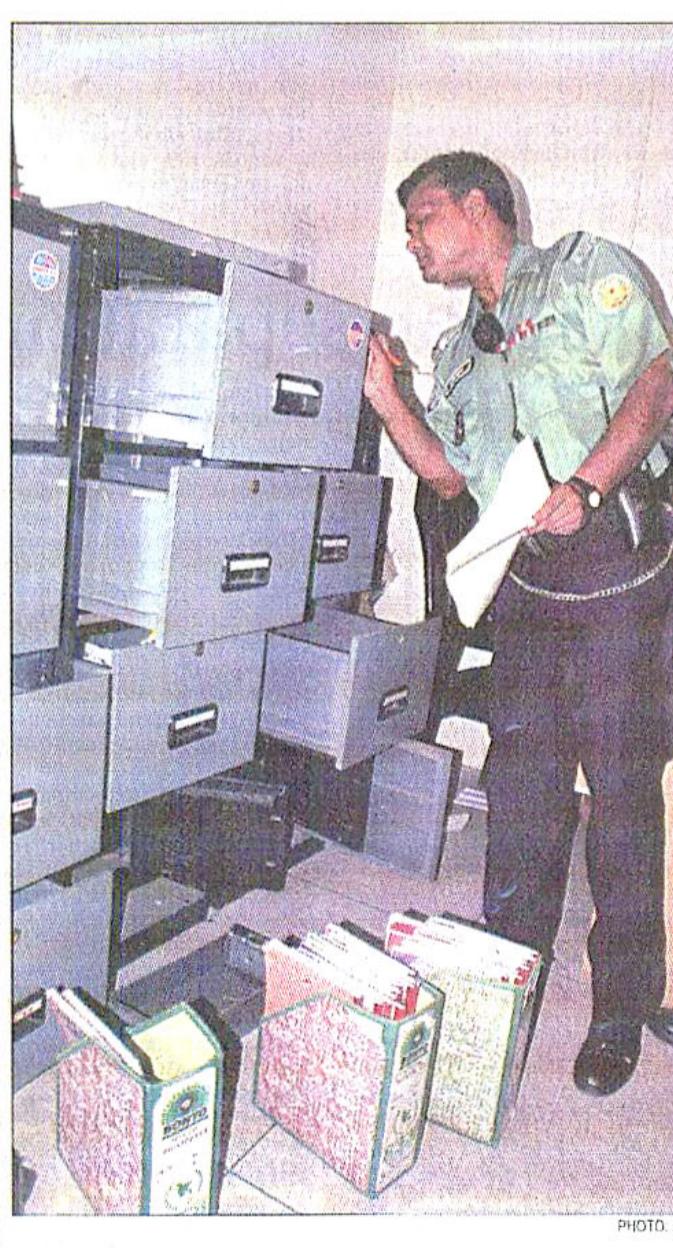
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) gunned down a Bangladeshi cattle trader on Kotol border in Thakurgaon's Haripur upazila early morning yesterday, BDR officials said.

The dead was identified as Mohammad Manjur Alam, 28, son of late Ratul Alam at Bhaturia Pashchimpara village in the upazila.

BDR officials at 14 Battalion said BSF troops at Krishnaganj camp opened fire on a group of

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Police conducting a probe at a private company office at Purana Paltan in the capital yesterday after Tk 13 lakh was stolen from there.



The army-led Task Force against Crime and Corruption yesterday stormed into the National Housing Authority Bhaban in Dhaka, set up a temporary office and installed a complaint box to monitor activities of the housing authority.

Hatirjheel survey begins today for development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The joint forces and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) today starts conducting a survey in Hatirjheel and Begunbari canal area in the capital for construction of a connecting road between Rampura bridge and Panthapath under a Tk 1,474 crore project.

Zoellick's meetings with the chief adviser and the finance adviser may touch on the caretaker government move to fight corruption and restore good governance.

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He is likely to meet Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and

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Task force starts
quizzing three
criminals deported
from India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Joint Interrogation Task Force yesterday started interrogating the three criminals who had been deported from India on October 7 and handed over to Bangladesh authorities.

The interrogation started a day after a Dhaka court placed the three criminals -- Habibur Rahman Taj, Sohel alias Ibrahim and Biplob Rahman alias Lambu Selim -- on a fresh five-day remand.

The three criminals, during

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Under the supervision of housing and public works ministry, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartirippakha (Rajuk), Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) and Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) will implement the project with the help of Buet and joint forces.

It is a much-talked-about issue for long that Hatirjheel and Begunbari canals must be saved to protect the capital from inundation as these form the lone natural drainage system for storm water.

But over the years, various private organisations, influential locals and also government institutions have built structures on the canals choking and making those vulnerable.

According to a Rajuk survey, there are more than 1,200 illegal establishments in the canal area.

Local Government and Rural Development Adviser Anwarul Iqbal recently said all illegal establishments including Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) building will be demolished. Whatever structures are built without approval in Begunbari and Hatirjheel area will be demolished," he told a meeting at the ministry.

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Task force to
monitor NHA
activities

UNB, Dhaka

The army-led Task Force against Crimes and Corruption yesterday stormed into the National Housing Authority (NHA) Bhaban on the premises of the Housing and Public Works Department and camped there to monitor its activities.

A team of the task force, led by Lt Col Abdul Khaleq, appeared at the National Housing Bhaban about 11:00am. After monitoring affairs of the department, the task force set up a temporary office on the ground floor of the building.

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Hospital lift falls from 8th floor: 15 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A poorly maintained elevator at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on Monday came tumbling down from 8th floor, endangering the lives of its passengers including a pregnant woman, her unborn child, an infant and 12 others.

The incident occurred at around 11:30am in Block C of BSMMU.

The impact of the fall was so severe that the pregnant woman's foetus membrane was ruptured

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BPC stares at \$650m loss

AFP, Dhaka

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) expects to lose a record Tk 4,500 crore this fiscal year due to a sharp increase in global crude prices.

The BPC incurred a loss of around Tk 762 crore (\$110 million) in the first three and half months of the fiscal year beginning in July.

But with global oil prices around 90 dollars a barrel, our loss this fiscal year would cross Tk 4,500 crore (\$650 million), BPC Chairman Anwarul Karim told AFP over telephone on Monday evening.

Oil prices have risen 50 percent

over the past 12 months and on Thursday the price of a barrel reached a new 90-dollar high.

"It's a tough situation for us. We have urged the government to raise the fuel prices or give us subsidy to cover the losses," he added.

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In April, Bangladesh's military-backed emergency government hiked fuel prices by as much as 21 percent when world crude prices were 60 to 65 dollars a barrel.

"Since then the crude prices in the international market have been increasing everyday. As a result, the prices of refined oil in the country are far lower than the international market," Karim said.

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ACC sues ex-CCF Munshi Anwarul for hiding wealth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against former chief conservator of forest Munshi Anwarul Islam on charges of amassing illegal wealth and providing false statement about his property to the watchdog.

ACC Assistant Director SM Sahidur Rahman filed the case with Ramna Police Station under sections 26(2) and 27(1) of ACC Act, 2004 and Emergency Power Rules, 2007.

The complainant in his first information report stated that although the former top forester drew a total salary of Tk 30.49 lakh

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* Result of the lottery will be hung in the lottery venue as well as 9-1 (1st & 2nd Floor), Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.

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