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Dhaka asks for quick delivery of Indian rice

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury held a meeting with his Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi yesterday and requested him to expedite action on the delivery of the requested amount of rice to Bangladesh.

He expressed the gratitude of the Bangladesh government for the relief supplies and the assurances of support given by the Indian government in the aftermath of cyclone Sidr.

The adviser also thanked the Indian government for its full cooperation in repatriating the remains

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## Kuakata left in Sidr ruins

SHAMIM ASHRAF, from Kuakata, with contributions from MORSHED ALI KHAN

The destruction Sidr inflicted on much of southern Bangladesh is not so apparent in the tourist resort of Kuakata, nevertheless the cyclone has left this community in total disarray.

All structures outside the embankment have been wiped out. Hotels, restaurants, dry fish traders, roadside shops and other beachside businesses have all been severely affected.

The possibility of quick rebuilding also seems thin as the affected, who badly need financial assistance, are yet to get any such assurance from the local administration.

Following the cyclone, relief poured in from all corners with locals receiving food, cash and materials to reconstruct their houses. However, during the

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## ACC to start examining 70,000 complaints

Sues Aminul Haque, MAH Salim; okays charge sheet against Manju, Atikullah Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) will begin from December 11 scrutinising around 70,000 allegations that have so far been submitted to the commission and initiate investigation according to the importance of the complaints.

ACC Director General (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal disclosed this during a regular press briefing at

the ACC headquarters yesterday.

The ACC yesterday sued former post and telecommunication minister barrister Aminul Haque and one of his aides on charge of misusing Tk 16.15 lakh government money for personal purposes.

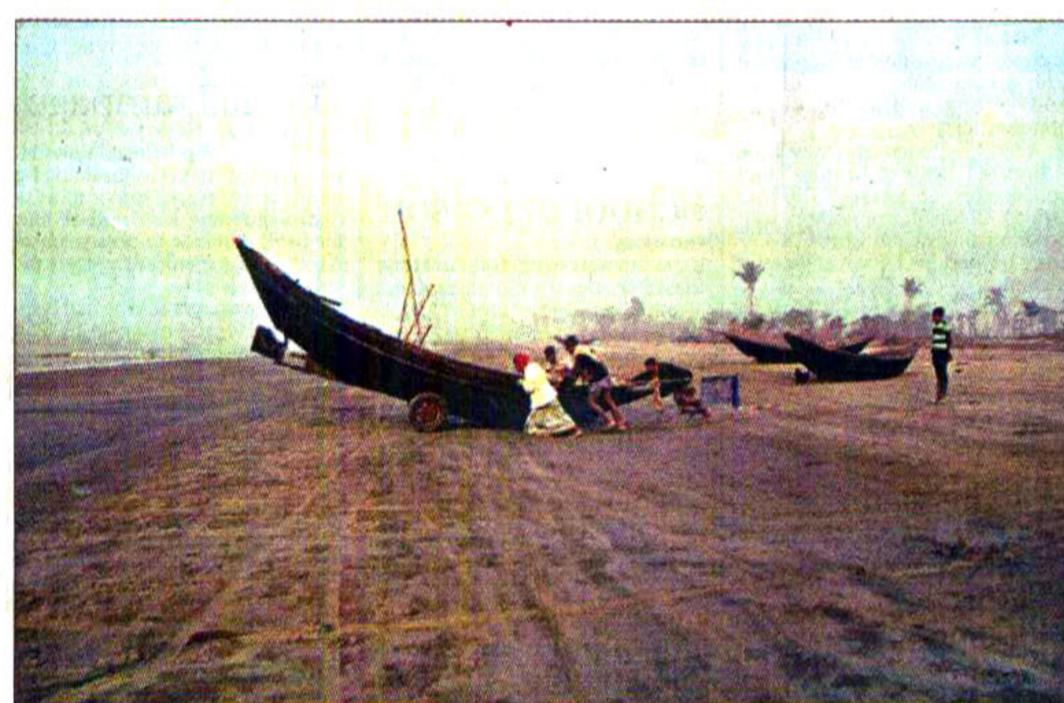
The ACC also filed a case against former BNP lawmaker MAH Salim and three of his family members in connection with amassing wealth

illegally and concealing information in their wealth statements submitted to the commission.

Meanwhile, the ACC approved nine charge sheets for submission against four people including Jatiya Party (Manju) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju and the Daily Janakantha Editor Atikullah Khan Masud.

The commission has decided

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NEW BEGINNING: Fishermen on Kuakata beach push a trawler into the sea, starting their life afresh after cyclone Sidr ravaged the region.

Land allocations on Hatirjheel, Begunbari canals to be cancelled

Reiterates Mainul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is committed to protecting the natural wetlands in the capital and it will cancel all allocations of land on Hatirjheel and Begunbari canals and the adjoining water bodies, reiterated

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## Major shake-up in cop admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle in the police department yesterday, 42 police officials including six deputy inspectors of police (DIGs), 11 additional DIGs, 24 superintendents of police (SPs) and one additional SP were transferred.

