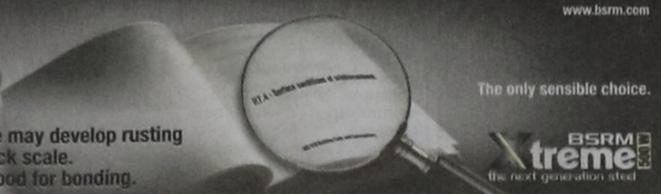


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Another BDR man dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another member of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) died yesterday, raising the death toll of BDR jawans to 40 since the February mutiny.

Nayek Subedar Mujibur Rahman, 54, passed away at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMU) in the city yesterday.

A BDR press release stated that Mujibur of 30 Rifles Battalion at Panchhari, who hailed from Ugli village under Chandpur Sadar, had been

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Dhaka not ready to recognise Kosovo yet

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh does not perceive it necessary now to recognise Kosovo as an independent Balkan state as Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes yesterday indicated that Dhaka weighs its geopolitical and other consequences.

The foreign secretary cleared Bangladesh's position within 72 hours of US

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DU observes Black Day today

UNB, Dhaka

Teachers and students of the Dhaka University are set to observe 'University Black Day' today to mark the atrocities by law enforcement agencies two years ago.

Scores of students were wounded in police action following which four senior teachers and seven students were taken into custody and thrown behind bars.

The decision of observing

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Sehri, Iftar timings			
Ramadan	Aug	Sehri	Iftar
1	23		7-29
2	24	5-14	7-28
3	25	5-15	7-27

Prayer Timing		
August 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-13	5-23
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	5-45	6-00
Maghrib	7-29	7-39
Esha	9-00	9-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Saudi govt yet to allow job switch

Miseries of Bangladeshi workers compound

PORIMOL PALMA

Undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers in Saudi Arabia are on the rise each day and many others are forced to return home despite having job offers, as the Kingdom still does not allow iqama (work permit) transfer for the Bangladeshis.

The restrictive measure continues despite Foreign Minister Dipu Moni's declaration that the Kingdom would allow Bangladeshi workers to switch to new jobs.

The foreign minister said so after the prime minister's visit to Saudi Arabia in April.

Saudi government put the restriction on job transfer and reduced issuing work visas to the Bangladeshis early last year on the ground that they were trying to make a balance between the numbers of different nationals in the Kingdom.

Since 1976, the Kingdom has hired over two million Bangladeshis turning it into the largest labour market for Bangladeshis. But, for the last one and a half years, it has significantly reduced the

number of visas to Bangladeshis.

"If this situation continues several lakh Bangladeshis will have to return home in a year or two," said an official at the expatriates' welfare ministry.

Since January 2008, around 60,000 Bangladeshi workers have been sent back home on out pass (a special travel pass) indicating more flow of returnees.

Those who have problems with residency document return home on out pass issued by the Bangladesh mission in Saudi Arabia. Officials in the expatriates'

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Chirping village

Hashem's love turns a Dinajpur area safe haven for birds

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Only 10 years ago there was no chirping and gathering of birds in Bhatina village under Dinajpur sadar upazila. With a unique initiative by a bird lover, the village is now a safe haven for thousands of birds chirping round the day.

Hashem Ali, 50, former member Shejhpura union and a freedom fighter of the village, has created this opportunity for the local birds inspiring villagers to make artificial nests keeping village green as a tool for attraction.

Despite his meager resources for these birds, the freedom fighter started the initiative in his forties by motivating villagers towards creating artificial nests in their trees and homes.

The project was initiated in the village dotted with hundreds of lush green bamboo, mango, lemon, guava, jackfruit and neem trees, where a variety of birds like herons, sparrows,

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Clean Street starts today to tackle jam

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) formally kicks off operation 'Clean Street' today to rid the city-dwellers of severe traffic jams during Ramadan by chasing unfit and unlicensed vehicles off the street.

The drive will be conducted through mobile courts, as the city traffic hit an impasse.

DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haq will formally give the go to the operation in the morning after a meeting of the 11-member committee formed earlier to supervise the operation through separate mobile courts.

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Captain of the Bangladesh cricket team Sakib Al Hasan, left, and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hold a trophy at the prime minister's Jamuna residence yesterday after the team returned home with historic wins in the West Indies and Zimbabwe. More on page 17.

Outlaw killed in 'encounter' with police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSHIA

A regional leader of outlawed Janajuddho, a faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCL-ML), was killed in an 'encounter' between police and his cohorts at Jagannathpur village of Daulatpur upazila in the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Naharul Islam, 38, of Jagannathpur village.

Acting on a tip off, a team of Daulatpur police raided a field where Naharul's Janajuddho men were holding a clandestine meeting around 4:00am.

Sensing the presence of

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Finance says no to industrial police

M ABUL KAMAL AZAD and KAILASH SARKAR

The finance ministry has again turned down a home ministry proposal for formation of an industrial police force, saying that continued use of Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) or strengthening of local police stations will suffice.

Following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's announcement in the parliament that an industrial police force will be formed, the home ministry had put forward the proposal explaining the necessity of a separate specialised force for

maintaining law and order in industrial areas.

But the finance ministry in a meeting on August 16 turned down the proposal for forming the 1,580-member industrial police despite the establishment ministry's approval for it. Two similar proposals had earlier been turned down as well by the finance ministry.

Chaired by Finance Division Secretary Dr Mohammad Tarek, the meeting said formation of the separate police force will cost a lot of money.

Director General of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam, who attended the

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India hands Pakistan fresh Mumbai info

Islamabad to verify 'legality' of dossier

AFP, ANI, New Delhi/Multan

India on Friday handed fresh information on last year's bloody attacks in Mumbai to Pakistan's top diplomat in New Delhi, officials and a report said.

The Press Trust of India said Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao handed over "additional information... including input on some of the key aspects and accused involved" to Pakistan's ambassador Shahid Malik.

Pakistan's foreign ministry in a statement later confirmed this, adding: "Arrangements are being made for the receipt of the material here." India says it has so far provided four dossiers

to Islamabad containing information relating to suspects and the logistics of the attacks, which killed 166 people.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said Islamabad will respond to the fresh Indian dossier regarding the November 2008 Mumbai terror attacks only after examining the document handed over to it on Friday.

"Our legal experts will examine the new information to see whether it was legally tenable," The Daily Times quoted Qureshi, as saying.

India on Friday handed over more evidence on the 26/11 terror attacks on Mumbai to the

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OnlinePoll ✓

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No Comments (1.7%)

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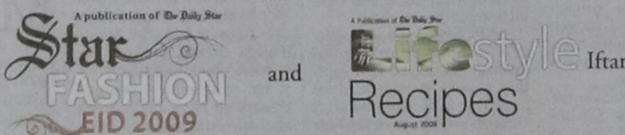
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