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Japanese duo, US scientist win Nobel for particle physics

AFP, Stockholm

Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa of Japan and Yoichiro Nambu of the United States won the 2008 Nobel Physics Prize yesterday for groundbreaking theoretical work in fundamental particles.

The three were lauded for their work in explaining anomalies in concepts of the nature of matter and the origins of the Universe, created in the "Big Bang" 14 billion years ago.

Nambu, 87, won one half of the prize for work in the 1960s for discovering the mechanism of "spontaneous broken symmetry" in sub-atomic physics, the Nobel committee said.

The duo received the other half "for the discovery of the origin of the broken symmetry," the jury said.

Nambu was hailed for developing a concept called "spontaneous symmetry breaking".

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Remittance flows in thick

Marks 44pc rise over last year's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In addition to achieving higher export earnings, the country witnessed a 44 percent growth in remittance earnings during the first quarter of 2008-09 fiscal year compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Due to the steady trend in remittance earnings, Bangladesh for the third time ever reached \$800 million mark in remittance earnings in a single month. Bangladeshi workers living abroad sent home \$802.58 million in September.

The other records of remittance earnings in a single month are \$820.71 million in July and \$808.72 million in March this year.

A surge in manpower exports last year and the Eid and Durga

Puja festivals contributed to the boom in remittance earnings in the first quarter, a high official of Bangladesh Bank said.

A total of 9,81,102 Bangladeshi people went abroad in 2007-08 fiscal year which is about 74 percent above the previous fiscal year figure. A total of 5,63,584 people went abroad in the 2006-07 fiscal year, Bangladesh Bank statistics show.

According to the statistics, on monthly average basis more than 81,000 Bangladeshis went abroad in 2007-08 fiscal year. The figure was 46,000 in the previous fiscal year.

Non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) sent \$2.345 billion to Bangladesh between July and September. The figure was \$1.629 billion during the same period in

the last fiscal year, according to the Bangladesh Bank statistics.

Like remittance earnings, export earnings recorded 71 percent growth in July this fiscal year compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year.

Meanwhile, commercial banks are involved in a stiff competition among themselves to attract remittance as remittance has become a major source of foreign currency, a high official of a commercial bank said.

The banks are aggressively offering quick and reliable services to attract Bangladeshi wage earners to send money home through their banking channels.

Meanwhile, private bank officials said the global economic

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Next polls to make 'new beginning'

Says British MP

UNB, Dhaka

Influential British MP and former minister Keith Vaz, who is leading a parliamentary delegation, has said the forthcoming general elections are probably the most important in Bangladesh's history to "break the cycle of despair" and make "a new beginning".

"The rest of the world, particularly Britain, looks for a peaceful election in which Bangladesh can elect a new government. So, it is important to Bangladesh people," he told the news agency.

Vaz, who is chairman of the select committee on UK's home affairs, said Bangladesh has a key role to play in world affairs because of its size and its talented people. "And we want Bangladesh to be back in international winning side."

Asked how important is the December 18 polls to Bangladesh-Britain relationship, he said: "It's

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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and his wife Neena Ahmed receive Myanmar's Vice Senior General Maung Aye at Zia International Airport yesterday on his arrival on a three-day visit.



Kumari Puja celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of Hindu devotees thronged different Puja mandaps (marquees) in the city and elsewhere across the country yesterday to make offerings on the day of Mahaastami of the Durga Puja - the third of the five-day Durga Puja festival.

At the confluence of Mahanavami and Mahaastami the Sandhi Puja was performed - the moment when goddess Durga was believed to have killed Mahishasura. 108 lotuses, a single fruit, dry rice grains for 'Noibiddo' were offered and 108 lamps lit for the ritual.

Cloths, jewelry, hibiscus garlands and wood apple leaves were also offered at the altar of the idol of the Durga treating her the destructor of the evil forces.

Marking the occasion of Kumari puja yesterday, the Hindu community of the city took part in the worship of a pre-pubescent girl on the austami day of the Durga Puja.

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A rickshaw carrying five of a family as they return to Dhaka after celebrating Eid at their village home in Bhola. The picture was taken yesterday in the city's Agargaon area.

