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Dismantling of toxic ship goes on despite court order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
 Dismantling of MT Enterprise, an oil tanker blacklisted by Greenpeace for containing hazardous substance, continues at Madina Enterprise yard on a Sitakunda beach defying a court order.
 A High Court (HC) bench will tomorrow hold the hearing on a writ petition filed against a ship-breaking yard in connection with contempt of court in the case regarding MT Enterprise.
 Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) filed the writ petition on October 17 accusing the importer of the ship of being in contempt of court.
 Hearing on the petition was SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Poor gas supply cripples power generation in Ctg

Karnaphuli plant wobbles for drastic water level fall in Kaptai Lake

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg
 Power generation at two power plants in Chittagong has remained virtually stopped for a long time because of a lack of sufficient gas supply.
 A drastic drop in the water level in Kaptai Lake has also caused fall in power generation at the Karnaphuli Hydroelectric Power Plant, which has even worsened the power situation in the Port City.
 Technical problems coupled with the gas supply crisis at four of the five units at Raozan and Shikalbaha plants. To worsen the

situation further, the 40MW capacity unit-2 of the Karnaphuli Hydroelectric Power Plant tripped on October 20 due to technical fault.
 Only four out of 10 power-generation units at these three plants are functioning at present, generating only 229MW to 240MW electricity against a peak demand for 600MW every day.
 The average load shedding in Chittagong in the last few weeks was officially recorded at 50-170MW. But many believe that the figure would be much higher.
 The city experienced around

170MW load shedding during peak hours on Wednesday even though around 200MW electricity was brought from the national grid at night.
 Frequent power outages are hampering production at different industrial units, including the garment factories, besides making daily life of city dwellers intolerable.
 In addition to four to five hours of load shedding every day, people often have to suffer unscheduled outage even during daytime.
 The city experienced around 50-90MW load shedding daily during SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Shahriar Kabir cleared of sedition charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT
 The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has submitted a final report, clearing writer-columnist Shahriar Kabir of a sedition case filed in December 2001.
 Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (CID) Fazlul Kabir, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, on October 18.
 The court will decide on December 3 whether the final report will be accepted or not.
 In the report, the IO mentioned that the charges brought against Shahriar Kabir were found to be false, fabricated and concocted. He prayed for discharging Shahriar SEE PAGE 15 COL 8



Locals place a bamboo pole inside a gaping hole on the road between Mouchak intersection and Malibagh level crossing to warn vehicles of the danger as authorities concerned are yet to fix it. PHOTO: STAR



Electric lines, cable TV cables, telephone wires and cables of Internet service providers tangled on a government pole at Paltan in the capital. PHOTO: STAR

2 criminals held after gunfight with cops

UNB, Narsingdi
 Two criminals were arrested after a gunfight with police in West Kandapara of the district town yesterday.
 The arrestees are Alam, 26, and Momen, 23.
 Acting on a tip-off, a team of DB police surrounded the house of Alam at about 3:00pm.
 Sensing the presence of the policemen, Alam and his accomplice Momen, who was also in the house, opened fire on the law enforcers, forcing them to retaliate.
 After a brief gunfight, police arrested Alam, who received bullets in his legs, and Momen from the spot.
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Oil prices tumble to \$61 despite major slash in Opec output

AFP, Vienna
 OPEC said yesterday it will slash oil output by 1.5 million barrels a day from November 1 as it seeks to shore up crude prices, triggering a verbal backlash from recession-threatened Britain and the United States.
 The White House denounced what it called OPEC's "anti-market" decision to cut production following the cartel's emergency meeting in Vienna, even though oil prices subsequently slumped to \$61 on fears of a global recession.
 British Prime Minister Gordon Brown was left "disappointed" by OPEC's output reduction and urged oil producers to show a responsible attitude in the current

