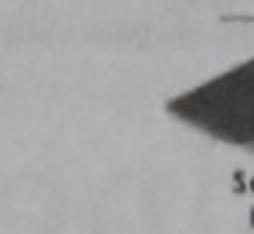
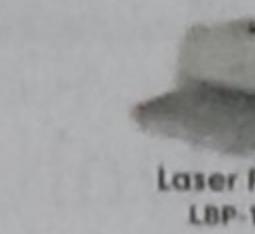
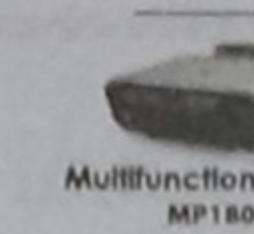


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RMG owners threaten closure

Garment owners yesterday threatened to shut their factories in the trouble-torn Gazipur district for an indefinite period if the government fails to provide security for the industry by September 25.

The owners issued the ultimatum in a memorandum to Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association President Anwar-Ul-Alam Chowdhury Parvez.

Apparently affected by bouts of violence, the owners have handed a key to Parvez in a symbolic threat to close the factories.

Ninety-one Gazipur-based RMG owners signed the memorandum.

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25 agree to return Tk 10cr for clemency

UNB, Dhaka

Some 25 corrupt individuals have so far agreed to deposit more than Tk 10 crore to the national exchequer in return for clemency by the Truth and Accountability Commission (TAC).

Sources said the three-member commission, headed by Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, heard their pleas during the first four days' hearing.

Of the 25 individuals, one is businessman while the rest are government officials of different

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Man beaten to death in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mob beat up a trader to death in front of his residence at Badda in the capital in the early hours yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jan-e-Alam alias Janu Sheikh, 38, owner of Shaheen-Shamol Aluminum Store in Maddha Badda area.

Witnesses said around 10/12 people beat up the man indiscriminately by calling him as a thief at about 12:15am. Police later recovered the body of Janu from Borotek in Adarshagar area in the morning.

However, police and the victim's family members could not say why he was killed.

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HACKING
Rab website partially restored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The website of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), hacked on Thursday by an unknown person, was partially restored yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star, a top Rab official last night said, "We have restored the website partially and will be able to restore it fully by late night."

Rab Media Wing Director Commander SM Abul Kalam Azad said their IT experts are working to restore the website and they are hopeful that the hacker will be detected soon.

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Sehri, Iftar timings

Ramadan	Sep	Sehri	Iftar
6	7		6-14
7	8	4-21	6-13
8	9	4-22	6-12

Prayer Timing

September 7	
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-21
Zohr	12-45
Asr	4-45
Maghrib	6-14
Esha	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

guerrillas were killed, Nanayakkara said.

On Saturday, air force helicopters bombed rebel bunkers in the rebel-held Mullaitivu district to support advancing ground troops, the military said in a statement.

Troops captured the three bunkers and killed eight rebels in fighting Friday along the northeastern front of Weliya district, military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said.

Other fighting broke out Friday in Vavuniya district, where 14 rebels were killed, and in Kilinochchi district, where two

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24 Tamil Tigers killed in fighting

AP, Colombo

The United States, following weeks of tough negotiations, finally secured the approval of nuclear supplier nations yesterday for proposals to lift a 34-year-old embargo on nuclear trade with India.

The US described the breakthrough -- on the third consecutive day of crunch talks -- as an "historic" and "landmark" deal that would boost nuclear non-

proliferation, while at the same time enabling India to meet its huge energy needs with low-polluting energy.

India, for its part, described the deal as an "important step" in the normalisation of its relations with the rest of the world and would help meet the challenge of climate change and sustainable development.

The so-called Nuclear Suppliers Group, which controls the export

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AP, Vienna

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It did not give details of damage or casualties suffered by rebels in the raid.

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