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**FUGITIVE KILLERS**  
Govt steps up efforts to bring them back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said the government has stepped up efforts to bring back the six fugitive killers of Bangabandhu using diplomatic channels and Interpol help.

"The government is committed to bringing back the killers now hiding in different countries. We are trying to track them through the Interpol and diplomatic channels," he told journalists after an inter-ministerial meeting at his secretariat office.

A cell comprising officials of law, home and foreign ministries, which was formed during the previous term of the Awami League government to bring back the killers

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**Comilla Medical College shut after BCL clash**

UNB, Dhaka

Comilla Medical College was declared closed yesterday until February 12 following a BCL factional clash on Wednesday night that left at least seven activists wounded.

The students were made to vacate the residential halls by 6:00pm to ward off further clashes.

Campus sources said the clash began on Wednesday

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Rajuk eviction team broke the outer glass walls of top four floors of the city's Jamuna Future Park Shopping Complex yesterday. This photo was taken during the drive.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

**JAMUNA FUTURE PARK**  
Demolition starts with glass walls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha tore down the outer glass walls of the top four floors of 10-storey Jamuna Future Park Shopping Complex yesterday.

Even though the Rajuk eviction team was supposed to demolish the illegally-built four floors, it just broke the glass walls from 10th floor down to seventh, a small number of the partition walls on seventh floor, and called it a day. It did not touch any other part of the unauthorised four floors.

Rajuk launched the demolition drive of the upper four floors of the shopping complex at the city's Joar Sahara (Bashundhara), a day after the High Court summarily rejected a writ petition challenging Rajuk's demolition notice issued against the shopping complex.

The demolition team, led by Executive Magistrate Rokon-Ud-Doula and comprising Rajuk director (development control), four authorised officers and a number of building inspectors, stopped at 1:00pm.

Rajuk Director (development control) Sheikh Abdul Mannan said, "We have just started the drive today [yesterday] and we

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*Girl takes her life after abuse*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A schoolgirl killed herself at her village home after allegedly being abused by a group of youths at Mushuriapara village in Ishwardi upazila here on Wednesday.

The girl, 12, was a student of class VII at a local school and a resident of Mushuriapara.

Sources said Dukhu, a young boy of the village, and his associates stopped the girl while she was going home from school during the midday tiffin break. Dukhu physically abused her in public.

The girl ran home and hanged herself in the afternoon.

Family members took her

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**AMNESTY FOR IRREGULAR WORKERS**  
10,000 workers to return from Oman

PORIMOL PALMA

Around 10,000 Bangladeshi workers having irregular status in Oman are expected to return home soon taking advantage of the Gulf country's amnesty that first time allowed them to go back to their motherlands without paying any penalties.

"Over 2,600 irregular workers have already

registered with Bangladesh embassy in Oman. But the total number of such workers wishing to respond to the amnesty may be triple in size," SM Ferdous, charge d'affaires of the Bangladesh embassy, told The Daily Star yesterday over the phone.

The return of Bangladeshis follows the amnesty declared by the Oman's Ministry of

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**12 lakh to take SSC exams from Feb 11**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 1,206,019 examinees from 26,192 educational institutions across the country are going to take part in the upcoming SSC and equivalent examinations scheduled to begin on February 11.

Some 627,672 male and 578,347 female students will sit for the examinations at 2,044 centres under the ten

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**Man dies in custody**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An employee of Apollo Hospitals, who was detained in prison for suspected link with two robberies in the capital's Pallabi area, was allegedly tortured to death by Rab Wednesday.

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), however, denied the allegation of torturing Mohiuddin Arif, 29, who was serving as an operating theatre technician at the hospital.

The guards of Dhaka Central Jail brought him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Wednesday around 12:30pm. The doctors declared him dead.

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**Over 300 new books come out**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Publishers brought out a number of new books yesterday hoping for an increase in the sale of books on the first weekend since the book fair began.

The sale of books was low during the last four days. However, the booksellers and publishers expect that the sale will go up today as hundreds of

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**US under secy for public affairs due tomorrow**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Judith A. McHale, US Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, arrives here tomorrow on a three-day visit.

This is the highest-ranking official visit from the Obama administration in Bangladesh.

During her visit, she will meet with high government officials, academics and business and civil society leaders.

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**PDB finally signs three rental power contracts**

Plants won't help power increase for upcoming irrigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Power Development Board (PDB) after many months of delay signed contracts for three rental power projects totalling 265 megawatt capacity with two local companies yesterday.

These projects are Bheramara 105 MW diesel-fired plant, Thakurgaon 50 MW diesel-fired plant and Noapara 105 MW furnace oil-

fired plant. The Bheramara and Noapara plants will be installed by Otobi and the Thakurgaon plant by Rahim Afrooz.

The PDB could have signed all these agreements nearly a month ago as the prime minister had cleared them and the draft contracts were all vetted by the law ministry.

However, it could not be done as the ministry went very slow with the projects for reasons

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**Local golfers shine**  
India rules the day

SPORTS REPORTER

After dictating terms at the National Shooting Range for the last two days, Bangladesh discovered a new ground of gold at the Kurmitola Golf Course where Jamal Hossain Mollah, Dulal Hossain and Sakhawat Hossain Sohel won the golf team event gold of the 11th South Asian Games yesterday.

The fifth gold for Bangladesh after three in shooting in the previous two days was unique for two reasons. Firstly Bangladesh became the first nation to claim it as golf has been included for the first time in the regional showpiece event. Secondly and most importantly it needed a character of a man who put on hold all the emotions after hearing the news of his father's death to continue his endeavour for national pride.

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think introduction of border markets between Bangladesh and India will help reduce smuggling?

Yes (55.9%)  
 No (42.6%)  
 No Comments (1.5%)

**Total votes: 925**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think online admission process for Dhaka College and Suhrawardi College will stop Chhatra League's interference?

Please cast your vote at [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

**Prayer Timing**  
February 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-52	5-56
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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