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## BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE Govt preparing for SC hearing

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Attorney General's (AG) Office has taken preparations for hearing of the long-pending Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassination case as the government is going to appoint four judges to the Appellate Division.

Earlier on Sunday, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star his office is prepared for hearing of the appeals filed by five condemned prisoners against the verdict in the case.

"We'll place arguments on behalf of the state when the hearing of the case starts at the Appellate Division," he said. The hearing will start when the chief justice constitutes a bench of the apex court, he added.

Law Minister Shafiq Ahmed on Sunday told The Daily Star the government has requested Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin to send names of eight High Court judges to the president for four of them to be appointed to the Appellate Division.

"The posts for four new Appellate Division judges have already been created and I hope the appointments will be made

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2 fake mineral water plants sealed off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A combined team of BSTI and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel yesterday sealed off two fraudulent water treatment and filtration plants in the city's Karwan Bazar and Uttara and held eight people in this connection.

Prosecuting officer of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) SM Abu Sayeed said during a raid around 2:30pm they found the water plant at Food and Beverage factory in Karwan Bazar out of order.

The workers were refilling jars directly with supply water of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), he added.

The team seized 110 jars, arrested its owner Abul Masud Kajol and sealed off the

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## BIWTA proposes mega project to protect rivers

Drive against Buriganga encroachment starts in end-July

TAWFIQUE ALI

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) has proposed an embankment project to protect the rivers surrounding the capital from encroachment and to sustain the drive against river encroachers.

"I have already sent a proposal to the shipping ministry to undertake a project by the Water Development Board under water resources ministry," said BIWTA Chairman Md Abdul Mannan Howlader.

They will also send another proposal for constructing walkway, landing and other facilities; and taking tree plantation programme along the riverbanks.

"We hope to send a Tk 100 crore draft project pro forma to the ministry by this week," said Howlader.

Meanwhile, the anti-encroachment drive got delayed, as the BIWTA officials have been engrossed in leasing out the passenger and

cargo landing stations for the last three weeks.

BIWTA officials said that they would start eviction drive against the encroachers of Buriganga by the end of July.

"We have identified 113 encroachers of the Buriganga and it will take a couple of days to finalise the list," said BIWTA Deputy Director Saiful Islam.

The list will include around 150 illegal structures and encroachments on Buriganga, said Islam.

The rivers Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakhya span around 110 kilometres of the capital city.

Of the total length, at least 50 to 60 kilometres have to be demarcated with embankment and walkways to protect the river from encroachment, said Howlader while talking to The Daily Star.

A total of 35 kilometres of riverbanks surrounding Dhaka should have walkways as

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ERRATIC STOCKS  
SEC forms probe body on Bextex

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has formed an enquiry committee to investigate the recent erratic trading of Bextex shares.

The stock market regulator

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## Tipai visit to be delayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The all-party parliamentary committee will not be able to visit the Tipaimukh dam sites by tomorrow due to "technical" reasons, said Water Resources Minister Romesh

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## Uncertainty over BNP's upazila unit formation

Most dist committees still wait for approval

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP could not start forming its upazila level committees as most of the district convening committees, which have been assigned to suggest the names of members to form upazila units by tomorrow, are still awaiting central committee's approval.

The delay in finalisation of the conflict-ridden district committees has made formation of upazila committees uncertain.

Every district committee is supposed to send a 31-member convening committee for each upazila level unit but no district committee has sent the names, party sources said.

BNP's central committee has so far approved only 20 district committees out of 71 to be tasked with naming full convening committees as part of party restructuring. The party on June 9 announced 71 committees out of 75 organisational districts in a bid to reorganise it from grassroots level.

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Star reporter's house attacked in Rajshahi

3 including him injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of criminals stormed into the residence of The Daily Star Staff Correspondent Anwar Ali Hiru at Asam Colony in Rajshahi city yesterday and beat up the journalist and his two family members mercilessly, leaving them injured.

His wife Jinnath

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## Mob beat two fleeing killers to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Mob beat two youths to death at Dhakanta, outskirt of the city, suspecting them of killing another in a roadside jute field there last night.

Police and witnesses said three unidentified men came on a motorbike and went into a jute field around 8:30pm. Behind the drape of plants, two of them stabbed the third to death. They attempted to leave the body in the field and

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## Lax security led to BTCL siege

Says probe body report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The three-member probe committee on Habiganj BTCL office siege on July 8 submitted on Sunday its report to the deputy commissioner, making nine recommendations in a bid to strengthen security to the office.

Insufficient security measures and negligence of the officials concerned at Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTCL) office in Habiganj helped much in the incident and suspected militant Shahin took advantage of the poor security arrangement, the report said.

