

## No hilsa fishing for 10 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has imposed a 10-day ban from today on netting hilsa in the coastal areas to create a disturbance free breeding environment for mother fish during this peak season.

"The highest number of hilsa releases eggs during this period. To increase production of national fish, we are slapping the ban."

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdul Latif Biswas said this at a press conference at the Department of Fisheries in the capital yesterday.

Some most important hilsa spawning grounds include 21 upazilas in Bhola, Patuakhali, Laxmipur, Noakhali, Feni, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



**CAPTAIN PERFECT:** Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan led his team from the front to a historic series win against New Zealand yesterday. Here the southpaw plays an eye-pleasing straight drive during his magnificent knock of 106 in the fourth one-day international at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Tigers clinch a cliffhanger

Fantastic Shakib show helps Bangladesh win Micromax Cup against Kiwis

BISHWAJIT ROY

The world cricket fraternity saw the emergence of a new Bangladesh yesterday, thanks to their talismanic captain Shakib Al Hasan who stood tall to rewrite the record books with a colossal all-round effort in the Tigers' historic series triumph over New Zealand at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The players erupted in joy, in front of an electrifying crowd who braved the scorching heat and humid condition,

once Rokibul Hasan held the catch of Kane Williamson, who stood in the way of Bangladesh and victory with a resolute 108, at deep midwicket off pace-man Shafiqul Islam.

This ensured the 'Tigers' nine-run victory in the nerve-wrecking fourth one-day of the five-match series and gave them a 3-0 lead against New Zealand, whose chase eventually ended at 232 in 49.3 overs in reply to the hosts' 241.

The hero of the match was none other than the world's number one all-

rounder Shakib who almost single handedly took Bangladesh cricket to unparalleled heights. He scored a magnificent 106, his fifth ton, when the chips were down. And as if that was not enough, he then took the ball in his golden arm and claimed three crucial wickets to complete the Kiwi blushes. His efforts can be best described as an angel coming with a magic wand to heal the pains of a country where nothing seems working properly. SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

## PROTECTING KHALEDA'S HOUSE BNP prepares to act tough

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of BNP and its front and associate bodies are mounting pressure on the party high-ups to announce a tougher agitation programme to protect the chairperson's Dhaka cantonment residence, allotted by the government after the assassination of president Ziaur Rahman in 1981.

They also urged the BNP high command to expedite formation of Dhaka city unit committee of the party to help build an anti-government movement.

Party insiders said the high-ups plan to organise a continued anti-government agitation including hartal, and a grand rally in the capital next month.

Talking to journalists after a joint meeting of party leaders yesterday, its Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain said the government is conspiring to oust Khaleda Zia from her residence by making the judiciary partisan. But they (govt) will not get a walkover, he added.

Referring to the High Court verdict declaring valid the SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

## TRAIN ATTACK Railway probe body gets 4 more days

STAR REPORT

Railway authorities have given four more days to the probe committee to complete the investigation into Monday's train attack in Sirajganj.

Railway's General Manager at Rajshahi Anhar Mahmud confirmed yesterday that the deadline has been extended until October 18.

The five-member enquiry team formed by Bangladesh Railway was earlier given three days to complete the probe and yesterday was the deadline.

Head of the team Amjad Hossain, chief engineer of railway's western zone, told journalists while visiting the SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

## All 33 Chile miners up on earth

REUTERS, Copiapo

Chilean rescuers hoisted 33 trapped miners to safety yesterday as millions watched round the globe after a two-month underground ordeal.

In a complicated but flawless operation under Chile's far northern desert, Luis Urzua, who was shift leader when the mine collapsed in early August, emerged last through 2,050 feet (625 metres) of rock in a metal capsule little wider than a SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

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## Cholera breakthrough

Bangladeshi scientists discover how harmless viruses turn into deadly ones

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of Bangladeshi scientists made a breakthrough discovery of how a group of viruses can turn harmless bacteria into deadly cholera causing ones.

The finding will have far-reaching global implications in predicting cholera epidemic, and will make it easier to produce preventive vaccine, the chief of the group claimed.

Dr Shah M Faruque, head of molecular genetics at ICDDR,B (the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh)



Dr Shah M Faruque

and his research team recently discovered how otherwise harmless vibrio cholerae bacteria turn pathogenic, causing cholera.

"We have discovered the sequences," said Dr Faruque.

Thousands of vibrio cholerae float in any kind of normal surface water.

"It does not mean we are going to be infected, if we just drink the water. It needs a total of five viruses to infect the bacterium that will cause cholera," he said.

In 1996, a group of scientists led by John SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

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