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Schoolboy, bus helper murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown criminals stabbed a bus helper to death at the city's Shanirakhra last night while police recovered the slaughtered body of a student from the Buriganga on Thursday.

The dead bus helper was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 25.

Abdul Kuddus, sub-inspector of Jatrabari Police Station, said Alamgir went missing from the bus on their way to Mohammadpur from Chittagong road around 8:00pm.

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KAPTAI HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Long delay in overhauling curtails generation

NUR UDDIN ALAMGIR, Ctg

Overhauling work of the 50-megawatt (MW) unit-3 of Karnaphuli Hydro Power Station is still incomplete as the Italian company entrusted with the job leased out one of its section to another company that slowed down the progress.

The time to get the overhauling job done expired in May last year.

This has made the power situation in Chittagong even worse. The situation deteriorated further as operation of the

50MW unit-4 of the plant was suspended on January 13 for overhaul, sources said.

Two of the five units are of 40MW capacity each while the rest are of 50MW capacity each. The 48-year-old station was set up in Kaptai upazila of Rangamati by constructing artificial dam on the Karnaphuli.

The plant is currently generating around 126MW of its capacity 230MW.

Sources at the power station said the overhauling work of unit-3 costing Tk 135 crore began on May 8, 2008 and it was

scheduled to be completed by May 27, 2009.

Jalal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, the overhauling project director, said Italian company Vatech-Sadelmi Consortium was entrusted with the job. But consortium partner Sadelmi leased out its electrical equipment business to Busi Power in June last year and suspended its shipment. This slowed down the pace of overhauling work, he said.

"As the consortium requested

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Indian airports on alert after hijack warning

AFP, New Delhi

India has increased airport security and warned its domestic airlines about a possible hijack attempt after a tip-off from Western intelligence services, officials said yesterday.

The alert to India's civil aviation ministry said flights of state-run Air India and private carriers could be targeted by Islamist groups aligned to al-Qaeda or the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant group.

"We have intelligence inputs that there could be a hijack attempt of Indian planes," UK Bansal, senior home ministry official in charge of internal security, said.

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Move to seize all assets of Zardari

ANI, Islamabad/ Lahore

Action to seize the assets of Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari has begun following a National Accountability Bureau (NAB) order asking the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration to freeze all his assets under its jurisdiction.

Besides other properties, NAB's latest order would immediately hit the 2,460 kanals of Sangjani land, which was a frozen asset before the NRO, but was unfrozen in

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QUESTION LEAK DU admission test postponed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities yesterday postponed the admission test for honours courses of Bachelor of Education for academic session 2009-10 due to question paper leakage.

A total of 7,223 applicants were to take the one-hour test for 160 seats at 10:00am yesterday.

The test will be held on February 5 (Friday) at 10:00am with the same seat arrangements, said a DU press release.

As the decision was taken early hours yesterday, hundreds of applicants arrived on the campus at the time fixed earlier for the test.

Meanwhile, police picked up seven persons including a Bangladesh Chhatra League activist in connection with the leakage.

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Locals of a village in Satkhira beat this tiger to death after it came from the Sundarbans and took shelter on the roof of a villager's house yesterday.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Villagers beat tiger to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A Royal Bengal Tiger was beaten to death by villagers at Abadchandipur adjacent to the Sundarbans in Shyamnagar upazila yesterday evening.

Local sources said villagers trapped the tiger in a kitchen at about 8:00am yesterday but forest department officials failed to bring tranquilliser

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