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MIG-29 CASE Arrest warrant against ex-army chief Mustafiz

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court issued arrest warrant against former army chief Gen (ret'd) Mustafizur Rahman cancelling his bail as he failed to appear before it in the MiG-29 corruption case yesterday.

Judge Golam Mortoza Majumder of Divisional Special Judge's Court issued the warrant after rejecting the former army chief's time petition.

The court fixed May 28 for charge-framing hearing in the case. The six other accused, including detained former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, were present in the court set up at the high-security Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban complex.

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MK Anwar surrenders at last, sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former agriculture minister MK Anwar was sent to jail yesterday after he finally surrendered before a Dhaka court in the Gatco corruption case.

After being absconding for over four days, the senior BNP leader along with his lawyers appeared before the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court at 11:05am and sought bail in the case.

Defence counsels advocates Khondaker Delwar Hossain, Sanaullah Miah and Masud Ahmed Talukder argued that their client's name was not in the first information

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Former minister MK Anwar being taken to jail from a Dhaka court yesterday.

QUASHING NIKO CASE HC bench feels embarrassed to hear Khaleda's petition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A division bench of the High Court (HC) yesterday felt embarrassed to hear a petition filed by BNP Chairperson and former prime minister Khaleda Zia for quashing the proceedings against her in Niko graft case.

Lawyers for Khaleda then submitted the petition before another HC bench comprising Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Mashuque Hosain Ahmed for hearing. The bench fixed today for hearing the matter.

The detained former premier
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Hummer hums graft galore in imports

Crackdown of joint forces on high-profile graft suspects opens up Pandora's Box



SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE and
JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Few sports utility vehicles attract as much as attention rolling down the road as the Hummer. With its robust shape, iconic look and US

military Humvee-inspired styling, the Hummer SUV stands out like a sweaty heavyweight prizefighter.

The Humvee was used in US's Operation Desert Storm in Iraq, but the vehicle jumped in popularity after macho Hollywood actor and California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger had one converted for civilian use. And, it was Ellen Bhutto, a former BNP lawmaker from Jhalakathi, who intro-

duced the prized vehicle to Bangladesh using her MP privilege of duty-free import.

It didn't take long before a few influentials became eager to match Ellen on the street despite the fact that Hummer looked rather odd on the crammed streets of Dhaka. So, six more awe-inspiring Hummer SUVs arrived, captured the imagination of passers-by and left the

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AL, BNP sitting on dialogue decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The much-anticipated formal talks between the government and political parties begin tomorrow amid growing uncertainty over participation of Awami League (AL) and BNP that dominate the country's political landscape.

The caretaker administration says it believes both the parties would act responsibly by taking part in the dialogue to discuss reforms and ways to hold a free and fair election.

"We will begin by sitting with Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) at 10:00am Thursday," Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman told reporters at the secretariat yesterday.

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AL observes countrywide hunger strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) yesterday observed countrywide token mass hunger strike, vowing to free its detained President Sheikh Hasina

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Hafiz slates govt for 'failure'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country has gone backwards 10 years due to the two-year rule of the present caretaker government, said dissident BNP leader Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed yesterday asking the government to pay

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BIBIYANA, SIRAJGANJ POWER PROJECTS AES pulls out of bidding

SHARIER KHAN

US power company AES verbally conveyed its decision to withdraw from the Bibiyana and Sirajganj 450 megawatt (MW) power project bidding, making both the power cell tenders non-competitive, sources said.

At a meeting with the power cell and its Bibiyana power plant tender consultant International Finance Corporation (IFC) on May 6, AES representative said the company that built Haripur 360MW and Meghnaghat 450MW power plants in 1998 is no longer

interested in the current biddings. Shocked by this stance, the IFC and power cell requested AES not to give any written notice so that its withdrawal is not leaked to the media.

The power cell, the power ministry and the IFC tried to persuade AES to change its decision until May 15. After that, the power cell "decided not to disclose this development to the public and to pretend at bid opening that no bid from AES was a surprise".

With the exit of AES, the Bibiyana bid is left with only two
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WAITING TO BE AUCTIONED... Like this awe-striking abandoned Hummer SUV, at least 60 other seized luxury vehicles are gathering dust at different police stations in the capital since early last year, belying army chief General Moeen U Ahmed's pledge to raise funds for hospitals for the poor through auction.

Your child growing up...

As a mother of growing children, sometimes you might wonder, "Are my children eating right?" Even if you watch what they're eating at home, you can never be sure of what they eat when you're not around. And while you can never be wrong by reading the nutritional labels, it's not something you can do all the time. That's where the 10 Signs of Good Nutrition comes in.

