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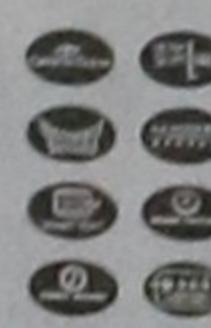
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HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

of Bogra against a target of 12,263 tonnes.

Department of Agriculture (DAE), Bogra officials said Boro production achieved 12,21,680 tonnes in the district against a target of 11,52,460 tonnes this year, registering 8 percent rise.

They said they usually get 5 percent yearly increase of Boro production in the 16 northern districts.

Officials concerned said the government started rice procurement on April 28 with a target to procure 8,02,391 tonnes of husked rice from the northern districts in four months. Around 66 lakh tonnes of husked Boro rice was produced against a target of 60,57,482 tonnes in the 16 districts.

The government has so far achieved around 50 percent of its husked rice procurement target with 4,05,023 tonnes.

Food and DAE officials apprehend that boro rice procurement is likely to fail if the government fails to start OMS soon in highly-populated areas of the northern part of the country as well as importing rice.

A senior official of the food department said the achievement of rice procurement target now depends on the government's decision to import as hoarding of rice continues at grower and rice-mill levels.

The official further added that 8,259 mills may not be able to supply rice to the government according to contract due to inclement weather and short supply of rice.

Cloth trader accuses Rab of 'putting him in crossfire'

Rab terms him 'criminal'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cloth trader undergoing treatment in Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) after being injured with bullet wounds alleged that Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel attempted to kill him by putting him in crossfire.

Rab-10 officials however said Mohammad Babul is a listed criminal who was injured with the bullet wounds in a gunfight between his accomplices and Rab while early on Friday he was being transported for showing the elite battalion a spot from where they would be able to recover illegal firearms.

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Move to import non-urea fertiliser at state level

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to import non-urea fertiliser under state-to-state arrangements in the wake of 42 to 290 percent price hike of fertilisers in international market during the last one year.

The Advisory Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting yesterday also exempted the import of non-urea fertiliser from Ukraine, Belarus and Morocco from Public Procurement Regulations (PPR).

The meeting also decided to relax PPR allowing Bangladesh

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Nizami taken to hospital for back pain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami was admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) for back pain yesterday.

The former industries minister was brought to the hospital from Dhaka Central Jail at about 2:00pm, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons Maj Shamsul Haider Siddique told The Daily Star.

Earlier on Saturday, Nizami and three detained BNP leaders--former ministers M Shamsul Islam and Mirza Abbas and ex-MP Fazlul Huq Milon--had had check-ups at the BSMMU, following which doctors recommended his hospitalisation.

Fourteen high-profile prisoners arrested on corruption charges have so far been hospitalised.



PHOTO: STAR

Sufferings of people living in Moghbazar Greenway in the city intensify yesterday due to the heavy rain the night before, causing water-logging in the street and disrupting repair work of drainage system.



PHOTO: STAR

Trucks occupy the space under the Second Buriganga Bridge at Babubazar in Old Dhaka. A few months ago the space was earmarked only for storing rice. The photo was taken yesterday.

India to send troops to Sri Lanka for Saarc summit

43 more killed in fighting

AFP, AP, Colombo

said.

"Given the security situation in Colombo, it is important for India to address all possibilities because the Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) will be attending," a top diplomatic source said.

New Delhi is planning to send three war ships with a combined force of up to 3,000 security personnel because of fears that Tamil Tiger rebels could stage land, sea or air attacks, diplomats and officials said yesterday.

The airport has been attacked

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40 Indian cops missing after Maoist attack

AFP, Bhubaneswar

Eight policemen managed to swim ashore and were taken to hospital, four of them to be treated for gunshot wounds, police said. No bodies have yet been found, although rescue officials recovered some police caps.

The boat capsized after insurgents started firing indiscriminately at the Greyhound force," Malkangiri police superintendent, Satish Kumar Gajbhiye, told AFP by

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