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MEGHNA-DHALESHWARI
Stop illegal encroachment for 3 months
HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to stop encroachment, earth filling and construction of structures on the Meghna and Dhaleshwari rivers for three months.

It also issued a rule upon the government to explain within three weeks as to why it should not be directed to demarcate the two rivers by conducting a survey, and demolish all structures built in the rivers.

An HC bench of Justice A H M Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice

Dhaka seeks end to Libyan visa forgery

PORIMOL PALMA

Bangladesh is set to propose the Libyan embassy in Dhaka to send the visa information of Libya-bound Bangladeshi workers to the immigration at Hazrat Shahjalal (R) International Airport to check visa forgery.

"We will propose setting up a mechanism so that the Libyan embassy in Dhaka can forward the visa numbers of Bangladeshi workers online. This information will be provided to manpower bureau and the immigration at the airport," said Nurul Islam, director of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET).

A Libyan delegation comprised of officials from technical education and immigration is expected to visit Bangladesh July 14.

Early this year, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain led a delegation to Libya

where both the countries agreed to work together to improve the labour migration management.

This visit of the Libyan delegation is a follow-up meeting where the strategies to check visa forgery are likely to top the agenda. BMET has already prepared a concept paper for the meeting.

Libya is an emerging labour market requiring around one million workers by 2014 for its booming construction sector. The oil-rich country, home to some 90,000 Bangladeshis, had been hiring on average over 2,000 workers per month from January 2008 till this April, which drastically halved in May-June.

Officials concerned identified visa forgery from Bangladesh end as the cause of it.

This year, Libya has deported 39 Bangladeshi workers while 88 in late last year. Some of them entered the country with fake visas while others without work permits.

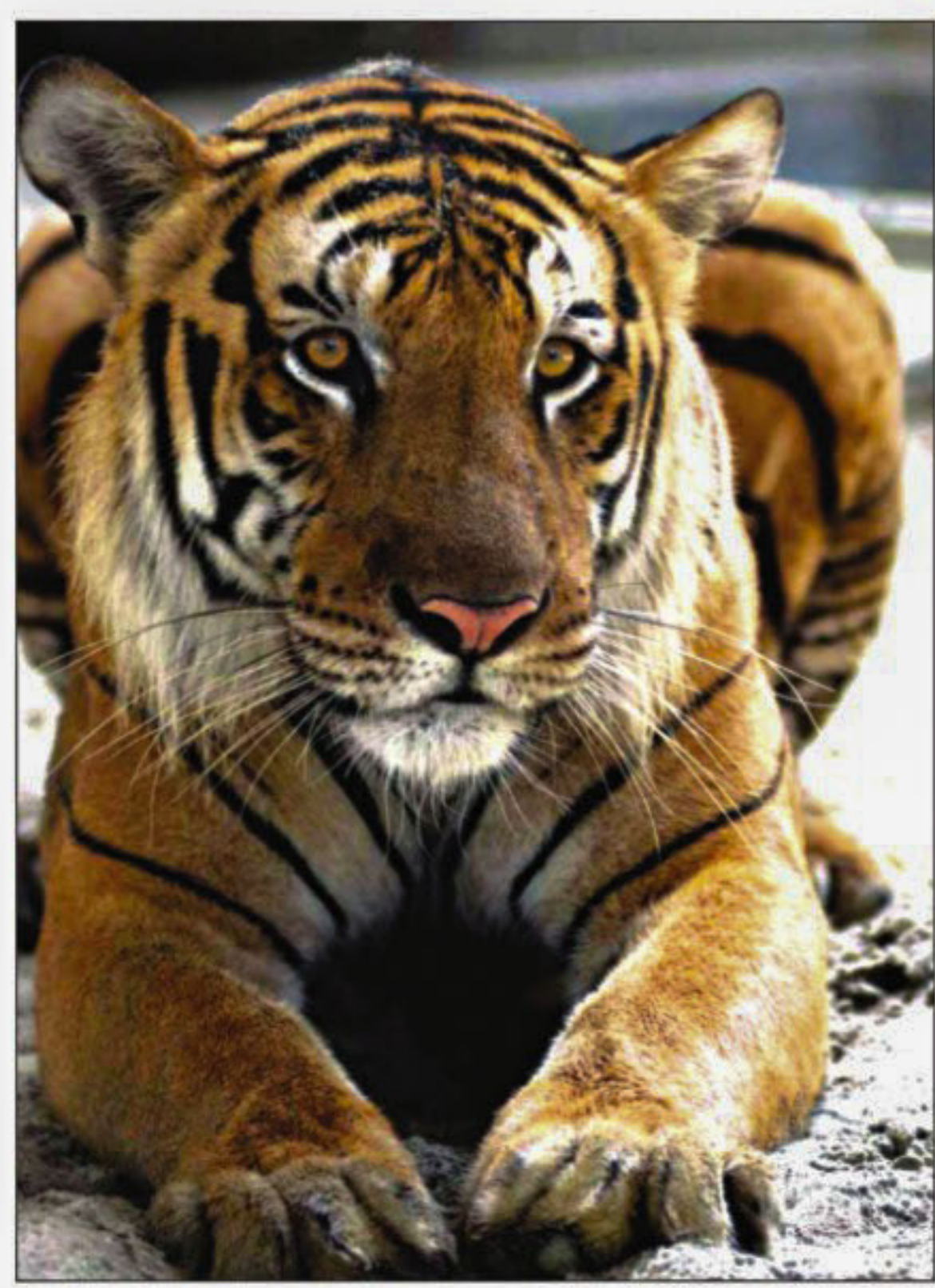
Maola, Nizami, Mojahid quizzed together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of Police put detained Hizb-ut Tahrir adviser Prof Golam Maola face to face with Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid Sunday night.