Police sources said the

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## Teen kills 8 in US mall rampage

AFP, Omaha

A teenager who wanted to die "famous" shot dead eight Christmas shoppers with an assault rifle at an Omaha shopping mall before killing himself.

Robert Hawkins, 19, left a suicide note in which he explained the latest shooting rampage to stun the United States, police said, adding that two of the five people wounded in Wednesday's shooting were in critical condition.

Employees and shoppers fled the mall or locked themselves inside stores after hearing dozens of shots from the upscale Von Maur department store at the Westroads Mall.

Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren said the shooting appeared to be "very random and without provocation."

He identified the shooter as Robert Hawkins, 19, and said he

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was armed with an SKS assault rifle.

"We believe there was one shooter and one shooter only," he said.

"We do have a (suicide) note. I can't describe the contents of this note, but it does appear this incident was premeditated."

Hawkins' landlady, Debora Maruca Kovac, told CNN television that Hawkins' note said "that he was sorry for everything, that he didn't want to be a burden to anybody, he loved his family, he loved all of his friends. He was a piece of shit all of his life and now he'll be famous."

Kovac said that Hawkins had lived in her house for a year and a half, and had recently broken up with his girlfriend.

"He was withdrawn," she said. "He was like a lost pound puppy that nobody wanted.... He had a lot of emotional problems."

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Verdict in case against two RU teachers deferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The verdict in the case against two Rajshahi University teachers and 12 others has been deferred yesterday till December 12 by the Speedy Trial Court of Rajshahi.

Judge Ruhul Amin of the Speedy Trial Court, also the additional chief metropolitan magistrate of Rajshahi, could not complete preparing the judgement by yesterday, the day the verdict was scheduled for announcement.

Police produced four of the detained accused -- two RU teachers Dr Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan

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SC upholds  
bail order  
for Hannan

UNB, Dhaka

Turning down the government plea, the Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court order that granted bail to Brig Gen (retd) ASM Hannan Shah, an adviser to detained BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

A six-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice M Ruhul Amin, passed the order.

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India tests  
interceptor  
missile

AFP, Bhubaneshwar

India staged a successful missile intercept test over the Bay of Bengal yesterday after thousands of people were evacuated ahead of the exercise, a defence official said.

The Advanced Air Defence (AAD) missile intercepted a

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Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Remains of  
Birshrestha  
Hamidur  
due Dec 10

UNB, Dhaka

The remains of Birshrestha Hamidur Rahman will be brought back from the Indian state of Tripura on December 10.

A Bangladesh delegation will go to Tripura today for bringing back the remains of the valiant freedom fighter who was buried at Ambasa in the Indian state.

Sepoy Hamidur Rahman

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HIDING WEALTH

Tarique placed  
on 1-day  
remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A court in Dhaka yesterday placed Tarique Rahman on a one-day remand in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for concealing information in his wealth statement.

The remand order came after Tarique, detained senior joint

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US ends military  
relief operations  
in Sidr-hit areas

UNB, Dhaka

US military emergency relief operation in Bangladesh's cyclone-battered coastal districts ended yesterday after two weeks of their work, but USAID will continue post-cyclone reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts.

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Licence must for  
pvt security firms  
Govt finalises rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has finalised 'Private Security Service Rules' that will make it mandatory for private security service companies to have licence.

The rules provide that all such companies must have licence by December 31, and operating any such company without licence is a punishable offence.

The move followed alleged involvement of security personnel of many of these companies in crimes.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

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US under pressure at  
climate conference

AP, Bali

transportation. The bill now goes to the full Senate.

US climate negotiator Harlan Watson, however, said that would not impact Washington's position at the international gathering in Bali.

"In our process, a vote for movement of a bill out of committee does not ensure its ultimate passage," he told reporters. "I don't know the details, but we will not alter our posture here."

It was the first bill calling for mandatory US limit on greenhouse gases to be taken up in Congress since global warming emerged as an environmental issue more than two decades ago.

Republican critics of the bill argued that limiting the emissions could become a hardship because of higher energy costs.

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Govt to stand by  
Sidr-hit people  
until they rebuild  
life: Gen Moeen

UNB, Bagerhat

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed yesterday said the government would continue to stand by the cyclone-hit people until they rebuild their lives and unveiled a new livelihood plan.

He called upon local people to start cooperative-based business

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Govt okays 6th  
Wage Board  
Award for  
media industry

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday approved the final recommendations of the 6th Wage Board Award relating to salaries, allowances and other benefits for the journalists, employees and press workers.

An official announcement said,

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Extortionists  
kill one in  
Jatrabari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Extortionists shot dead a factory worker and injured another at a hosiery factory in Gabindupur in Jatrabari in the capital city yesterday.

Yusuf Gharami, 23, died on the spot while Mizanur Rahman, 20, sustained a bullet injury on his thigh.

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