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## RAMNA BLAST

## Charge sheets in 2 cases likely tomorrow

KAILASH SARKAR

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is likely to submit tomorrow the charge sheets of the two cases connected with the bomb attacks at Ramna Batamul accusing 14 leaders and activists of Harkatul Jihad (Huji).

CID Chief Additional Inspector General Javed Patwari Thursday said, "All formalities have been completed and we are prepared to submit the charge sheets on Sunday."

The home ministry has given the CID green signal for submitting the charge sheets, he told The Daily Star in reply to a question. The ministry is aware of the progress of investigation as the cases are under the supervision of its monitoring cell, he added.

CID sources said on public prosecutor's suggestion the investigation officer collected video footage of the incident on April 14, 2001, which killed 10 persons and injured a number of others.

Investigation officer CID Inspector Abu Hena Mohammad Yusuf declined to make any comment.

But the CID sources confirmed that two charge sheets have been readied: the charge sheet for the murder case contains over 650 pages and that for the case filed under the Explosives Act has about 550 pages.

They said 24 Huji men carried out the

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MUMBAI MAYHEM: An Indian National Security Guard (NSG) commando abseils from a helicopter onto the rooftop of Nariman House at Colaba Market in Mumbai yesterday while NSG commandos open fire at terrorists holed up in the Nariman House from an adjoining building. Story on page 1.



PHOTO: AFP

Bigger parties are more democratic, won't keep off poll  
Says Akbar Ali Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former caretaker government adviser Akbar Ali Khan yesterday said bigger political parties of the country are democratic and will not refrain from participating in the upcoming parliamentary election, which he hopes will be held on schedule.

"I have confidence in the people of Bangladesh that they will cast their valuable votes for the right persons," he told newsmen after inaugurating an exhibition of knitwear manufacturing machinery at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre.

The Regulatory Reforms Commission chairman expressed hope that no one will cast vote in the December 29 parliamentary polls in exchange for money.

He said the state of emergency is not a big obstacle to holding

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## BKMEA refutes WB forecast

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BKMEA President Fazlul Hoque yesterday refuted the recent World Bank forecast that Bangladesh's garment export growth might fall because of ongoing global recession.

The Export Promotion Bureau has estimated the growth of country's knitwear export in the first quarter (July-September) of fiscal year 2008-09 at 42 percent, Hoque said at the inauguration of the first Knit+tex Expo Bangladesh 2008 in the capital's Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) yesterday.

"We do not expect the knitwear export growth to continue at such a rate all the year round. But the normal growth will continue even

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QUESTION LEAK AT DU  
3 teachers 'guilty' but syndicate for experts' opinion

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) has found three of its teachers to have been involved in a question leak incident at the political science department.

A three-member probe committee headed by the dean of social science faculty unearthed that Prof Ataur Rahman, Prof Wadud Bhuiyan and Prof AHM Aminur Rahman had a role in leaking questions set for a master of social science exam in 2004-05 session.

On learning that most of the questions had been leaked, the authorities postponed the examination half an hour after its start on December 29, 2007.

Of the three, Prof Ataur Rahman was involved in the '52 first-class scandal' in his department in session 2001-2002.

Though the authorities received the probe report in September, they placed it before the syndicate, the highest decision-making body of the university, only Thursday night.

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## 'Boycott war criminals, corrupt in election'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called upon the people to boycott war criminals, black money holders and the corrupt in the upcoming national election to establish real democracy in the country.

They said freedom fighters brought the country's independence by defeating the Pakistani occupying forces and their local collaborators in 1971 but it is regrettable that the key men of the anti-liberation forces are still roaming the country and want to capture state power.

Kranti Shilpigosthi president Mahbubul Haider

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## Somali pirates hijack another ship

Two Bangladeshis on board

AP, Nairobi

Somali pirates hijacked a chemical tanker with dozens of Indian crew members on board Friday, and three British security guards were rescued by helicopter after jumping into the sea, officials said.

A warship on patrol nearby had sent helicopters to intervene in the attack, but they arrived after pirates had taken control of the Liberian-flagged ship, diplomatic officials said on condition of anonymity, as they were not authorized to speak with media.

Still on board were 25 Indian and two Bangladeshi crew members, after the British security guards escaped by jumping into the water, the diplomats said.

It was the 97th vessel to be attacked this year off Somalia, where an Islamic insurgency and lack of effective government have helped facilitate an increase in pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden.

The ship was being operated out of Singapore, according to Noel Cheong, head of the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Malaysia.

The ship master had sent a distress call to the center, which

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People wishing to leave Dhaka for the Eid holidays queue up at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday to buy train tickets in advance.

PHOTO: STAR

## 6-storey building tilts in Lalbagh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-storey residential building tilted by over one foot at Chak Mogholtuli in the city's Lalbagh area early yesterday creating panic among the people of the locality.

Witnesses said one side of the building built on around 1.5 decimals of land started tilting at about 1:00am with big sounds and it continued till 5:00am.

They said a portion of the building also caved in partially forcing its residents to leave it.

Mohammad Habibullah, one of the owners of the building, told The Daily Star that they heard a big sound at about 1:00am, another at about 2:30am and the last one at about 5:00am and then left the building.

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People leave a seven-storey building, marked X, in Old Dhaka yesterday with their possessions. The building developed cracks and tilted to one side early yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Involve youths to win long battle against corruption

ACC chief tells TIB function

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday said the fight against corruption is a long battle and the incorporation of the young generation into the battle is imperative to winning the war.

"We have to resist and defeat corruption and we will not win unless the young generation joins," he said.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a seven-day exhibition titled "Cartoon against Corruption".

Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised the exhibition and the third anti-corruption cartoon competition at Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi in the city marking the International Anti-Corruption Day, 2008, which will be observed on December 9.

The ACC boss said, "We gain strength when people from all strata of life irrespective of age come forward with their effort to curb corruption."

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RIO DECLARATION  
High hopes to stop sexual exploitation of children

RAFAAT BINTE RASHID, from Rio de Janeiro

The World Congress III against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents ended yesterday in Rio de Janeiro amid high hopes and firm promises to work with renewed effectiveness to stop sexual exploitation of children and adolescents.

The draft of the Rio declaration emphasised its deep concern over the continuous increase in certain forms of sexual exploitation of children through the Internet, other new technologies and also the increased mobility of exploiters in travel and tourism.

The declaration stated that this issue should be undertaken as a matter of priority and responded to effectively as set out in the plan of action.

The root of these gross violations of the child rights should be removed.

The governments should recommit to achieve the Millennium Development Goals set for 2015 and particularly halve the proportion of people living in extreme poverty to ensure that all children complete a full course of quality primary education, halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and form a global

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Prayer Timing		
November 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

## SA whitewash Bangladesh

BISHWAJIT ROY in Centurion

Bangladesh completed their second trip to South Africa in a pathetic note as they suffered yet another innings defeat inside three days at the SuperSport Park on Friday.

There was no tail-end resistance this time from the Tigers in the second innings of the second and final Test as the home team secured a massive

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## Forex snatched at gunpoint

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed criminals snatched foreign currencies worth about Tk 12 lakh from a money exchange businessman in the city's Mirpur area Thursday night.

Meanwhile, suspected drug peddlers abducted a proprietor of a multipurpose cooperative society and gouged out both of his eyes in

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