"Soon after they were taken to the same place they exchanged greetings, which seems they knew each other," said a DB official wishing anonymity.

During the time, they were questioned about the connection between them and their "anti-government activities", said the official. He, however,



Concern over extinction of tiger species

AFP, Nusa Dua

Representatives from 13 "tiger-range countries" met in Indonesia yesterday to draft a global recovery plan ahead of a summit in Russia in September.

"We're gathering here because we share concerns about the sustainability of tigers," Indonesian Forestry Minister Zulkifli Hasan said in an opening address to delegates on the resort island of Bali.

"It is alarming that out of the nine tiger subspecies in the world, only six are remaining."

The plan to be drafted in Bali will be used as the basis

OnlinePoll

What do you think of Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddique's comment that BCL activists should fight the opposition instead of fighting themselves?

Irresponsible: 62.5%

Instigation for violence: 35.5%

No comments: 2.0%

Total votes: 735

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Do you think the new telecom law that restricts the companies to appeal only against fines, not against any other regulatory actions would discourage growth of the ICT & telecom industry?

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Sylhet BCL man killed by rivals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rivals killed an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in Shaplabag area of the city yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Udayendu Singha Polash, a student of 3rd year honours of mathematics department in Sylhet MC College.

Police said Polash was heading for his mess by a motorcycle. When his bike reached Shaplabag first lane area around 2:00pm, some eight to nine young men attacked him and stabbed severely. The attackers escaped the scene after the incident.

Polash was rushed to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Earlier around 12:30pm yesterday, BCL factions were locked in chase and counter chase on the MC College campus, said the locals.

HC stays BTRC order to scrap PSTN licences

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for three months the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's (BTRC) decision of cancelling licences of five PSTN operators.

The court also issued a rule upon BTRC and the government to explain within three weeks why the BTRC decision should not be declared illegal.

In the rule, the court also asked why they should not be

Uganda blasts kill 70 at World Cup parties

REUTERS, Kampala

Suspected Somali Islamists carried out two bomb attacks in the Ugandan capital that killed 70 people watching the World Cup final at a restaurant and a sports club, authorities said yesterday.

Suspicion fell on the al Shabaab rebel group, which claims links with al Qaeda, after the severed head of a suspected Somali suicide bomber was found at one of the blast sites.

The explosions ripped through two bars packed with soccer fans watching the final moments of World Cup final in an Ethiopian-themed restaurant and at a gathering in a

Nizami on fresh remand in car torching case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The detectives yesterday took Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami on a four-day remand in a case filed in connection with

Prayer Timing

July 13

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

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