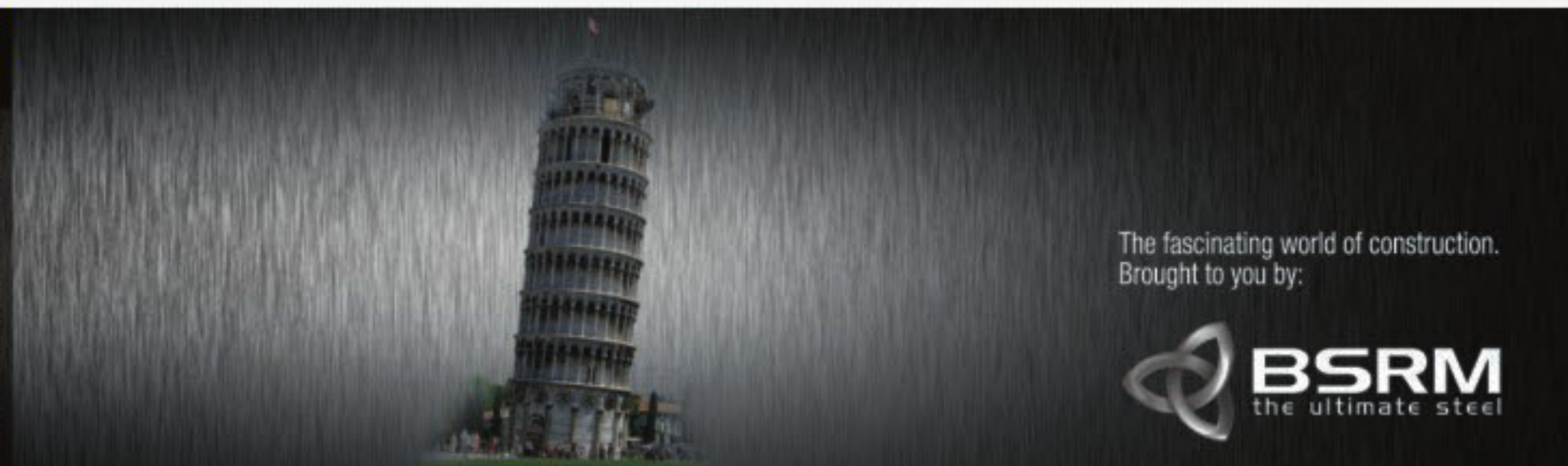


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The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, 55.86m (183.27ft) high, began leaning to the southeast soon after construction started in 1173 due to a poorly laid foundation and loose substrate that had allowed the foundation to shift direction. Following recent restoration to stop it from completely toppling over, it currently leans at a steady tilt of 3.97 degrees.



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RU sees flexing of muscles

BCL, Jubo League clash

A RU CORRESPONDENT

Brandishing firearms and sharp weapons, scores of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists chased a group of Jubo League (JL) men on Rajshahi University campus yesterday over a trivial matter.

The incident was followed by a series of skirmishes involving BCL activists and JL men.

The trouble began as JL activists Ilias and Hossain of Meherchandi area injured RU unit BCL activist Mohiuddin by bumping their bike into him around 12:30pm at Station Bazar near the campus.

As Mohiuddin and some BCL men protested the



POWER ON SHOW: A photo collage presents, Rajshahi University unit Chhatra League members carrying weapons patrol the campus following a clash with Jubo League yesterday. And, like every campus clash, police presence hardly bothers the activists.

GD filed against ex-Jamaat lawmaker

Charged with threatening the state

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leader of Dhaka Lawyers' Association last night filed a general diary against former Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Syed Abdullah Mohammad Taher on charges of issuing threat to the state.

Advocate Golam Kibria

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TANHA MURDER Mother on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three-and-a-half-year-old Jennifer Islam Tanha's alleged killer and her mother's lover Rajib stayed in their Mirpur house since the killing until he escaped on Wednesday night.

Police yesterday took Tanha's mother Halima Yasmin on five days' remand after a court's approval. The Detective Branch (DB) of police Wednesday night

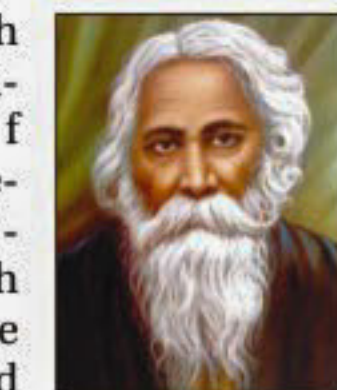
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Tagore's 69th anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 69th death anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore will be observed across the country today, paying due tribute to the most celebrated Bengali poet, playwright, novelist, composer and painter.