Bangkok bursts into anti-govt protests

One dead, over 300 injured; deputy PM resigns

AFP, Bangkok

Anti-government protests yesterday left at least one dead and hundreds injured as months of political turmoil boiled over, with troops deployed across Bangkok to quell the demonstrations, officials said.

One of Thailand's five deputy prime ministers, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, resigned over the crackdown, saying his role as chief negotiator with the protesters had been compromised.

There were scenes of chaos

outside Bangkok's parliament as police fired tear gas into the crowd of thousands, sending bloody protesters fleeing. Angry mobs overturned police vehicles and fired guns, AFP correspondents said.

One female protester was killed during clashes, an official from a Bangkok hospital said, but did not reveal the cause of death.

Eight police officers were also shot or stabbed in the unrest, police said, which capped months of demonstrations aimed at removing Thailand's elected government because of its ties to ousted premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

A man was also killed in a car bombing near the protest site, police said, although they said it was unclear if the blast was directly linked to the violence. Police had earlier identified the victim as a woman.

"We have been asked by the police to help maintain law and order," army spokesman Colonel Sunserm Kaewkumnerd told AFP.

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Tariqul freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Vice-President and former minister Tariqul Islam was released on bail from the prisons cell of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital last night.

The joint forces arrested Tariqul at his Jessore residence on

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Mindless tree felling in Khejurchhara forest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tree felling goes on unabated in and around the areas of Khejurchhara forest in Srimangal by the authorities of a tea garden that took lease of some land in the area. Three elephants are now being used for transporting the chopped down trees.

The tea garden marked around 4,000 trees for felling recently and 700 of them have already been chopped down.

Indigenous Khasia people

approached the local administration along with journalists and said that they are under threat as the tree-felling goes on in remote areas where they have been cultivating betel leaf for years. They said it was their main source of income.

Nahar Tea Garden realised around Tk1.60 crore as tax from the minority community in the area in exchange for letting them use the land for the last few years, said Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa).

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Pak probes militant link to bombing of MP's house

AP, AFP, Multan

Pakistani police yesterday said a Shiite lawmaker whose house was targeted in a suicide attack had earlier received threats from a sectarian militant group linked to Al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Police are pursuing DNA tests to identify the suicide bomber who wounded a lawmaker and killed 16

people in eastern Pakistan, an official said yesterday.

Also Monday, the government said it was expelling all Afghan refugees in the northwest Bajaur tribal region, alleging many of them have links to militant groups.

The attack on the politician's home in the Bhakkar area in Punjab province was the latest in a string of

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BGMEA Institute of Fashion & Technology (BIFT) & London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London, UK

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signed an agreement of cooperation on 7th October 2008 to exchange of faculty, students and research staff, curriculum and product design Development; joint exhibition and other activities between the two institutions.



Mr. Benajir Ahmed, President, BIFT and Ms. Wendy Malem, Dean of International Enterprise Development, London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London, UK, signed the agreement on behalf of their institution. Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Honorable Adviser, Ministry of Education and Commerce graced the ceremony as chief guest. Mr. Feroz Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce; Mr. Anwar Ul Alam Chowdhury (Parvez), President, BGMEA; Mr. David Lee, Project Manager, UNIDO, Vienna; Mr. John T. Smith, International Coordinator, UNIDO; Mr. David Holbourne, Chief Technical Adviser, BQSP and Mohammad Salek, Principal, BIFT were also present on the occasion.

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All concerned are requested to make correspondence with the Commission at the new address mentioned above from 12-10-2008.

Syed Ahmed
Director (Admin)
On behalf of Chairman

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AUG 21 ATTACK
Charge-framing hearing in 2 cases on Oct 14

UNB, Dhaka

The Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal, Dhaka, yesterday fixed October 14 for charge-hearing in two cases filed in connection with the grenade attacks on an Awami League rally in the capital on August 21, 2004.

This is for the fourth time the date for hearing charges against

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| Prayer Timing | | |
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| October 8 | | |
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-45 | 5-20 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 4-15 | 4-30 |
| Maghrib | 5-53 | 5-56 |
| Esha | 7-30 | 8-00 |

Source: Islamic Foundation