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CA visits Khulna on July 14

UNB, Khulna

Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed will exchange views with people of various professions in the district on July 14 as part of the preelection consensus-building process launched by his caretaker government.

Education and Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman, Law Adviser Hassan Ariff and LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal will also be present at the SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

Nizami denied bail in Gatco graft case

UNB, Dhaka

A special court yesterday rejected the bail prayer of detained Jamaate-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami in the Gatco graft case.

The special court that deals with the high-profile graft cases passed the order after hearing both sides.

Earlier, Barrister Abdur Razzak moved the bail prayer for Nizami on health grounds as he is suffering from various health complications, including diabetes and arthritis.

Nizami was arrested on May 18 at his Moghbazar residence in the capital in connection with the Gatco case.

Babar to be charged with hiding wealth

UNB, Dhaka

Detained former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar is going to be chargesheeted in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for possessing illegal wealth and concealing information about it.

Sources said the ACC. On Wednesday approved the submission of charge sheet against the ex-BNP minister for amassing wealth worth Tk 7.05 crore beyond his known sources of income and concealing information.

ACC Deputy Assistant Director Rupok Kumar Saha will submit the charge sheet next week with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka. The first information report (FIR) was filed on January 13.

Prayer Timing July 10		
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

G8 pledges action on soaring food, oil prices

Differences with poor nations on curbing emission persist

Leaders of the world's eight richest top industrial powers vowed yesterday to act to bring down soaring oil and food prices but failed to bridge deep differences with poor change.

The Group of Eight wrapped up three days of talks in a secluded mountain resort in Japan by inviting leaders of growing emerging economies such as China and India for a special session summit on

global warming. US President George W Bush hailed the summit as "very productive" as he left the scenic venue. "I'm pleased to report that we've had significant success," he said.

But the final hours of the meetnations on how to fight climate ing were overshadowed by Iran's can reach Israel.

> the test and warned the Islamic republic to abandon its ballistic missile programme immediately. "Iran's development of ballistic

missiles is a violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and completely inconsistent with Iran's obligations to the world," said White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe.

The leaders of the G8 nations, which together account for twotesting of its Shahab-3 missile that thirds of the world's gross domestic product, said in a joint statement The White House denounced that while global growth had "moderated," they were positive on the

> They called for efforts to bring SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



A mobile court confiscates 24 tonnes of mangoes, sprayed with poisonous chemicals to ripen them, at Mirpur in the capital yesterday.

Rab seizes 24 tonnes of mangoes mixed with poisonous chemicals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court accompanied by Rab-4 yesterday seized over 24 tonnes of mangoes worth about Tk 12 lakh and held two traders for spraying poisonous chemicals onto those in Mirpur in the capital.

Magistrate AHM Anwar Pasha of the mobile court also fined Bepari and Yaseen Hossain of Baghbari, Gabtoli Tk 1 lakh. They were sent to the jail with three-

to pay the fine. Rapid Action Battalion-4 (Rab) sources said they conducted the raid at Baghbari from 11:45am to 3:00pm and found the traders using calcium carbide to ripen Amin -- in this connection. green mangoes.

Alam who led the Rab team told mango traders Abdul Halim The Daily Star, "The chemicalsprayed mangoes, if eaten, may cause incurable diseases."

In another drive, Rab-4 seized 793

month imprisonment for failure cans of beer and 23 bottles of foreign liquor from DOHS area in Kafrul.

The Rab-4 personnel also arrested four people -- Mohammad Milan, Mohamad Maola, Mohammad Hannan and Ruhul

Meanwhile, detectives Tuesday Captain Mohammad Moshiul night seized 17,700 cartons of adulterated and duplicate cigarettes from South Rajarbagh in Sabujbagh. Detective Branch officials claim

worth of the cigarettes would be about Tk 1.5 crore.

Top outlaw killed in 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A top outlaw of Janajuddha faction of the banned Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was killed yesterday in a 'shootout' with police at Taherhuda village in Ihenidah.

The dead was identified as Absal Hossain, 38, son of Monser Ali of Taherhuda village and a close aide to slain Janajuddha kingpin Dada

Officer-in-Charge of Harinakunda Police Station Abdul Khalek said they arrested Absal Hossain at Taherhuda village on Tuesday afternoon.

Acting on the information extracted from Absal, they took him to a garden at the same village to recover illegal arms at about 1:00am. When they reached the place,

Absal's accomplices opened fire on the law enforcers prompting them to retaliate. Absal was killed in the shoot out

while his accomplices managed to

Two police constables Momtaj Uddin and Ibrahim Molla were also injured in the incident. They have been undergoing treatment at

Jhenidah Hospital. Police recovered a revolver, a light gun and eight rounds of bullet from the spot.

