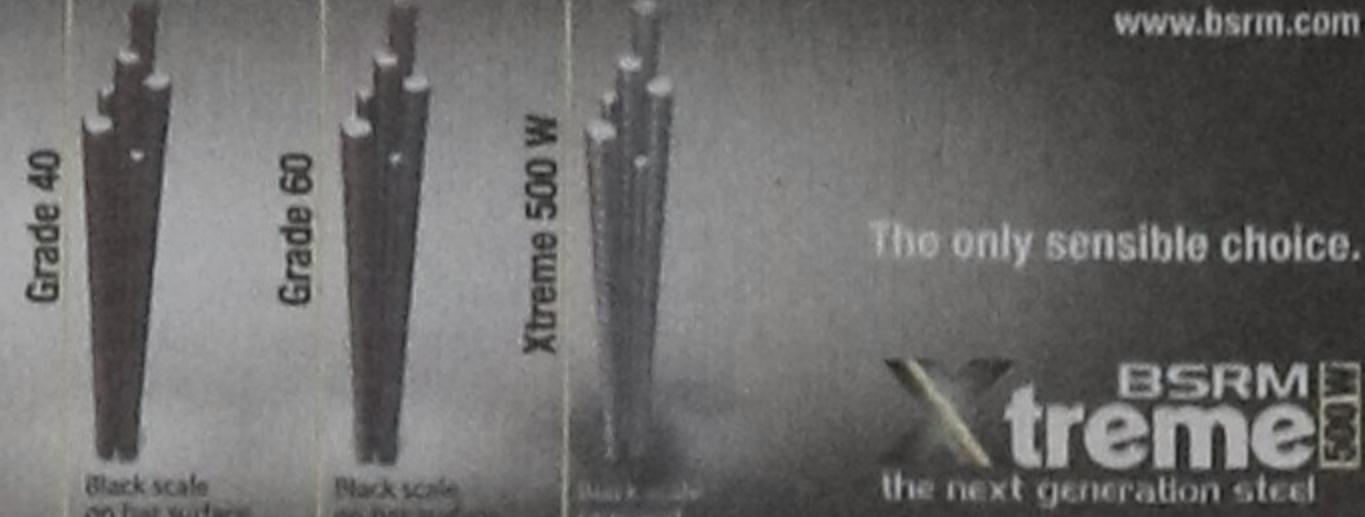


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2 UK ministers due today for climate talks

UNB, Dhaka

Two British ministers arrive in Dhaka today for high-level discussions on climate change.

The trip of Douglas Alexander, secretary of state for international development, and Ed Miliband, secretary of state for energy and climate change, takes place less than 100 days before countries from around the world gather in Copenhagen, Denmark, to negotiate a new international climate change deal.

British High Commission in Dhaka says Bangladesh has a crucial role to play in the international negotiations, which are due to conclude in Copenhagen in December.

Douglas and Miliband will hold talks with the Bangladesh government and climate change experts about the key ingredients for a fair and ambitious deal at the forthcoming global meet.

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Rajshahi board boss faces mayor's fury

He fails to upgrade SSC results of Liton's daughter, gets threats on his life; mayor now accuses him of defaming Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Education Board Chairman Dipakendranath Das left the city Saturday night for Dhaka after filing general diaries with two police stations following threats on his life allegedly from the city Mayor Khairuzzaman Liton.

The Rajshahi mayor asked the board chairman repeatedly over the phone to upgrade his daughter's SSC results, Dipakendranath alleged.

Khairuzzaman also acknowledged that he had requested Dipakendranath to look into the result of his daughter but denied the allegation of threatening the board chairman.

The mayor, on the other hand, brought allegation against Dipakendranath of not observing the National Mourning Day in a befitting manner at the Rajshahi Education Board this year.

In his identical GDs filed with Boalia and Rajpara police stations in Rajshahi the education board chairman alleged that he had been asked to leave Rajshahi forever over the phone since August 27. The callers also threatened him with death.

He, however, refrained from mentioning names of any individual or party in his GDs.

Earlier on August 27, the board chairman alleged that the city mayor threatened to transfer him if he did not entertain his request of upgrading his daughter's SSC result.

Anika Faria Zaman, the mayor's daughter, secured GPA 4.56 in this year's



SSC examinations. Dissatisfied with the result she along with 2300 other examinees appealed to the board for review of their results on June 22.

As review results came out on August 9, some 23 examinees got their results changed but Anika's results remained the same.

The board chairman explained that Anika failed to get GPA 5 because she secured A minus in Bangla and obtained A in English, Mathematics and Chemistry.

