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2 factories fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined two factories a total of Tk 16 lakh for polluting Turag and Dhaleswari rivers with untreated liquid waste.

The dyeing plants, Rakef Apparels Washing and Packaging Industries Limited in Kaliakoir and Towel Text Limited in Savar are more than ten years old and process around two tonnes of knit fabrics everyday.

Despite receiving prior warnings from the DoE, the factories did not bother to set up effluent treatment plants (ETP) to treat the toxic liquid waste before discharging.

Both the factories had been warned that their gas, electricity and water supply would be disconnected unless they comply with the environmental rules and regulations.

A team of DoE led by **M o h a m m e d M u n i r**

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Forest men not guilty

Claim forest officials probing logging fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Forest department officials yesterday visited the social forestry scheme on the chars of the Padma and talked with only alleged tree plunderers to decide that the trees were either

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(Clockwise) Forest officers visit Shonaikandi Char in Poba upazila of Rajshahi after an allegation of tree felling came up. An alleged goon of forest department staff Razzak threatens a local not to make a sound about tree felling to the authorities. (Bottom) Evidence of freshly felled trees in the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



EC meet today on fate of MK Alamgir's seat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission sits today to discuss the fate of the parliamentary seat of ruling Awami League leader Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir.

"We received copy of the Supreme Court verdict today [Tuesday]. We have to declare the seat vacated now following the High Court's order. We will decide on the issue tomorrow [Wednesday]," Election Commissioner

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3 Bangladeshis die in Saudi road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three Bangladeshi expatriates were killed and three others critically wounded in a road accident in Madinah of Saudi Arabia early Monday.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Kutub Uddin, 42, owner of a residential hotel, his eight-year-old son Minhaz Uddin, his business partner Hazi Rafique Ahmed, 40, and driver of the car they were travelling by.

The injured were identified

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FACTORY EXPLOSION 2 more die at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two more people, injured in an explosion at a ceramic factory in Gazipur on Monday, died at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Mohammad Ali, 35, supervisor of the factory, died around 3:00 pm and Mosharrif Hossain, 25, floor-in-charge, succumbed to his injuries around 1:30am.

With these two deaths, death toll from the explosion rose to three.

The injured, Selim Miah, Abdul Haque and Akkas Ali, were fighting for their lives at the burn unit, said DMCH sources.

The printing section of Sun Power Ceramics at Joydevpur went off with a bang at about 11:00am Monday, critically burning six employees.

WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL Jamaat leaders' bail pleas rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday rejected all petition for the top four Jamaat leaders filed for their release, withdrawal of arrest warrants against them and staying trial proceeding for war crimes.

The tribunal rejected four out of six petitions on different grounds after holding hearings on them and turned down the remaining two considering those as not submitted.

This means the four Jamaat-e-Islami leaders, Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid, Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla, have to be in jail until further order, their lawyer Tajul Islam told The Daily Star.

Tribunal's registrar Shahinur Islam said the tribunal would start its proceedings against the four after the prosecution submits formal

charges against them. The prosecution would scrutinise the investigation reports first, which will be prepared by the investigation agency.

The petitions were filed on August 2 and 3 this year. On August 2, the four top Jamaat leaders were produced before the tribunal in connection with charges of crimes against humanity.

In the petitions they prayed for the tribunal's direction to the authorities concerned to provide them letter of authority (power to move cases), send back the records of two war crimes related cases filed against them to lower courts, and give them certified copies of its orders.

Passing the orders the tribunal said it issued the arrest warrant against them but the order was not executed as they were in jail in other cases.

It said detention against the petitioners is

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Speaker, minister defend MPs' role in dev work

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid and LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday in parliament criticised a section of people for opposing the MPs' role in local development activities.

They also urged all to speak "carefully" so that the House is not "undermined".

The treasury bench lawmakers overwhelmingly supported the speaker and LGRD minis-

ter by thumping desks amid absence of BNP-led opposition lawmakers.

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Prayer Timing		
September 22		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

UK detains 10 Bangladeshis for working illegally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UK Border Agency arrested ten Bangladeshi expatriates under a special law enforcement operation aimed at reducing illegal immigration, said a press release of the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

They were detained during August 19 to mid-September for working illegally in the UK and for committing other immigration offences.

Steps are being taken to deport them, said the press release.

The businesses will be penalised up to £100,000 or an estimated Tk10,700,000 for employing the illegal immigrants, unless they can prove they had carried out the

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Jamaat Nayeb-e-Amir Delwar Hossain Sayedee is leaving the war crime tribunal after yesterday's session amid strict security.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Nat'l steering body formed to fight anthrax

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday formed a 25-member National Steering Committee to help control the anthrax outbreak within a month.

The inter-ministerial committee was formed with representatives from the ministries of health, environment, home affairs, foreign affairs and livestock, and all the country's six city corporations.

Fisheries and livestock minister Abdul Latif Biswas heads the committee.

A five-member technical committee was also formed with joint secretary of the ministry at the helm, said Latif, adding the committee will assess the need for the number of vaccines and vaccinators at a particular locality.

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think it is possible to completely stop the use of polybags?

Yes (39.5%)
 No (59.3%)
 No Comments (1.2%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think PM should make her health adviser Syed Modasser Ali quit for his irresponsible remarks?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Ban likely on mobile talk while driving

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bucking seatbelts while driving and wearing helmets when riding motorbikes have been made mandatory in the country in a bid to curb road accidents.

The 33rd meeting of the Road Transport Advisory Council has also decided to impose a ban on talking over mobile phones while driving. The meeting was held yesterday at the communications ministry in the secretariat.

The initiatives would take effect from November 1 and stringent punishment including monetary penalty and imprisonment would be awarded to the violators, said Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain after the meeting.

He said anyone crossing the road instead of using a nearby footbridge or underpass would be taken to police custody for at least 24 hours.

"People are still in a habit of crossing roads rather than taking the footbridges," he said adding that the law concerned would be amended, if necessary.

The meeting has also decided to launch a drive and demolish all illegal structures on busy roads and highways at places like Bhulta, Bhanga, Savar, Chandana, Mawna, Gazipur Chowrasta and Konabari from Wednesday.

The communications minister said the drive would be completed within the next two months.

The meeting also asked the highway police

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NOTICE OF ROAD SHOW FOR PRICE DISCOVERY

This is for kind information of all Eligible Institutional Investors (EII) [as per Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Issue) Rules, 2006] for discovery of indicative price for issuance of 30,000,000 ordinary shares of Generation Next Fashions Limited through Initial Public Offering (IPO) under book building method. The offering summary and detail of the road show of Generation Next Fashions Limited are as follows:

OFFERING SUMMARY:

Public Offer : 30,000,000 Ordinary shares
 Face Value : Tk. 10/- each share
 Issue Manager : BRAC EPL Investments Limited

DETAIL OF ROAD SHOW:

Venue : Radission Utshab Hall
 Date : 6 October 2010
 Time : 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

All Eligible Institutional Investors (EII) are requested to participate in the road show for price discovery of the shares of Generation Next Fashions Limited.

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