The committee was formed the next day of the incident and it was asked to submit its report on security arrangement of the building and reasons for the incident within three days.

Sources said head of the probe committee Additional District Magistrate Md Nurunnabi and ASP Mohammad Ullah, a member of the body, submitted the report to the deputy commissioner. The third member of the committee BTCL Divisional Engineer Binoy Krishna Gain, however, did not cooperate in preparing the report.

The chief of the committee said submission of the report was delayed due to the non-cooperation of the divisional engineer.

The report mentioned that on that particular day the main

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## FIRST TEST UPDATE

Bangladesh were in a good position at Tea, as West Indies were struggling at 128 for 6 with 34 overs left. They needed 149 more runs while Tigers needed 4 wickets to win the match.

Prayer Timing		
July 14		
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat
5-10	5-45	
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	6-00	6-15
Magrib	7-55	8-00
Esha	9-17	9-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



A worker of a fake mineral water plant fills five-gallon containers with supply water at Karwan Bazar. BSTI officials with the help of Rab personnel caught him in the act and made the arrest yesterday.

PHOTO: SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN

## Diseases Involving Colon, Rectum & Anus

To know about most modern treatment of diseases involving Colon, Rectum and Anus like, Piles (bleeding in toilet), Longo operation (Piles opn. without cutting anus), Cause of failure of operation around anus, pain after passing stool (Fissure), Swelling, Discharge around anus (Fistula), Constipation, Chronic dysentery (IBS), Blood dysentery (Ulcerative colitis), Colonoscopy, excess gas in stomach (Gastric), Bowel (Colon & Rectum) Cancer, most modern stapling rectum cancer operation without artificial stool collecting bag (Colostomy), Childrens bleeding in toilet (Polyp), you may read the book written by:

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## Swat refugees head home

15 killed in explosion in Pak village

AP, ANI, Charsadda

Hundreds of Pakistanis who fled a military offensive against the Taliban in Swat Valley began trickling back home yesterday, but many families refused to leave refugee camps, demanding promised government assistance and citing security concerns.

In Pakistan's east, meanwhile, an explosion rocked a small village, killing at least 15 people, seven of them children, wounding dozens and damaging tens of houses in a reminder that security in the country has deteriorated well beyond the north

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## Online Poll

Do you think it'll be a good idea to have a separate specialised and technology-based police unit to combat militancy and terrorism?

Yes (73.7%)

No (22.4%)

No Comments (3.9%)

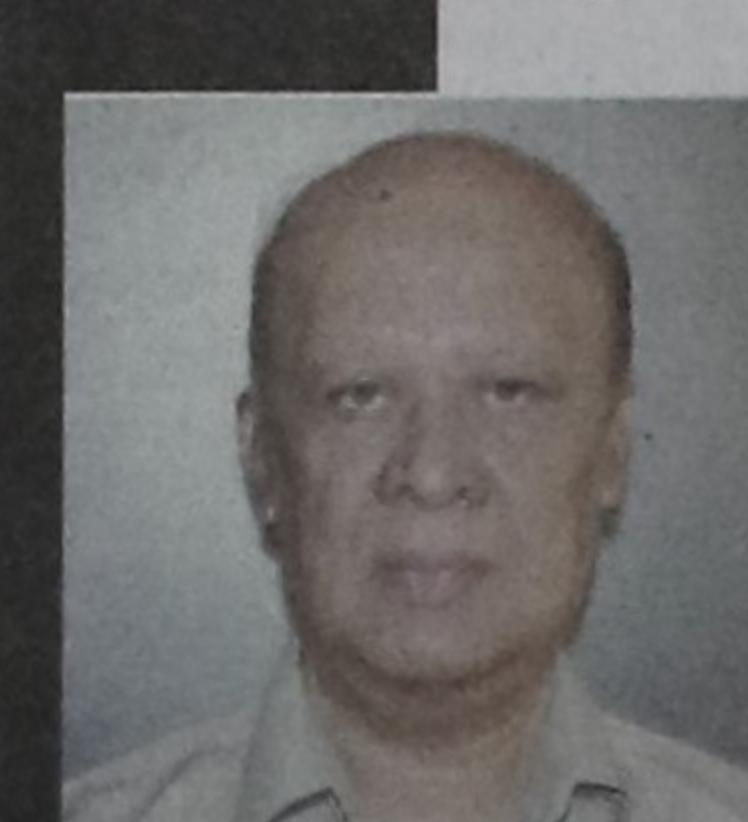
Total votes: 639

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think government will take legal actions against the Gulshan-Banani-Bandhara lake encroachers and launch immediate eviction drive?

Please cast your vote at

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