

ACID THROWING CASES
Police asked to submit flawless charge sheet

Home ministry unhappy over conviction rate

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Home Ministry yesterday instructed the police to submit flawless charge sheet of acid-throwing cases as the National Acid Control Council (NACC) expressed dissatisfaction over conviction rate in such heinous offence.

conviction rates.
"Convictions were given only in 20 percent of the cases due to poor investigation," said Taj, adding that the police were asked to intensify its investigation to submit flawless charge sheets to increase the number of convicts.

72 joint secretaries promoted to additional secretaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major move, the government yesterday promoted 72 joint secretaries to the rank of additional secretaries and attached them with the establishment ministry.

Tarique's bail extended for five months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday extended for five months its earlier order granting bail to Tarique Rahman, elder son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in the Tk 21 crore bribery case involving the murder of Bashundhara Group Director Humayun Kabir Sabbir.



Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah-bin-Naser Al Pushairi calls on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 5)

Japan to hold further talks on funding Padma Bridge

UNB, Dhaka

Japan will hold further discussion with the Bangladesh government on the funding of the mega-bridge Padma on completion of its design, Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue said yesterday.

The ambassador also said the Japanese government recently announced \$440 million to finance the second phase of Haripur Power Station project to generate 360MW electricity.



Family members of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria place wreaths at his grave at Banani graveyard in the city yesterday on the occasion of his fourth death anniversary. (Story on Page 16)

'Remove adviser Toufiq-e-Elahi to protect nat'l resources'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port yesterday demanded removal of Dr Toufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury as the adviser to the prime minister for his alleged controversial role in the energy sector.

AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK
Next hearing Feb 2

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday recorded statement of Sub-Inspector Sharif Faruque Ahmed of Motijheel Police Station, complainant of the August 21, 2004 grenade attack cases.

Magistrate's (CMM) Court of Dhaka on June 11 last year showing 412 people as prosecution witnesses.
RAMNA BLAST CASES
Another Dhaka court yesterday adjourned hearing of the murder case filed against Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan and 13 others in connection with the Ramna Batamul blast following a time petition by the prosecution.

ELECTION EXPENDITURE
EC asks 38 parties to submit statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) will today send letters to 38 political parties to take part in the ninth parliamentary elections, asking to submit their statement of election expenditure by March 31.

The expenditure details of Noakhali-1 constituency will, however, have to be submitted by April 14 as the election to the seat was held on January 12. The election was postponed due to the death of Ganotantri Party president Nurul Islam.

60 shanties gutted in city slum fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 60 shanties were gutted in a devastating fire in a slum at city's Meer Hajirbagh under Shyampur Police Station last night.

DEATH OF NURUL ISLAM
Wife rejects probe report, seeks PM's interference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The wife of late Ganotantri Party chief Nurul Islam yesterday rejected the final report of the inquiry committee on the fire that broke out at their house and killed Nurul Islam and his son.

adding that the gas of a refrigerator's compressor was not flammable.
She said T-shirt of her son Tamahor, papers and other such things were not burnt in the fire but Tamahor burnt alive and the matter created suspicion among people as well as the family members.

Abducted trader yet to be rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parents of an abducted trader have sought intervention of the prime minister to rescue their son, saying that the police did little to this end.

DHAKA TODAY
Conference: Brac Development Institute, Brac University Architecture Department and the Brooks World Poverty Institute...
Seminar: Stamford Institute of Career Development (SICD) organises a seminar on BPO passport for students of BBA programme...
Workshop: Unnayan Sahajogee Team organises a workshop...
Lecture: Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research organises a memorial lecture to mark the fourth death anniversary of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria...
Memorial meeting: A memorial meeting will be held to pay tribute to noted labour leader Saifuddin Ahmed Manik...
Workshop: Young Researchers' Forum, an associate organisation of the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of Dhaka



BCS Info Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AKM Shameem Chowdhury and Md Akhtaruzzaman were elected president and secretary general of BCS Information Association for the next two years, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY
Moderate to thick fog likely

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Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

BREAK-IN AT RAILWAY
3 more held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective police yesterday arrested three more suspects, including a woman, in connection with the sensational break-in at Bangladesh Railway headquarters in the city on January 18 night, totalling the number of arrestees to 11.

NDI keen to arrange orientation for MPs

UNB, Dhaka

The Washington-based National Democratic Institute (NDI) has expressed its interest in organising an orientation course for the newly elected members of parliament (MPs), as many of them are first-timers.

'Stop publishing misleading ads by developers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four environmental groups have urged Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) to take initiative to stop publishing in the dailies misleading advertisements by Real Estate Developers for selling their unauthorised plots.

Qulkhwani

METRO DESK

Qulkhwani of Imran Hussain Chowdhury, son of Shamsuddin Chowdhury of Faridpur, will be held at his father's residence at 12, Gulshan, Road 99 (Khaja Baba House) in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

শিশু চলচ্চিত্র উৎসব বাংলাদেশ
জানুয়ারী ২৪ - ৩০, ২০০৯
মূল উৎসব কেন্দ্র: কেন্দ্রীয় পাবলিক লাইব্রেরী, শাহবাগ, ঢাকা
নয়মিত প্রদর্শনী: ২৫-৩০ জানুয়ারী
প্রতিদিন সকাল ১১টা, দুপুর ২টা, বিকেল ৪টা ও সন্ধ্যা ৬টা