

**Did you know?** Aswan Dam refers to two dams in Egypt. Today the name refers to the High Dam, which is the newer of the two. The former cataract and the Old Aswan Dam is about 1,000 kilometres (620 m) (686 kilometres (426 mi)) up-river and south-southeast of Cairo. The new Aswan High Dam is further 4 kilometres (2.5 m) upriver from the older dam.



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# Locals pull for Pabna admin

## Lawmaker questions DC's holding meeting; BCL expels 4 for attack on recruitment exam centres

**M ABUL KALAM AZAD and AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Pabna**

Professionals and politicians irrespective of political affiliation yesterday rallied behind the Pabna district administration demanding exemplary punishment of those who assaulted government officials here last Friday.

At a view exchange meeting at the deputy commissioner's (DC) office, they also vowed to resist the attackers, and expressed disappointment that Awami League high-ups have failed to resolve the issue.

Terming the attack disgraceful, they alleged a group of criminals created a "reign of terror" in the district and "held them hostage" for years.

The district administration held the meeting to discuss last Friday's untoward incident, and ways to restore normalcy in the town.

DC AFM Monjur Kadir and other administration officials present at the meeting laid before the elite the hurdles put in their way to carry out their duties.

More than 100 Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League activists attacked two examination centres during a recruitment test of class-III government employees, as the DC refused to entertain various demands of Awami League MP Golam Faruk Prince. The attackers also vandalised a number of officers' vehicles.

"I've seen many terrorist activities in Pabna, but the attack on government officials is a new experience to me," said 75-year-old Ranesh Moitra, known to be a language hero in the district.

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Coastguards looking for the wreckage of the F-7 fighter jet that crashed into the Karnaphuli yesterday.

# Fighter jet crashes in Karnaphuli

## No casualties

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

A fighter jet of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) crashed into the river Karnaphuli while its pilot escaped unhurt near the Patenga Boat Club here yesterday afternoon.

The pilot Flight Lieutenant Ahmed Sanjid, the only person on board the routine training flight, ejected from the jet with a parachute and fell in the river. He was taken to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) after the local boatmen rescued him.

He was in good health and was kept under observation.

The F-7 fighter crashed around 2:10pm, 10 minutes after taking off from Sergeant Zahirul Haq Airbase at Patenga, sources said.

The fighter jet crashed with a big bang and plunged into the river, Karnaphuli Police

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**STANDING BODY MEET**  
**No discussion on joining JS**  
*BNP thinks over Chandpur-1 by-polls*  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The meeting of BNP standing committee ended last night without discussing the issue of joining the current session of parliament.

A number of committee members said the issue was not discussed at all during the two hours meeting which resumed around 8:35pm with party Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the chair after it was adjourned on Tuesday.

A committee member, however, last night told The Daily Star the chairperson herself would decide whether to join the Jatiya Sangsad session or not.

The chairperson's media wing officials said decisions of the meeting would be disclosed through a press

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# TAX RETURN SUBMISSION

## Businesses seek one more month

### Response poor as Sept 30 deadline nears

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The number of income tax returns submitted totalled 1.1 lakh yesterday with only seven days left for the deadline, National Board of Revenue sources said.

The rate of submission of tax returns is very poor this year, they mentioned.

A total of 7.57 lakh people submitted tax returns last year.

The time-limit for submission of tax returns is September 30.

And Finance Minister AMA Muhith said recently it will not be extended.

Meanwhile, chamber leaders have already asked for shifting the deadline by at least one month.

NBR officials noted that as the time-limit was extended every year in the past, many of the taxpayers have not yet submitted their

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**TK 35CR WDB WORK**  
**BCL men miss deadline, yet press for bid**  
**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj**

BCL activists yesterday made threats against the executive engineer of Water Development Board in Chapainawabganj for not allowing them to drop tenders after the deadline.

A group of seven to eight BCL cadres led by Rakibul Hasan Biru, acting president of BCL Chapainawabganj unit, entered the office at around 4:00pm, said Khalilur Rahman, executive engineer of the WDB.

They demanded that they must be allowed to drop two tenders for the Tk 35 crore repair work of an embankment on the Padma river.

The executive engineer refused to meet their demand since the tender box had

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# Crackdown on encroachers

## Authorities demolish makeshift structures on Buriganga

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka district administration and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) yesterday evicted around 85 encroachers from the river Buriganga.

They demolished makeshift structures, mostly semi-concrete, made at Swarighat in the city's Lalbagh area as grocery and fruit shops, storehouse, office of business association and fish-landing place.

Sharif Afzal Hossain, Dhaka river port officer of BIWTA, said they made a list of 208 illegal structures to be removed from the area. The drive is part of the ongoing attempt to free the river from encroachment and pollution.

He also mentioned that the eviction team during Wednesday's drive pulled down 70 structures of river grabbers.

About obstacles the team faced during the drive, Muhammad Kamruzzaman, executive magistrate of Dhaka district administration and head of the team, said a group of people began pelting the team members with brickbats as they moved to knock down a warehouse of a flourmill.

But law enforcers soon brought the situation under control, he said. They would launch more drives to remove the remain

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think the government will be able to implement the new rule that says if anyone found crossing the road instead of nearby footbridge or underpass would be taken to police custody for 24 hrs?

Yes (18.1%)  
 No (79.6%)  
 No Comments (2.3%)

**Total votes: 485**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think the whistleblower protection bill, if passed, will help curb corruption?

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**Prayer Timing**  
September 24

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation



There used to be a road here. Subsidence due to coalmining underground claimed the only means of communication for the people of seven villages and left them with this primitive bamboo-bridge to negotiate. The photo was taken at Kalupara in Barapukuria, Dinajpur.

**Bullet from own gun kills Rab man**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A member of Rapid Action Battalion was killed by a bullet from his own gun while he was on duty patrolling Baridhara Diplomatic Zone yesterday morning.

It was not clear whether he committed suicide or it was an accident.

Milon Sarker, 30, received a

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# BDR protests border killings by BSF

## DG-level meeting begins in Dhaka

**KAILASH SARKAR**

A top-level conference between Bangladesh Rifles and Indian Border Security Force kicked off yesterday with Bangladesh protesting against the shooting of its unarmed people by the BSF at the frontier.

The BDR personnel at the conference urged BSF to stop such shooting incidents, said con-

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**Truck-car collision kills five**  
**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj**

Five persons, including a kid, died and another was injured when their car collided head-on with a truck on Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Dhamrai in Manikganj last night.

The deceased are Zafrin, 30, wife of Mosharraf Hossain of the capital's Uttara, her son

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# AUG 21 ATTACK

## Abu Zandal on fresh remand

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday in a fresh remand prayer told a Dhaka court that Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) leader Abu Zandal collected grenades from BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu's residence and threw those on an Awami League rally.

Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hussain placed Zandal on a two-day remand after he was produced before it on completion of his five-day remand.

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