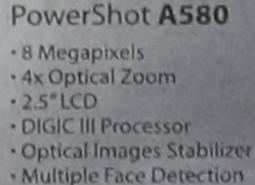


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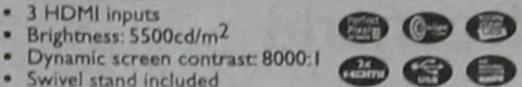
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Khaleda's nephew jailed

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday sentenced BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's nephew Shahrin Islam Tuhin to 13 years' imprisonment for amassing wealth beyond known sources of income and concealing information in his wealth statement submitted to the Anti-

Corruption Commission (ACC). Judge M Sirajul Islam of the Special Court-7 on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises also fined Tuhin Tk 10 lakh, in default of which he has to serve jail term for

one more year. The court ordered confiscation of Tuhin's ill-gotten wealth.

Tuhin was handed down 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for acquiring wealth through dishonest means and three years' imprisonment for hiding information about his wealth. The jail terms will run consecutively, the court said.

Since he is absconding, the sentences will come into effect the day he surrenders or is arrested.

ACC Assistant Director Taufiqui Islam filed the case against Tuhin with Gulshan Police Station on December 19 last year accusing him of illegally accumulating Tk 2.8 crore and concealing information about Tk 1.4 crore wealth.

Earlier, Tuhin was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in a tax evasion case.

ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH

ACC to sue Justice Fazlul Hug's son

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday approved filing of four separate cases against former adviser to caretaker government Justice Fazlul Huq's son Dr Afzal Hossain, son-in-law Tariqul Rahman Prince and one of his employees on different charges.

ACC is to accuse Afzal in two separate cases on charges of concealing information about wealth from the commission, amassing wealth over Tk 1.40 crore beyond his known sources of income and money laundering.

In another case Afzal is to be accused of laundering Tk 10.61 crore. The case statement said Afzal realised this money by accepting bribes in return for transfers of government employees. The statement added that Afzal was able to arrange the transfers with help from his father.

Prince is to be accused of amassing Tk 38.50 lakh, and Abdul Malek -- an employee of Fazlul Huq foundation -- of amassing Tk 46.99 lakh beyond their known sources of

The ACC has also approved filing of a case against establishment ministry joint secretary (OSD) Rafigul-e-Mohammad and submission of two proposed charge sheets against Gopalganj municipality chairman Hasmat Ali on different charges.

Sehri, Iftar timings

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Maghrib		6-09	6-19
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Higher study to elude many HSC achievers

SURANJITH DEABNATH

A large number of the students with brilliant results like GPA-5 in HSC examinations will be denied admission to their 'first-choice' public universities and medical colleges because their number is much more than the number of seats in those institutions.

Many students with good results do not go for higher education because admission capacity of quality public universities is limited and new ones are not being set up to accommodate the increasing number of good result achievers in HSC examinations.

Only two new public universities were established in the last

three years while HSC pass rate increased by around 17 percent during the period. Besides, the number of GPA-5 holders rose four lishment of at least 28 universities. times since 2005.

Results 2008

HSC and Equivalents

Total Passed

4,66,570

GPA 5

22,045

Firemen try to recover the body of a mentally unstable woman from an electricity pole in Chittagong city yesterday.

Powertek to get Bibiyana

despite high tariff quote

cabinet for its approval.

Alamgir Kabir, the ministry has

prepared the bid to be sent to the

tariff of 4.53 cents per kilowatt hour

(a unit), which is in stark contrast

against the 1998 AES Haripur

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per unit while other developers

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The University Grants

Commission's (UGC) 20-year (2006-2026) strategic plan for higher education suggests estab-At present, 1,800 colleges SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

800	Available Seats		
ivalents	Total capacity 4,34,980		
sed	Public Universities	14,750	
70	Private Universities	17,330	
	Public Medical Colleges	2,500	
	Private Medical Colleges	1,400	
5	NU affiliated Colleges	4,00,000	

Upazila polls soon under new laws

Insists Adviser Iqbal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Government and Rural Development Adviser M Anwarul Iqbal yesterday reaffirmed that the upazila election will be held soon though major political parties are more eager about holding the

parliamentary election first. "We hope the upazila elections will be held soon under the new ordinances and the Election Commission is working on it," the LGRD adviser told a workshop at a | Arab Times Online yesterday. city hotel.

