Voicebox

"Inhaler is an essential drug for me as I can't start my day without it. So I have to buy this drug at any cost -- regardless of its price."

YASIN AHMED
an elderly asthma patient.
Prices of essential medicines have shot up, making life difficult for patients.

"It is a wonder how the vessel got its fitness certificate and other papers from BIWTA."

KAZI SAIFUL ISLAM
Nikli Upazila Nirbahi Officer
who is also a member of committee that has probed into last week's launch capsize in Ghorautra river in Nikli upazila.

"Size of the budget for fiscal year 2008-09 will be a little more or less than Tk 99,500 crore. The figure has yet to be finalised as we are still working on that."

MIRZA AZIZUL ISLAM
finance adviser.

"Farewell Bangladesh. Stay well."

ANWAR CHOUDHURY
the first Bangladeshi-born British high commissioner to Bangladesh before his departure.

"I wouldn't dream of getting involved in your internal affairs."

JAMES F MORIARTY
US Ambassador in Dhaka.

"We support the matter of trying the war criminals, in principle."

STEFAN FROWEIN
Ambassador and Head of Delegation of European Commission.
He has also said, "Because, the trial of war criminals and those who committed crimes against humanity is linked with the establishment of democracy and human rights."

"The transparent ballot boxes are now being manufactured for us. We will get those before October."

Brig Gen (retd) M SAKHAWAT HUSSAIN
election commissioner.
The Canadian government is going to give Bangladesh 2 lakh transparent ballot boxes free of cost.

"A neat haircut is also very hygienic."

BANDHU TIRKEY
state minister
of Indian state Jharkhand
about his government's plan to give students free hair cuts. "We have to make education attractive for poor students and give them incentives to go to school and reduce the burden for their parents," he has also told the BBC.