Absal was accused in eight cases

on different charges including murder, police added.

Road crashes kill 13 50 school students injured as picnic buses collide

STAR REPORT

Thirteen people were killed in road accidents in Gopalganj and Mymensingh yesterday, two days after road crash killed 22 bus passengers in Comilla.

Eight people died on the spot and 50 others were injured when a Khulnabound bus from Dhaka plunged into roadside ditch near Haridaspur bridge off Gopalganj district town at about upazila at about 4:15pm. 6:15pm, UNB reports.

Police said the driver lost control of the bus. The identities of the deceased could not known imme-

Three of the injured were and Mymensingh Medical College Sarishabari Health Complex.

whisked to Khulna Medical College Hospital in critical condition while the others were admitted to local

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hospitals. Our Mymensingh correspondent reports: Five people were killed and six others injured when a Dhaka-bound bus from Sherpur collided head-on with a three-

wheeler at Masterbari on Dhaka-

Mymensingh Highway in Bhaluka

Three of the dead were identified as Salim Uddin, 42, Kalam, 40, and Taslima Parveen.

In Jamalpur, 50 school students were injured when a bus hit another from behind at Notabor in Sarishabari upazila yesterday.

reports UNB. The buses, carrying 60 students of Char Rouha RNC High School of Sarishabari upazila, were heading towards Modhupur Eco Parkforpicnic

Seriously injured Meera. Rozian, Sathi, Renuka, Marzina. Aslam, Mariyam, Popy, Monika. Champa, Mili, Jony, Fahima. Shahida, Ruma, Mishu, Fatema, The injured were admitted to Meera Akhter, Jannat and bus Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex helper Bishwa were admitted to

Defiant Iran angers US with missile test

Iran yesterday test-fired a missile it said is capable of reaching Israel, angering the United States amid growing fears that the standoff over the contested Iranian nuclear drive (1,240-mile) range." could lead to war.

The Shahab-3 was among a broadside of nine missiles fired off simultaneously at 8:00 am (0330 GMT) from an undisclosed location in the Iranian desert, state bomb. television pictures showed.

Alam said the missiles test-fired by integrity of the Iranian nation," Althe elite Revolutionary Guards Alam quoted Revolutionary included a "Shahab-3 with a conventional warhead weighing one tonne and a 2,000-kilometre

growing tension over Tehran's nuclear drive, which Iran insists is peaceful but the West fears could be aimed at making an atomic

"The aim of these war games is

State-run Arabic channel Al- to show we are ready to defend the Guards air force commander Hossein Salami as saying.

"Our missiles are ready for shooting at any place and any time, The firing comes at a time of quickly and with accuracy. The enemy must not repeat its mistakes. The enemy targets are under surveillance," he added.

The United States, which has never ruled out military action SEE PAGE 15 COL 7



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MP & EMR)

National Campaign

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programmes

The Hon'ble Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed has kindly consented to launch a national campaign to promote energy efficiency and accelerated use of renewable energies in Bangladesh on 10 July 2008.

In connection with the campaign, an exhibition on energy efficient appliances and renewable energy technologies will be held at the Winter Garden of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on 10 - 11 July.

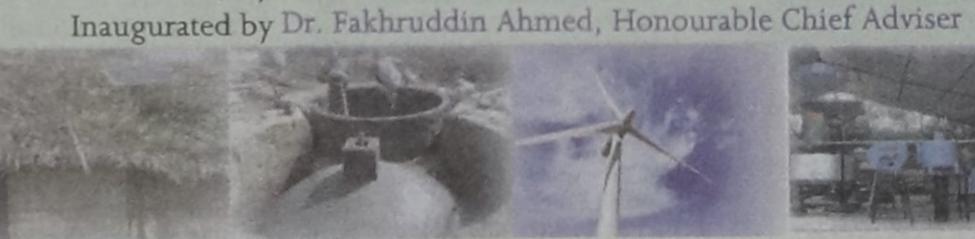
The exhibition is open to the public free of charge.

Opening hours of the exhibition: 10 July from 3:00pm - 8:00pm

11 July from 10:00am - 8:00pm

'Be energy-smart - think conservation, use renewables'

We wish all success to "National Workshop and Exhibition on Energy" Conservation and Renewable Energy Programmes" 10-11 July 2008 at Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel





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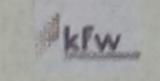
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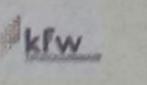
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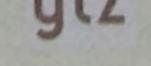


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