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DIPLOMATIC, BUREAUCRATIC TANGLES

languish in jails













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বাঁচুক সবাই নতুন করে নববর্ষের যতে

AUG 21 ATTACK CID starts

quizzing suspect

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) started interrogating Arif Hasan Sumon, a suspect in the August 21, 2004 Awami League rally grenade attack case. Sumon has been remanded for five days to glean information about other attackers he knows.

CID sources said Sumon might have given information about others involved in the August 21 attack including Faruq, who he studied with at Dhaka College.

Apart from their link to the August 21 attack, both Harkatul Jihad Al Islami (Huji) members carried out the bomb attack on SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

KAILASH SARKAR

At least 299 prisoners of foreign nationality are stuck in different jails of the country due to diplomatic and bureaucratic tangles, even though their jail terms

(IG-Prisons) Brig Gen Zakir Hassan told The Daily Star, "We have been home ministry and the foreign embassies and high commissions concerned."

Among the prisoners of foreign nationality 162 Indian citizens, 128 Myanmarese, two Tanzanian, two expired. Of them, eight Indian and he is in Mymensingh jail." Inspector General of Prisons two Myanmarese prisoners are

Myanmarese detainees have no to repatriate their citizens in time.

Indian guerrilla leader Anup Chetia is one of them and he has been detained for over 10 years. Nepali, one Pakistani, one Filipino, Deputy Inspector General (DIGone Saudi Arabian, one Kenyan Prisons) Maj Shamsul Haider and a Hungarian are in jail even Siddique said, "Once Anup Chetia though their jail terms have was in Dhaka Central Jail but now

IG-Prisons Zakir Hassan said, "We as well as the home and foreign Sources said authorities con- ministries always send letters to trying to repatriate them. The cerned could not collect informa- the authorities of the foreign tion about the prisoners who have detainees a few days before their jail ministry have also been contacting no passports. Most Indian and terms end so that they can take steps

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Please sir, may I have 299 foreign prisoners some rice?

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona

"Please sir, may I have some rice? I just want one kg, my family has not had a proper meal in two days."

Aslam Mia, a day labourer, almost begged the Open Market Sale (OMS) dealer at Rajur Bazar under Netrakona pourashabha yesterday but was turned down. He was refused because there SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Tigers go down fighting

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Bangladesh produced their best batting performance of the year under lights at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore yesterday. But it was not enough for them to avoid a third successive defeat against Pakistan in the five-match series.

Chasing an improbable 309 for victory, the Tigers gave the hosts a run for their money, scoring 285-7, their third highest score ever, with Shakib Al Hasan cracking 75.

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BDR starts 25 more fair price shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday began selling rice at its new 25 fair price outlets in the capital.

Meanwhile, some retailers in the city markets have reduced the price of coarse rice while the prices of all varieties of rice are decreasing in the wholesale market.

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Lankan troops, Tigers lock in fierce fighting

87 rebels, 25 soldiers killed

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka marked its traditional new year yesterday with security forces and Tamil separatists locked in fierce combat resulting in heavy losses on both sides, defence offi-

cials said. Tiger positions in the rebel-held and elsewhere amid fears of rebel northern Wanni region and troops attacks during the festive period. smashed bunkers belonging to Most Sri Lankans in cities travel to rebels in the Jaffna peninsula, further north, the defence ministry lies over the new year.

The latest clashes came as the country marked the new year, which is observed by the majority Sinhalese community and the minority Tamils.

Police said they stepped up the defence ministry said. Security forces pounded Tamil security in the capital Colombo the provinces to be with their fami-

At least 87 guerrillas had been nation-wide electricity breakdown

killed since Saturday, the ministry for nearly an hour, officials said. adding that a technical failure at a power station caused the blackout.

In the north of the island, ferocious battles erupted on Saturday when the military launched a fresh advance into rebel-held territory,

It said troops captured areas from the guerrillas, a claim denied

The ministry said troops killed at least 77 Tigers for the loss of 12 government soldiers in the Mannar Festivities were also marred by a area of Wanni region on Saturday SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Violence near Baitul Mukarram protested

Arrested Islamists denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of social and political organisations yesterday condemned the violent activities of some Islamist organisations which they said made the National Women Development Policy 2008 an issue in order to achieve politicalgain.

Meantime, a Dhaka court yesterday rejected the bail petitions of nine Islamist activists in a case for instigating violence and assaulting policemen near the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in the capital on Friday.

in a statement demanded the

cancellation of the committee the government formed to review the women development policy and ties in religious institutions.

mer adviser to a caretaker government, Dr Badiul Alam Majumder of ; found, will be cleared to prevent Hunger Project of Bangladesh, : any misunderstanding, he told Shirin Akhter of Karmajibi Nari, reporters at the Secretariat. Ayesha Khanam of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Hajera Sultana of : the wake of violent demonstrations Narimukti Sangsad, among others, : by Islamist activists in Dhaka and signed the statement.

