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## Pioneer of test tube baby wins Nobel

AFP, Stockholm

Robert Edwards of Britain won the Nobel Medicine Prize yesterday for the development of in vitro fertilisation. Edwards, 85, won the prestigious prize for his work on in-vitro fertilisation (IVF).

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT Recruitment stopped in 12 more districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health and family welfare ministry yesterday postponed the recruitment of class-III and class-IV employees for health department in 12 more districts after receiving allegations of political influence and irregularities. The districts are Rajshahi, Meherpur, Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Habiganj and Dhaka districts have already published the list of successful candidates after holding written exams and viva-voce. After the list was published, some unruly and failed jobseekers ransacked the civil surgeons' offices in different districts. The agitation prompted the authorities to postpone the recruitment to avoid further chaos, said the DGHS director. He, however, confirmed that recruitment in other 43 districts has already been completed.

DGHS Director Abul Hasnat told The Daily Star yesterday, "We have issued letters to all the concerned officials to suspend the recruitment temporarily." The civil surgeons' offices in Rajshahi, Meherpur, Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Habiganj and Dhaka districts have already published the list of successful candidates after holding written exams and viva-voce. After the list was published, some unruly and failed jobseekers ransacked the civil surgeons' offices in different districts. The agitation prompted the authorities to postpone the recruitment to avoid further chaos, said the DGHS director. He, however, confirmed that recruitment in other 43 districts has already been completed.

## Draft law to ensure safe meat okayed

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Against the backdrop of anthrax scare, the government yesterday approved a draft law on The Animal Slaughter (Restriction) and Meat (Control) Act-2010. The proposed law aims to ensure checking of pre-slaughtered animals and their meats for the protection of human and animal health and environment. According to the draft law, every slaughterhouse and butcher shop must obtain licence from the government and ensure health check up of their workers.

## 3 'LeT men' captured

All Pakistanis; one is coordinator in Bangladesh, claims DB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday claimed to have arrested Pakistan-based militant group Lashker-e-Taiba's coordinator in Bangladesh and two of his Pakistani associates. The arrestees are LeT's Bangladesh coordinator Khuram alias Mohammad Salem, 42, and his associates Abdul Malek, 31, and Imran, 31. All the three Pakistani nationals were arrested at a hotel in the capital on Saturday. Acting on a tip off, DB police raided the hotel and arrested the three with 160 cartons of foreign cigarettes and 153 bottles of



Mohammad Salem

## BNP trashes fast-track energy bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday protested the Power and Energy Fast Supply Enhancement (Special Provision) Act - 2010 saying the power sector will face more irregularities and chaos if the bill is implemented. Party's Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said government officials must pay if any of them cooperate to build power station without proper tender process. The Parliament on Sunday passed the bill to introduce a new law providing the government authority to award energy sector contracts

## Diarrhoeal cases double

ALPHA ARZU

The number of diarrhoea patients has risen sharply in the capital and some parts of the country owing to the scarcity of safe drinking water, sweltering weather and lack of personal hygiene. Dr Azaharul Islam Khan, head of the Short Stay Unit of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease and Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), told The Daily Star yesterday that about 200 to 250 patients are admitted to the city hospital a day during the period of October-November but the number has increased to about 400 this week. Most of the patients come from areas where crises of drinking water and power are severe. The areas include Khilkhet, Khilgaon, Taltola.



A baby suffering from diarrhoea cries out in pain at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) yesterday. The institute saw a sharp rise in the number of diarrhoea patients in last two days due to unusually hot and humid temperature.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## 3 BILLS PASSED Environment courts get more power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed three bills including two for increasing the number of environment courts and their authority to take stern actions against polluters, making provision for establishing a trust to tackle adverse impacts of climate change. A new bill was also placed in parliament seeking to enact a law to punish illegal sand extraction and to lease sand quarries in an environmentally friendly way. The House also passed another bill introducing provision for setting up an expatriate welfare bank to provide financial support to country's unemployed youths who are willing to go abroad for employment, and help Bangladeshi citizens working

## One killed as bus rams rickshaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One died and several got injured when a speeding bus rammed into some rickshaws and a parked car at East Shewrapara yesterday afternoon. The deceased was identified as Kazi Shahid, 40, a vegetable vendor of the local kitchen market. He was walking towards his home at

## RMG workers clash, 15 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 15 people, including eight policemen, were injured during the agitation of garment workers in the capital's Tejgaon Industrial Area yesterday morning. Witnesses said, around 10:30am hundreds of Padma Poly Cotton workers gathered in front of the factory and started throwing brick bats at the building. According to Padma Poly officials, the workers were from the factory's sewing section, which was closed on Sunday

## ALPP meets tomorrow Constitution, recruitment on agenda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The emergency meeting of Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) will be held tomorrow at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, says a press release issued by the parliament secretariat yesterday. ALPP chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who will chair the meeting, is expected to give some important directives to her party lawmakers particularly in the wake of some of their controversial role in the recruitment of government employees. The alleged interference in local administration by local lawmaker and party men triggered unprecedented incident in Pabna embarrassing the government.

