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Angkor Wat (or Angkor Vat) is a temple complex at Angkor, Cambodia, built for the king Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. It is the only one to have remained a significant religious centre since its foundation—first Hindu, dedicated to the god Vishnu, then Buddhist.

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Govt plans to unfreeze 1,500 bank accounts

But decides not to return Tk 1,200cr collected during anti-graft drive

JASIM UDDIN KHAN

The government is soon to prepare a policy to allow for restoring activities on about 1,500 bank accounts seized during the last caretaker government's anti-corruption drives. However, the realised money, amounting to Tk 1,200 crore, will not be returned to individuals and businesses, officials say.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith revealed the government's plan in a letter to National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Nasiruddin Ahmed recently.

He also asked the NBR to make a report on the seized accounts with a complete list of individuals and organisations.

"A good number of bank accounts are unreasonably kept frozen for long," Muhith wrote. "These accounts need to be unfrozen. We want to fix the problem through a policy."

The finance minister added, "We won't take any action regarding the money the caretaker government realised because a law is necessary to make returns of the money from government account. We are not ready to undertake any such measures."

He said accounts of people with no pending income tax cases would be unfrozen first.

NBR and Bangladesh Bank had requested the government deal with the money issue, because neither of the two has any

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A tailback on the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday around 3:00pm. Traffic jam on the city streets is reportedly getting worse and it appears there is no way out from the menace.

PHOTO: STAR

Traffic man succumbs to injuries

Family sees no reason for 'suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traffic sergeant Wazed Mahmud, who made a suicide attempt Friday night, succumbed to his injuries at the city's Apollo Hospital early yesterday.

Mahmud, 33, attempted to commit suicide by shooting into the head at the traffic control room on the ground floor of the multi-storey parking lot of the Shahjalal International Airport.

His mother Nurjahan Begum told The Daily Star that she had heard of the news that night.

Mahmud lost one leg at a road accident around five years ago. He managed to do everything with his artificial leg and there was no reason to commit suicide, she said.

Mahmud left behind his wife Dilara Parveen and a daughter Tamika Parveen.

His body was buried at a

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Lanka strips ex-war hero of pension, prestige

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's president has formally stripped former army chief Sarath Fonseka of his rank, medals and pension

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DEATH OF AL ACTIVIST

Bullet from MP's gun struck him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leader Ibrahim Ahmed was killed when he was handling legislator Nurun Nabi Shaon's licensed gun and it went off, said Shaon's driver.

Ibrahim Ahmed, 38, an Awami League leader of Ward-56 of Dhaka City Corporation, was also supposed to be a ward councillor candidate in the upcoming DCC elections.

Ruling Awami League MP Shaon's driver Kamal Hossain Kala filed an unnatural death (UD) case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station in this connection.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station Sub-

Inspector Sadequl Islam said driver Kala in the case filed late Friday night said Shaon's car was parked near Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban Block-6 Friday night.

Sadequl said Kala claimed that he was cleaning the car when Ibrahim, an acquaintance of the lawmaker from Bhola-3 constituency, came up and took the pistol kept in the car in his hand. While Ibrahim was handling the pistol it accidentally went off and the bullet hit him in the face. The lawmaker was inside the parliament building then, the driver claimed.

Ibrahim was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him

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1 shot dead by robbers

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A man was shot dead and another injured while chasing armed bandits at Bawalia village in Monohordi upazila of Narsingdi early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Haroon Miah, 24, son of Phool Miah of the village.

Rais Miah, 24, who received a bullet in his foot, was admitted to Monohordi Upazila Health Complex.

Kutubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Monohordi Police Station, said a gang of eight to ten robbers forced into the house of Ramzan Ali at about 2:00am and looted

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Workers clash with cops for 9-hour shift

50 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 50 people including 20 law enforcers were injured in a clash between police and textile mill workers demanding nine-hour shift at Rugganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

The workers of ACS Textile at Barpa first staged a demonstration at the factory around 8:00am and vandalised five vehicles, some machines and three office rooms to press their demand of nine-hour shift instead of the existing 12-hour one.

Later, over 4,000 workers of the factory took to the street and blockaded Dhaka-Sylhet highway for around two hours since 9:00am. They vandalised at least 20 vehicles on the highway.

Officer-in-Charge Forkan Sikder of Rugganj Police Station

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Abuse behind her suicide attempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Afrin Sultana, who suffered 90 percent burns as she doused herself with kerosene and set on fire on Friday, is now on her deathbed at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

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20m hit by Pak floods

UN secy general due in flood-ravaged areas; no aid yet for 6m victims

BBC ONLINE, REUTERS, Sukkur

Pakistan's PM Yusuf Raza Gilani said 20 million people have been affected by the country's floods, a much higher estimate than the UN's 14 million.

He was addressing the nation during much muted celebrations of Pakistan's independence from the UK 63 years ago.

The United Nations confirmed at least one case of cholera among the victims, in the Swat valley.

Meanwhile, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-

moon is expected to visit the country during the weekend.

Health workers have been stepping up their battle against waterborne diseases in the flood-hit country.

There were still flood victims to be reached, but the government was leaving no stone unturned, he said.

The UN had previously said the region's worst flooding in 80 years had affected 14 million out of Pakistan's 180 million population and killed 1,600 people.

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OnlinePoll

Do you think DCC mayor's non-cooperation with the government is the main reason behind the poor civic services in the capital?

Yes

No

No Comments

46.1%

52.5%

1.4%

Total votes: 583

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government's decision to keep the CNG filling stations in Dhaka closed for 6 hours every day to improve gas supply to power stations is right?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

August 15

Azan

Jamaat

Fajr

4-10

4-20

Zohr

12-45

1-15

Ashr

4-45

5-00

Maghrib

6-35

6-45

Esha

8-00

8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Iftar & Sehri timing for

Dhaka & neighbouring areas

Today's Iftar

6:35 pm

Ending time for tomorrow's sehri

4:10 am

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CLASS

DATE

TIME

VI - XII

Thursday, 19.08.2010

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

I - V

Friday, 20.08.2010

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The new schedule and school work will be given out.

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