The statement said that the : of the policy. Islamists were spewing out false: "I don't see anything in the information about the women women development policy which Samajik Protirodh Committee policy and disturbing law and ; is contradictory (to Islam). Still, it is

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Women policy

not anti-Islam Law adviser reiterates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law and Religious Affairs Adviser AF Hassan Ariff reiterated yesterday that the recently announced : national women development called for banning political activi- : policy does not contain anything that goes against the rules and Advocate Sultana Kamal, for- : spirit of Islam.

Any vagueness in the policy, if

The adviser's statement came in Chittagong demanding scrapping

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Rapid Action Battalion personnel scan the Ramna Batamul area with metal detectors yesterday ahead of Pahela Baishakh celebrations today.

CUTA polls postponed

CU CORRESPONDENT

The election of Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA) was postponed yesterday after police asked the authorities concerned to seek permission from the district administration to hold the election.

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April 14		
Azan	Jamaat	
4-35	5-10	
12-45	1-15	
4-45	5-00	
6-24	6-28	
7-45	8-15	
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Iran mosque blast

least 202 wounded when an explomosque in Iran's southern city of nent cleric, officials said yesterday.

Uncertainty surrounded the cause of Saturday evening's blast, that Gen. Ali Moayyedi's investigawhich some officials insisted was tion found remnants of ammunian accident but others said could have been caused by a bomb.

kills 12, injures 200

Tehran trashes sabotage claim

AFP, AP, Tehran

Twelve people were killed and at sion ripped through a packed that police believe an explosion Shiraz during prayers by a promi-

The massive explosion in the Moayyedi says he rejects the possimen's section of the mosque took bility of an intentional bombing place at around 9:00 pm (1630 GMT) during an evening prayer

sermon by prominent local cleric

Mohammad Anjavinejad, Iranian

that ripped through a packed

mosque in the city of Shiraz was not

The IRNA news agency reports

recently held at the mosque.

Iran's official news agency says

media reported.

intentionally set.

in Fatulla, 600 sued for violence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Demo continues

RMG UNREST

After the violent clashes between law enforcers and garment workers Saturday at Fatullah of Narayanganj, 15,000-20,000 garment workers of four factories staged demonstrations inside their

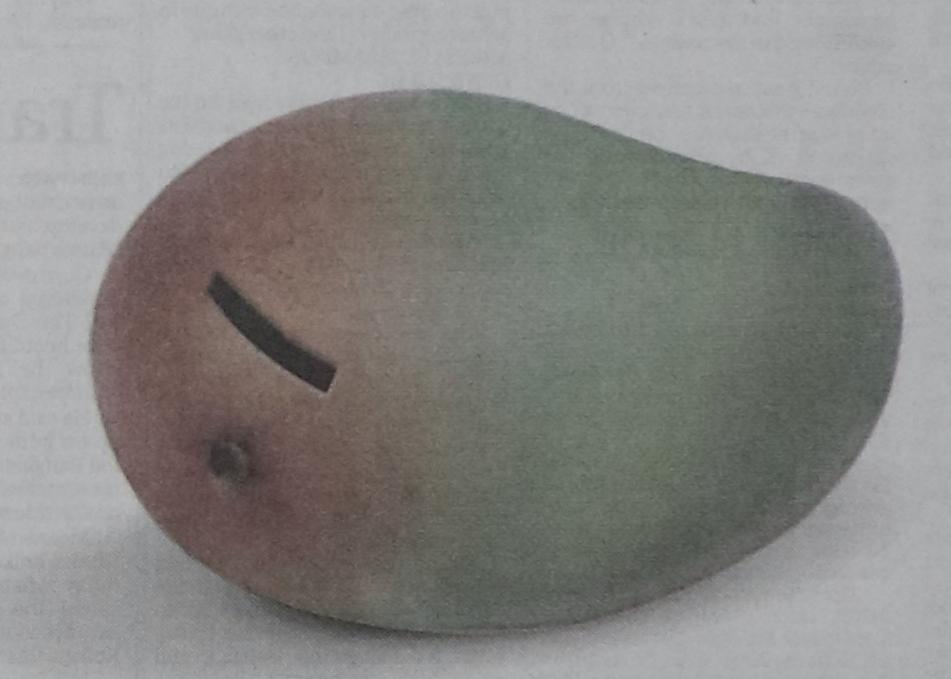
factories yesterday. Meanwhile, six other factories

in the area remained closed. Two cases were filed yesterday against over 600 unknown people in connection with Saturday's tion from a military exhibition clashes, the attack on police, and torching of buses.

Sub-inspector Shah Jalal of Fatullah Police Station filed a case and that the leftover ammunition accusing over 600 people of SEE PAGE 15 COL 7 SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



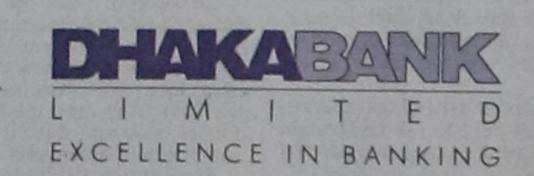
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