Developed by the Nutritionist-Dietitian's Association of the Philippines Foundation, the 10 Signs of Good Nutrition will let you know if your children are properly nourished and growing healthy. Here are some tips that will help you ensure your children get all the signs of good nutrition.

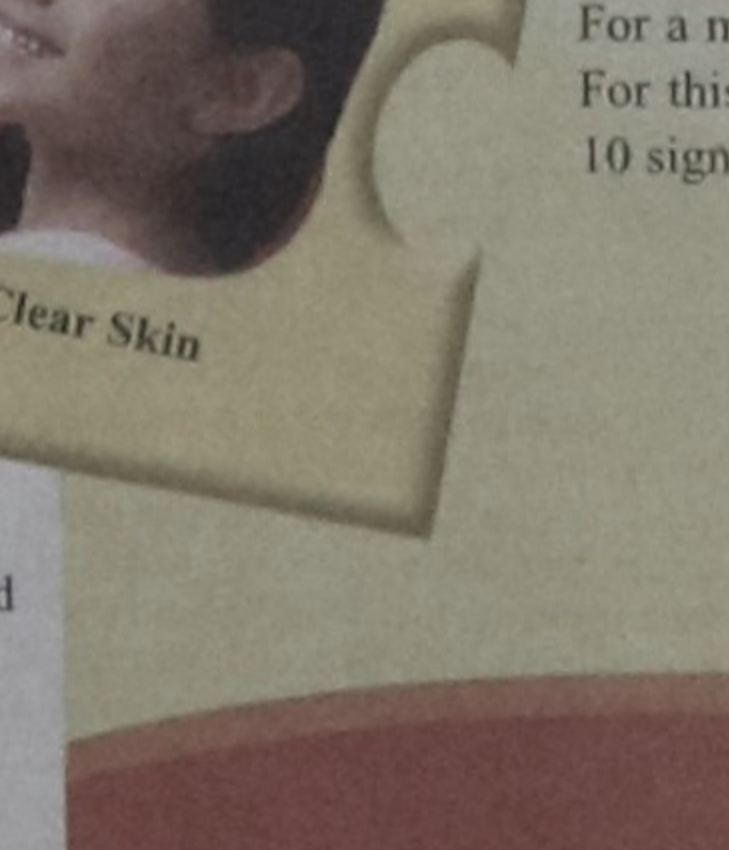
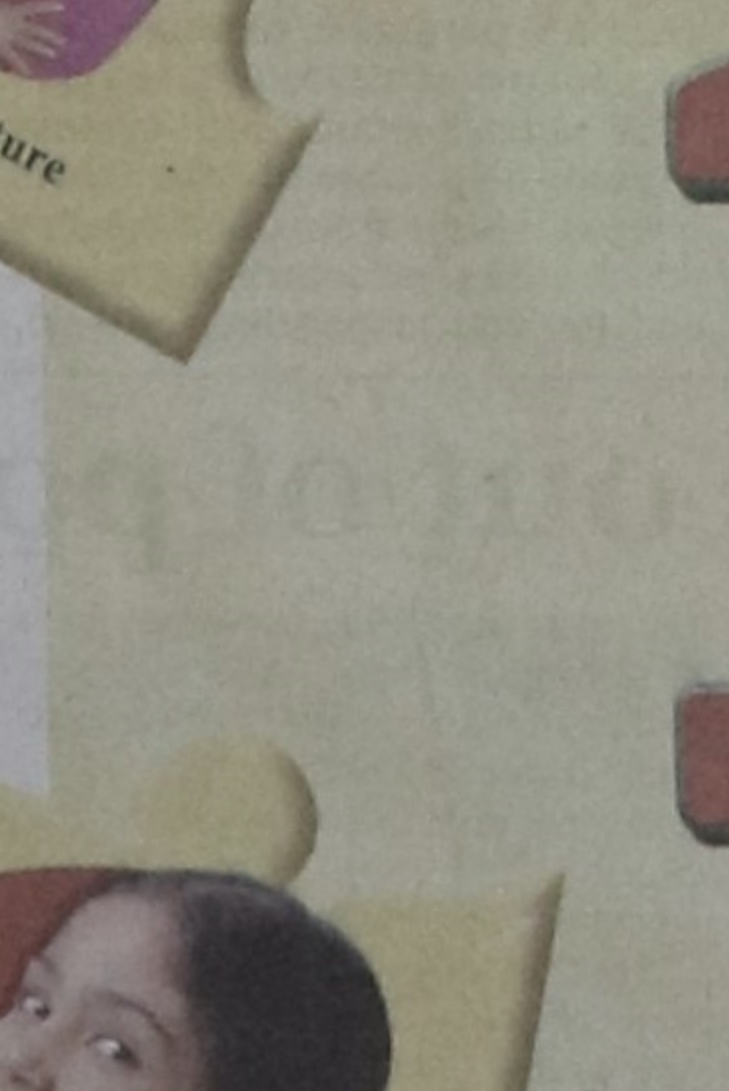
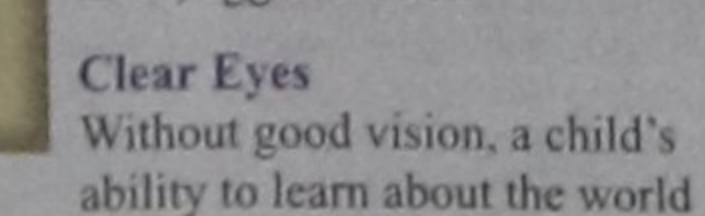