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## 84 BDR men indicted 5 of them plead guilty at special court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Special Court-11 trying BDR mutineers at the Pilkhana headquarters yesterday framed charges against 84 accused personnel of Dhaka Sector Rifle Headquarters and asked the prosecutor to place witnesses before it on November 7. Out of the 84 alleged mutineers present on the dock, five pleaded guilty while the remaining 79 claimed themselves as innocent. The five who pleaded guilty are Lance Nayek Jahangir Alam, Lance Nayek (driver) Awal Hawlader, sepoy Imran Hossain, Rafiqul

Hossain and Anwar Hossain. Awal, driver of slain Col Mujibur Haque, however told the court in a voice choked with emotion that he had been languishing in jail for a year though he did not even harm a leaf of tree in Pilkhana during the mutiny. Still he is pleaded guilty, as charges have been brought against him, he said. The special court led by Col Iftekhar Uddin Mahmud BDR Sector Commander of Mymensingh started its proceedings at about 10:10am and continued for nearly an hour and

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## First ODI against NZ today

SPORTS REPORTER

The five-match one-day series between Bangladesh and visiting New Zealand gets underway today at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. State-run Bangladesh Television (BTV) will telecast the first ODI live from 9am. As per the original schedule, this tour was to have two

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## WE DEEPLY MOURN

The sudden demise of Mohammad Aminul Alam, Director of our Company, on October 03, 2010 has deeply shocked us all (Inna Lillahe....Rajeun). We express our most profound grief and sorrow at the irreplaceable loss of his death. We recall with sincere gratitude the invaluable services rendered by him as one of the Directors of Delta Brac Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. His outstanding leadership was characterized by unqualified commitment and support to the growth of the Company. Late Mr. Alam is recognized as an expert in micro-credit and rural development. In the Board of Directors of DBH, he had been nominated by BRAC, a sponsor shareholder of DBH since December 23, 2001. We pray to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of his departed soul and extend our deepest condolence to the bereaved family. May Allah grant them the strength and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Members of the Board of Directors & Employees

DELTA BRAC HOUSING FINANCE CORP. LTD.



**OnlinePoll** ✓

Do you think the government will be able to remove all makeshift shops from footpaths in the capital?

○ Yes (8.8%)  
○ No (90.9%)  
○ No Comments (0.3%)

**Total votes: 329**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think the government will be able to demolish illegal BGMEA building at Hattirjheel in the capital?

Please cast your vote at [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

**Prayer Timing**

October 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-53	5-56
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

**পোল্ডি ব্যবসায়ীরা অ্যানথ্রাক্স আতঙ্ক ছড়াচ্ছে এমন অভিযোগের প্রেক্ষিতে আমাদের বক্তব্যঃ**

- পোল্ডি ব্যবসায়ীরা অ্যানথ্রাক্স আতঙ্ক ছড়াচ্ছে বলে গণমাধ্যমে যে সংবাদ পরিবেশিত হচ্ছে তা মোটেই বস্তুনিষ্ঠ নয়।
- অ্যানথ্রাক্স আতঙ্ক ছড়ানোর সাথে পোল্ডি ব্যবসায়ীদের কোন সম্পর্ক নেই।
- কোন কোন মহল ভুল তথ্য দিয়ে সরকারকে বিভ্রান্ত করার অপচেষ্টা চালাচ্ছে।
- গরু-খাসি মাংসের বিক্রয়, সরকার কিংবা অন্য কোন পক্ষের সাথেই আমাদের কোন বিরোধ নেই।
- সঠিক উপায়ে রান্না করা গরু-ছাগলের মাংস খাওয়া সম্পূর্ণ নিরাপদ।
- আমরা সরকারের অ্যানথ্রাক্স নিয়ন্ত্রণ কার্যক্রম এবং তার সফলতাকে সাধুবাদ জানাই। আশাকরি স্বল্পতম সময়ের মধ্যে এ আতঙ্ক কেটে গিয়ে স্বাভাবিক অবস্থা ফিরে আসবে।
- জনসচেতনতা সৃষ্টিসহ এ সংকট মোকাবেলায় যেকোন ধরনের সরকারি উদ্যোগের সাথে একাত্ম হয়ে কাজ করতে ব্রিডার্স এসোসিয়েশন অব বাংলাদেশ সদা প্রস্তুত রয়েছে।

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