"There was no scope of reviewing her result as her review results had already been issued," he said.

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4 BCL men held for extortion

Protesters barricade Mirpur Road for hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday picked up four Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders of Dhaka College unit on charge of extortion.

Soon after their detention, around 100 BCL activists of the college staged demonstration on the Mirpur road. They barricaded the road causing severe traffic jam and sufferings to people just before the Ifar.

The detainees are BCL college unit Organising Secretary Mohammad Manik, Library Secretary Shawkat Tareq, Education Secretary Russell and member Milton. All of them are postgraduate students.

Sources said the BCL leaders had been active in extorting money from traders in front of the college for long.

A trader, Delwar Hossain filed complaint with the New Market police yesterday morning in this connection.

Police picked them up from in front of the college while they were collecting the toll money near the college, sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star in front of the cell where they were kept the detainees said that police had caught them after they had been called to the police station. A vested quarter might have influenced police.

Asked about those influential persons Manik said the O.C. had arrested them to save the real extortionists.

Contacted over phone, Officer-In-Charge Kamrul Islam of

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Bomb hoax at Jatiya Press Club

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rapid Action Battalion team searched for explosives at the Jatiya Press Club after receiving a bomb threat from an anonymous caller that turned out to be a hoax yesterday.

Lieutenant Mamun Mahmud Firoz Chowdhury, commanding officer of Rab-3, told The Daily Star that an anonymous person called them from cellphone and said the club would be blown up between 12:00noon and 12:30pm.

At least 40 Rab personnel entered the club at around 11:30am, press club sources said adding two discussions inside the club were halted and participants vacated the club for the Rab to start the search.

Additional contingents of Rab and police were deployed around the club while a team was searching its lounge.

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WHOSE FOOTPATH IS IT, ANYWAY?



Illegally parked vehicles occupy half of the road which contributes to severe traffic gridlock, while hawkers continue using the footpath in Gulistan in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAFIQU ALAM

Free country from graft, militancy

Hasina asks party men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed her party men to help build a country free from corruption and militancy and establish Bangladesh as the most peaceful nation in South Asia.

She also asked them to stand besides the people who brought Awami League (AL) to power.

"Let's take the oath that we will work for the welfare of people and be ready to make any sacrifice to this end," said Hasina, also the president of AL, at a discussion.

Dhaka City unit of AL organised the discussion marking the 34th death anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre in the capital.

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Kennedy laid to final rest

AFP, Arlington

Democratic lion Edward Kennedy has been reunited with his slain brothers -- laid to rest in a Virginia cemetery as a lone bugle player brought the curtain down on a US political dynasty.

Surrounded by his tight-knit family, which has dominated US politics for half a century, Kennedy's body was brought to Arlington National Cemetery Saturday, to rest on a hillside overlooking the nation's capital.

The late senator was buried 100 feet (30 meters) from the grave of his brother, Robert Kennedy, assassinated in 1968, and close to the eternal flame marking the last resting place of president John F. Kennedy, shot dead in 1963.

Three days of high emotion drew to a close as the nation bid a final farewell to the man who had the Kennedy mantle thrust on

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CTG PORT GRAFT Ministry to sue Matin this week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary committee yesterday said the shipping ministry will file a case against its former adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Matin within this week for his 'involvement' in awarding the container handling job at Chittagong port to an inexperienced and non-responsive company.

"The shipping ministry will send proof of corruption and irregularities to the

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Govt ready to welcome voluntary surrender

Says state minister for home on extremist groups

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Home Affairs Shamsul Haque Tuku yesterday said the government would welcome if extremists decide to surrender voluntarily considering peace and interest of the country.

"If they make proposal on their voluntary surrender, we will think of it and take steps in accordance with law," Tuku said.

Responding to reporters' questions after the inauguration of Chawkbazar Police Station in

the city, the state minister urged the extremists to quickly give up their violent path and return to normal life and work with people.

Tuku's appeal for surrender came amid sudden rise in unlawful activities by the extremists that witnessed gunning down three people, including an Awami League leader, in Rajbari last week.

He said the law enforcers have been asked to take stern action against the elements disrupting

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Sehri, Ifar timings

Ramadan	Aug	Sehri	Ifar
9	31	5-18	7-21
10	1 Sept	5-18	7-20
11	2 Sept	5-19	7-19

Prayer Timing

August 31

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-18	5-28
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	5-45	6-00
Maghrib	7-21	7-31
Esha	8-45	9-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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United Nations has asked its staff not to fly Biman Bangladesh Airlines for lack of safety and security. Do you think that Biman is risky to board?

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