Local Government Division and UNDP jointly organised the workshop titled 'Resource Mobilisation of Union Parishad' under a local government support project funded by the UNDP, United Nations Capital Development

in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) mem-

bers arrested an activist of out-

lawed Jama'atul Mujahideen

Bangladesh (JMB) at Battali Bazar

under Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat

Hossain, son of Mozzafar Hossain

of Baniapara village under

Joypurhat Sadar upazila was

wanted in a case filed for looting

firearms from police at Mohespur

village under Khetlal upazila in

arrested Delwar at Battali bus stand

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The arrestee, Md Delwar

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Kuwait bans unskilled foreign workers

Parliament passes non-binding recommendation for 5 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Kuwaiti Parliament on Wednesday unanimously passed non-binding recommendations calling for a 'complete ban' on the entry of unskilled foreign workers into Kuwait for five years, reported

The emergency parliamentary session also called for limiting to five years the unskilled foreign workers' stay in the country and slapping a lifetime ban on recruiting manpower by local companies that abuse workers.

The parliamentary session was protect the workers' rights.

called by about 35 MPs in the 50member parliament to debate violent protests by thousands of Bangladeshi workers in July demanding better pay and improved working conditions. Over 1200 workers were later deported for their alleged involvement in the strikes.

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, who visited Kuwait recently, requested the Gulf state to consider compensating the innocent Bangladeshi workers who were deported. Later, Kuwait gave assurance of taking all measures to

sponsor system to meet international labour standards, Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Minister Bader al-Duwaila told the session on September 10. Under the system, any foreign

alternatives to its widely-criticised

Kuwait is also considering

worker in Kuwait has to be sponsored by a Kuwaiti employer, leaving the expatriates at the mercy of their bosses. Other Gulf states also apply the same system.

Kuwait is home to around 2.5 lakh Bangladeshi workers, most of

whom do low-category jobs.

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JMB cadre held Five killed in 'encounters'

STAR REPORT

At least five people including two members of banned outfit Gono Bahini were killed in Kushtia, Jhenidah and Dhaka in encounters between their cohorts and law enforcers on Wednesday night and

The dead are Mantu, 43, a regional leader of Gono Bahini and Sayeed, 38, a cadre of the same A team of Rab-5, Joypurhat, outfit, Siraj, 28, Montu, 30, and listed criminal Nurul Haque alias Kala Bhai, 38, also joint general secretary

of Dhaka ward-74 unit BNP.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: Acting on information that Gono Bahini members were holding a secret meeting at Nandir Beel, police cordoned off the area at about 4.30am and asked the outlaws to surrender.

The outlaws opened fire on the law enforcers prompting them to retaliate.

Mantu and Sayeed were killed on the spot while their accomplices

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AUG 21 ATTACK CASE Charge-framing hearing now September 17

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday re-fixed September 17 for hearing on charge framing against 22 accused including Harkatul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abul Hannan and detained former BNP lawmaker Abdus Salam Pintu in connection with the August 21 grenade attack

The case was filed for the grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally on August 21, 2004 on Bangabandhu Avenue that left 23 SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

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Both the committees observed

that Powertek's high tariff was

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power projects.

The power ministry has okayed the

bid of Malaysian-Korean consor-

tium Powertek for the 450 mega-

watt (MW) Bibiyana power project

that quotes almost double the

power tariff of past large private

the tender evaluation committee of

the Power Cell and another com-

mittee headed by the Power

Development Board (PDB) expert 2.79 per unit.

Pakistani troops backed by tanks and fighter jets yesterday killed at least 18 rebels in a restive tribal area near the Afghan border, officials officialsaid.

Earlier at least 20 worshippers

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were killed and 30 wounded when suspected militants hurled grenades and fired into a mosque in northern Pakistan during Wednesday evening prayers, an

> "Militants surrounded the SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

One-point passport service thru' post office starts in city from Sep 14 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to introduce one-point passport service through post offices from September 14 to ease the process of issuing passports, says a press release of Bangladesh Postal

Department. People will get both urgent and general passports from 12 post offices in the city by submitting application forms along with fees at the post office counters.

The post offices are Dhaka GPO, Dhaka Sadar Main post Office, New SEE PAGE 15 COL 5



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