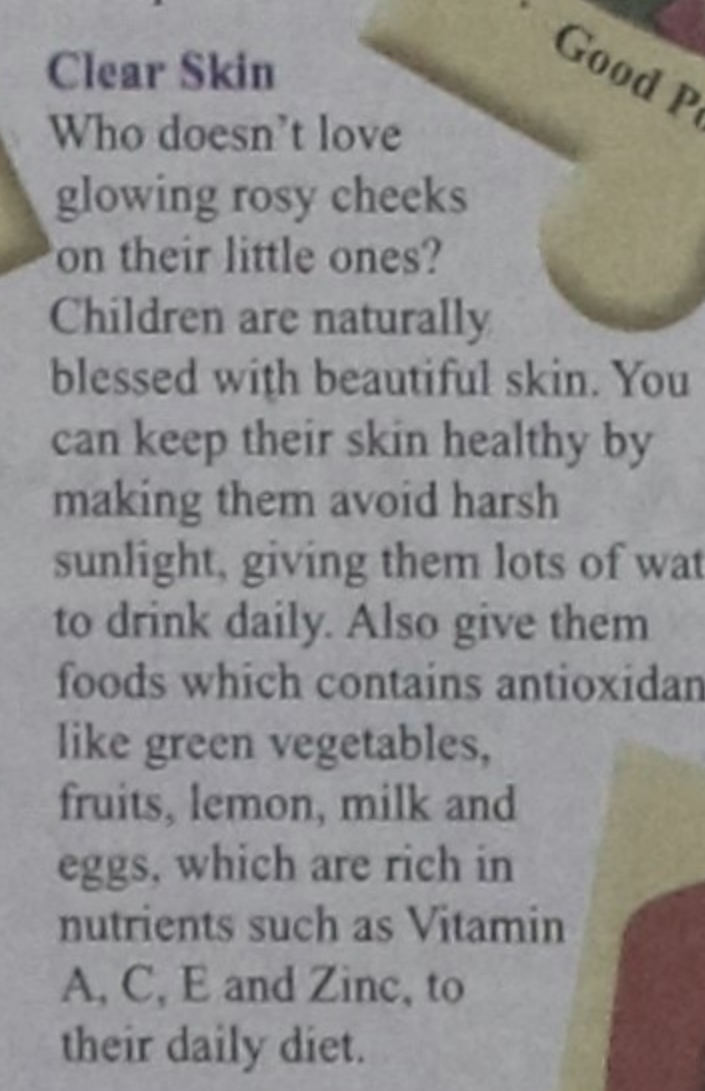
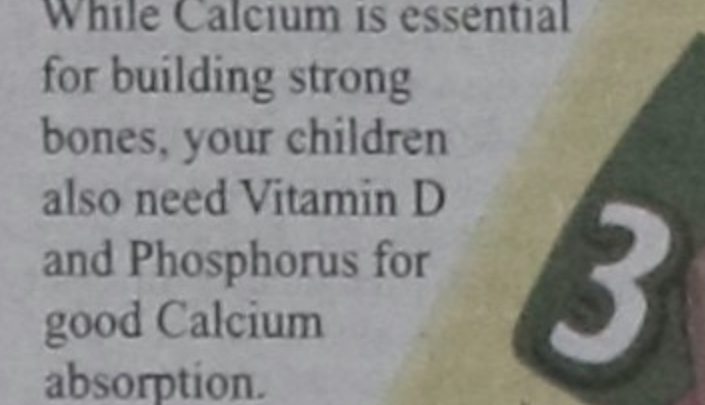
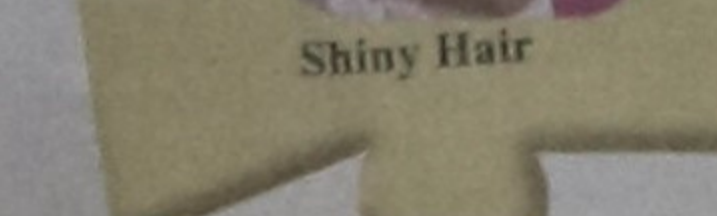
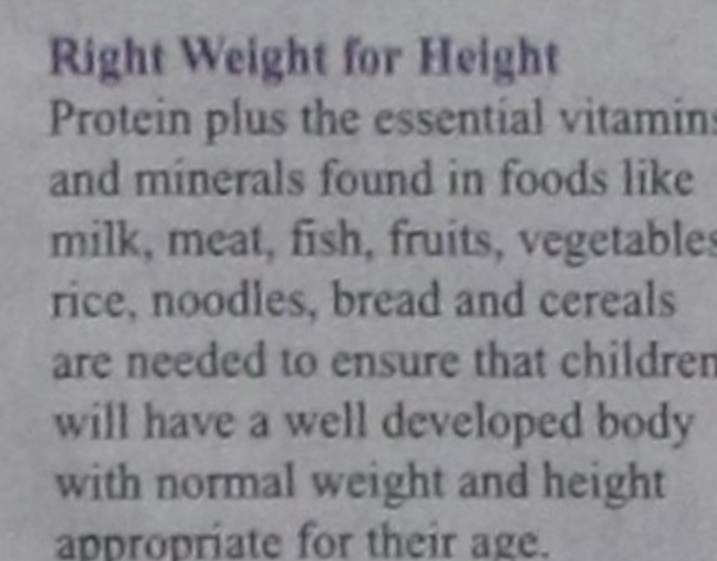
develop firm muscles, but first they need the building blocks of strong muscles-nutrients like Protein, Calcium, Magnesium and Vitamins like B6, E, Folic Acid and Niacin, which can be found in foods like milk, egg, meat, nut and milk-made meals like butter, custard etc.