crisis, his spokesman said.
 Analysts had expected the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut its daily output by at least one million barrels per day as a global economic slowdown amid a worsening financial crisis reduces demand for energy.
 Global stock markets plunged on Friday, with London losing more than nine percent as it struck a five-year low on news that Britain's economy shrank in the third quarter, placing it perilously close to a recession.
 OPEC, which produces 40 percent of world crude, announced a cut to production in a bid to support crude prices which "have witnessed a dramatic collapse -- unprecedented in speed and magnitude," according to an official statement from the cartel.
 Yet after OPEC agreed to reduce its official output quota to 27.3 million barrels per day, the price of Brent North Sea crude sank close to 61 dollars, the lowest point since March 2007.
 Crude futures in London and New York have plunged by almost 60 percent from record highs of above 147 dollars a barrel reached only three months ago when supply concerns sent prices soaring.
 "Crude oil is heading lower again... on fears that the (OPEC) cut might not be sufficient to SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

NY Times endorses Obama

AFP, New York
 The New York Times endorsed Barack Obama for president yesterday, saying the Democratic hopeful has grown into the kind of leader the United States needs after eight years of George W. Bush in the White House.
 "Hyperbole is the currency of presidential campaigns, but this year the nation's future truly hangs in the balance," began a lengthy editorial in the nationally-circulated newspaper reviled by conservatives for its liberal slant.
 "The United States is battered and drifting after eight years of President Bush's failed leadership SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Japanese company recalls noodles over insecticide fears

AFP, Tokyo
 Japan's Nissin Food Products Co. said Friday it was recalling half a million cups of instant noodles over fears of insecticide contamination in the latest food safety scare to rock the country's consumers.
 A 67-year-old woman vomited and felt numbness on her tongue after eating Nissin's Cup Noodle this week in the Tokyo suburb of Fujisawa, the city's health office said late Thursday.
 The product was made at a Nissin factory in Japan. A series of

previous scares have involved food imported from China.
 The health office said on inspecting the Cup Noodle they had discovered paradichlorobenzene, the key chemical in bug repellent, but no puncture or other abnormality in the cup.
 Nissin was voluntarily recalling around 500,000 cups made on the same factory line the same day, a company spokesman said.
 They were sold at supermarkets in Tokyo and neighbouring areas with most of them already gone from store shelves, he said.
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Gen Ibrahim to contest from Dhaka-17 JS constituency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Major General (rtd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, chairman of Bangladesh Kalyan Party, yesterday said he will contest the upcoming parliamentary election from SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Prayer Timing

	October 25	
	Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-32	5-35
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

COMBATING FINANCIAL CRISIS European, Asian leaders agree on \$80b fund

AFP, Beijing
 European and Asian leaders pledged united and bold action in combating the unprecedented challenges posed by the global economic crisis, as a major regional summit got under way here yesterday.
 At the opening of the two-day gathering, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao made it clear Asia had heard the calls from Europe to work together in tackling the worst financial turmoil since the Great Depression of the 1930s.
 "Asia and Europe should intensify coordination and cooperation to jointly meet global challenges,"

Wen said in front of leaders from more than 40 nations attending the Asia Europe Meeting (Asem).
 Wen recalled the great benefits to the world economy and trade created by the ancient Silk Road that connected Asia and Europe hundreds of years ago.
 "Today we must show even greater vision and foresight to bring about new achievements in Asia-Europe cooperation for the benefit of our peoples," he said.
 In the first major coordinated Asian response to the turmoil, China, South Korea and 10 Southeast Asian Nations pledged to create an 80-billion-dollar fund SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

MADRASA STUDENTS' PROTESTS DU deans meet today to settle admission row

DU CORRESPONDENT
 Dhaka University (DU) deans' committee is scheduled to meet in the afternoon today in a bid to solve the latest admission crisis amid madrasa graduates' demand for relaxing admission rules for them.
 The meeting was called by Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz yesterday evening after he had received a

request for convening it from Arts Faculty Dean Prof Sadrul Amin.
 Prof Sadrul is the convener of white panel DU teachers who are known as pro-BNP and pro-Jamaat.
 The meeting was arranged after white panel teachers on Thursday had threatened to boycott the process of admitting freshmen students for the upcoming aca SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

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