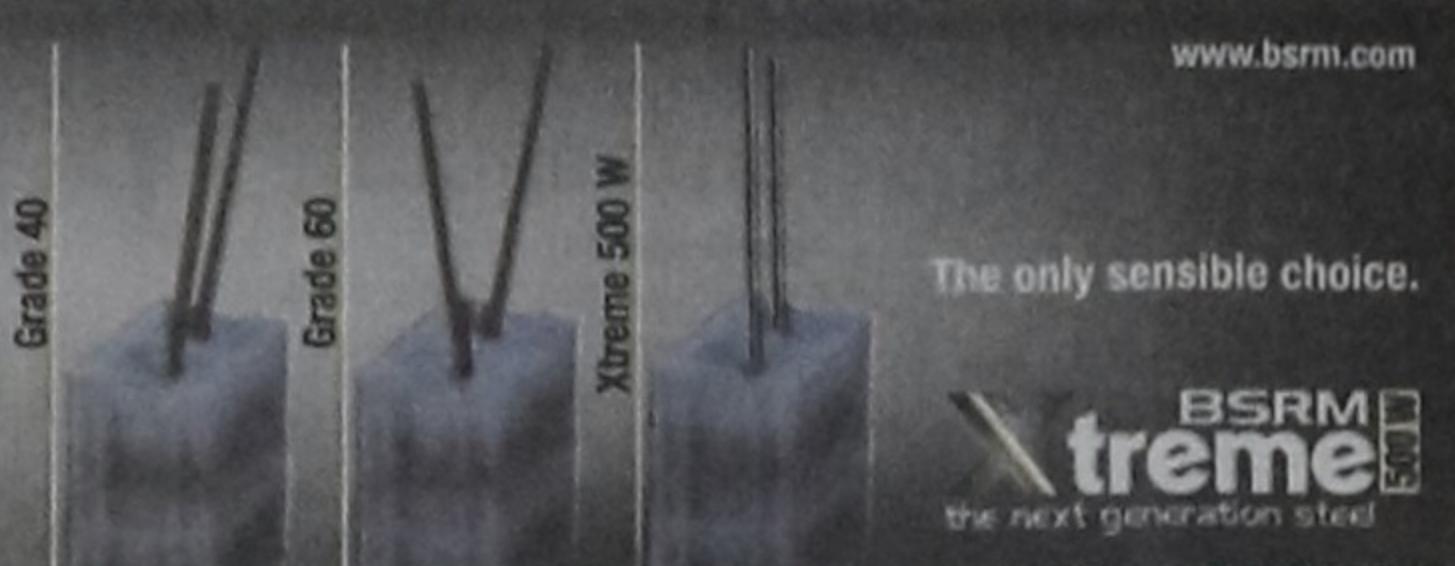


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Clinic, construction firm vandalised for toll refusal

Jubo League men go on rampage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Jubo League activists yesterday vandalised a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts and a construction firm office and looted cash and cellphones at Mohammadpur on refusal of toll for the National Mourning Day programme.

Locals said equipped with brickbats, bamboo sticks and iron rods at least 40 Jubo League activists in two groups ravaged Jiboner Alo Drug Rehabilitation Centre and Salam Enterprise at Dhaka Udyan in the area around 9:30am and

looted Tk 16,600 and two cellphone sets. Md Rashedullah Tusher, director of the rehabilitation centre, said led by Sajju, Mosharraf and Kamal the Jubo League activists came to the centre around 9:00am and demanded Tk 50,000 for the programme. Denied, they returned in half an hour and attacked the office. Three of his employees--Nazmul Islam, 28, Iqbal Hossain Swapan, 35, and Lat Miah, 42--sustained injuries as they tried to resist the men, he added.

Muksedur Rahman, manager of the centre, said six months ago these men

demanded Tk 50,000 toll but the DCC ward commissioner Abul Hasem Hasu settled the matter. Later on Tuesday night, the same men came back and demanded the amount for holding a feast on the occasion of Bangabandhu's death anniversary, he added.

The rehabilitation centre authorities alleged that despite repeated request police made delay in reaching the spot giving the attackers a chance to leave.

Of the construction firm, an official seeking anonymity said the same gang

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Janmashami today

BSS, Dhaka

Members of the Hindu community observe their religious festival Janmashami marking the birth anniversary of Lord Sri Krishna in the capital and elsewhere in the country today with due religious fervour and enthusiasm.

Different socio-cultural and religious organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the Janmashami in a befitting manner.

The programmes include puja, prayer and Gita Yagna, discussion, procession, cultural function, distribution of 'prasad' and feeding to the poor.

According to Hindu mythology, Lord Visnu incarnated in the universe as Lord

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As Dhaka Metropolitan Police suddenly starts seizing unfit buses, commuters and city dwellers are left stranded without transport at major city intersections yesterday. The photo was taken at Farmgate.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Fair election possible under political govt
Says CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A free and fair election is possible under a political government provided that security is ensured, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda said yesterday.

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Prayer Timing		
August 13		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:25	6:00
Zohr	1:45	2:15
Asr	5:45	6:00
Maghrab	7:41	7:44
Esha	9:00	9:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Police fail to arrest Faridpur rapists yet

But keep victim's father at police station whole night for interrogation; no CDs of gang rape recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Police failed to nab any of the culprits till last night in connection with the schoolgirl gang rape case filed on August 11 with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Court in Faridpur.

They are yet to recover any of the CDs or video footages taped and circulated by the rapists of the 14 year-old girl on July 9, 2009.

Earlier on Tuesday, the parents of the victim demanded justice for the offence of rape as well

as filming the scene and circulating them by the rapists.

Police on Tuesday night took the victim's father to Char Vodrason Police Station and kept him there for the whole night for interrogation to verify the incident.

They also interrogated some CD traders of local market yesterday, source said.

Sub-Inspector Abul Kalam, investigation officer of the case, said they verified the statements of the victim's father and need more

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KIBRIA MURDER CASE
Court further extends time for probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

The Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal Judge Md Mahbubul Islam yesterday gave one month more time for submitting report on further investigation into the murder case of former finance minister SAMS Kibria and four others.

The judge ordered the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to submit the report by September 13 as they failed to produce it yesterday as per schedule.

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Mumbai schools shut amid swine flu panic
Death toll in India rises to 17

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The toll in swine flu pandemic across India mounted to 17 with seven more persons succumbing to the disease yesterday.

All educational institutions in India's financial hub Mumbai were ordered to remain close for a week from today.

Meanwhile, the number of positive swine flu cases in India went past the 1,000-mark with 119 fresh cases reported on Tuesday.

Among the 17 deaths, 13 took place in Maharashtra state. Five who died yesterday were identified as Shrawani Deshpande, 29, Balu Kuland, 33, Nita Meghani, 50, Balu Kuland, 33 and Gautham Shalar, 48, in Pune, the city in the state worst hit by the disease and also the epicentre of the deadly H1N1 attack.

Nashik city, also in Maharashtra, registered its first flu death when doctor Rupesh Gangurde, 38, was infected and died at the hospital yesterday.

A man died of swine flu in Thiruvananthapuram, capital of

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Online Poll

Do you think the limited power vested on the mobile courts is adequate enough for the anti-adulteration drive?

Yes (1.9%)
 No (9.4%)
 No Comments (88.7%)

Total votes: 2593

TODAY'S POLL
Do you think government should equip the fire brigade adequately on urgent basis to tackle the post-quake rescue operations in Bangladesh?

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