Tagore, who enriched the Bengali language and



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Power plant with India in limbo

Transshipment of equipment stalled as Ashuganj river port work yet to start

REZAUL KARIM

The construction of infrastructure for the Ashuganj river port is yet to start, delaying the transshipment of equipment for a power plant in the Indian state of Tripura through Bangladesh territory.

Transport of equipment cargoes for the Paltana Power Plant needs a jetty at the river port, a new bypass road or renovation of the existing 49-km road, and sixteen bridge-bypasses from Ashuganj to Akhaura near Bangladesh-India border and river dredging.

India wants to start transshipping Over Dimensional Cargoes (ODC) by end of this year. But according to shipping ministry officials it wouldn't be possible as none of the infrastructure projects is started.

Besides, the Indian government is yet to disburse \$1 billion loan to Bangladesh for 14 infrastructure-building projects including those for Ashuganj.

During Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's India visit, the neighbouring country's premier announced \$1 billion line of credit for a range of projects.

They include railway infrastructure, supply of locomotives and passenger coaches, renewal of Saidpur workshop, procurement of buses including articulate buses and dredging.

Official sources said Dhaka and New Delhi have recently estimated around \$70 million to upgrade the Ashuganj port, renovate road and construct bypasses over rivers and canals from Ashuganj to Akhaura.

After a joint survey by experts from both the countries, construction of a

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5 top BB men sued for graft

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday gave charge sheets against five Bangladesh Bank (BB) officials including its former general manager Chowdhury Mohibul Haque of Barisal branch and one Shilpa Bank official on charges of embezzling Tk 24.11 lakh worth of savings instruments.

The anti-graft body's Barisal chapter Assistant Director MH Rahmatullah yesterday submitted the charge sheets against the six bank officials to the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court upon the permission of the Commission on August 2.

The case statement says one Joydul Abedin purchased three savings instruments for a three-year tenure in the year 2000. After the savings instruments matured on September 7, 2003,

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Prayer Timing		
August 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-47	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

An eviction team knocks down the Sat Tala slum in the capital's Mohakhali area yesterday to retrieve a land owned by the Directorate General of Health Services.

Ex-cop turned mugger held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detective Branch of police held an ex-cop turned mugger from Chhotopole area in the port city yesterday evening.

The mugger was identified as Abdul Hakim alias Police Hakim alias Rab Hakim.

Hakim was sacked from the police department in 1997. He had been mugging since then in the guise of police and Rab

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Govt to recover 1,000 acres Bhawal land

BSS, Gazipur

The government has taken special measures to recover over 1,000 acres khas lands from the Bhawal forest.

According to sources at Land and Forest Offices, the government has already identified khas lands grabbed by 93 organisations and individuals and taken all out steps to recover those lands.

The amount of the grabbed land is more than Tk 1,000 crore, the sources added. Those lands were grabbed during the four-party alliance government.

"None would be able to keep under occupa-

tion the khas lands illegally as the government has already taken initiatives for recovering such lands," AKM Mozammel Haque, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the land ministry, told BSS yesterday.

The sources at forest office said they have prepared a list of 93 organisations and individuals, which grabbed 1,000.55 acres lands at Bhawal forest.

These organisations and individuals have been occupying the huge quantity of lands at Bhawal forest for a long time by preparing fake papers and filing cases, the sources said.

They said the government had acquired

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DUA

A Dua Mehfil has been arranged to offer prayers for the departed soul of **FAUZIA CHOWDHURY (JESMINE)**, on Saturday the 07 August 2010, at Shaheen Auditorium (next to Shaheen School) after Asr prayers (5.30pm). All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the Dua Mehfil.

Lt. Col. Gyas Chowdhury (Retd) (Husband)
Sadaf and Naureen (Daughters)

OnlinePoll

Do you support the Election Commission's decision to give the ruling Awami League and 16 other parties 2-month time extension to submit their financial transaction reports?

Yes (27.5%) No (70.9%)
No Comments (1.6%)

Total votes: 378

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think DMP will be able to take effective measures to ease the capital's nagging traffic congestion during the month of Ramadan?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net