Good Posture
Good posture helps your child do things with less stress and fatigue. Without it, you can't really be physically fit. While Calcium is essential for building strong bones, your children also need Vitamin D and Phosphorus for good Calcium absorption.

Clear Skin
Who doesn't love glowing rosy cheeks on their little ones? Children are naturally blessed with beautiful skin. You can keep their skin healthy by making them avoid harsh sunlight, giving them lots of water to drink daily. Also give them foods which contains antioxidant, like green vegetables, fruits, lemon, milk and eggs, which are rich in nutrients such as Vitamin A, C, E and Zinc, to their daily diet.

Shiny Hair
It's important for your children to learn proper hair care and grooming from an early age. Protein and Vitamins like E, B6, Folic Acid, Niacin and Zinc play important roles in achieving healthy hair and scalp. Therefore, provide your children with foods like green vegetables, liver, nut, small fish, meat, egg and milk.

Clear Eyes
Without good vision, a child's ability to learn about the world



Nestle

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LOOK FOR THE 10 Signs of Good Nutrition

For a mother, it is very important to ensure that her child is getting the essential nutrition. For this, certain aspects of the child's optimal growth needs to be observed, which are the 10 signs of good nutrition. NIDO FORTIFIED supports the development of these 10 signs.

Future begins here...

becomes very difficult. Since many vision problems begin at an early age, it is very important that children receive proper diet and eye care. Add Vitamin A, Zinc and Iron aided foods like green vegetables, small fish, meat, fish and egg in their daily diet list for the development of good eyesight.

Alert and Cheerful
Keep your children well-fed with a variety of nutritious foods so that they retain their alertness and good mood throughout the day. Providing them with Iron-rich foods like meat, milk, green and leafy vegetables can maintain their attention span. It also helps develop their minds through the use of educational materials and activities.

Sleeps Uninterruptedly
Give all your children a glass of milk before bedtime. A few simple, small changes to their diet may make a big difference in the amount and quality of their sleep. Certain foods like fish, meat, egg, fruits and vegetables that are rich in B Vitamins especially B6 and Folic Acid also help promote sound sleep.

Regular Bowel Movement
Poor digestion means poor health. Help promote healthy tummies by offering your children more fresh fruits and vegetables as well as whole-grain cereals and breads. Aside from being fiber rich, these foods are also full of vitamins and minerals that regulate bowel movement.

Good Appetite
Zinc, along with Potassium, Vitamin B1 and Niacin help promote good appetite. Keep

these nutrients in mind next time your child are fussy about their food. These can be found in foods

like maize, nut, pulse, green vegetables (spinach), potato, fish, egg, milk and in different fruits.

Every mother wants her children to have all these 10 signs. One good way to ensure that your children are healthy is to give all of them NIDO FORTIFIED Full

Cream Milk everyday. It's complete with all the 20 essential vitamins and minerals that support the 10 Signs of Good Nutrition. Children will

love it too because of its sweet and creamy taste.

