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# NATORE MURDER, ABSCONDING KILLERS MP's rally remarks upset probe, hunt

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and BULBUL AHMED, from Natore

The hunt for the suspected killers of Baraigram upazila chairman Sanaullah Noor Babu suffered a huge setback after the local Awami League leaders at a rally on Wednesday warned the law enforcers of not raiding the houses of the accused.

Talking to The Daily Star, a number of police officials yesterday said the drive to arrest the accused has already been slowed down since the AL leaders also asked party men to tie up the law enforcers if they raid their houses.

"Such statements are very frustrating when police are making raids without much success, even after a week of the murder," mentioned a senior police officer, seeking anonymity.

He said the entire police force in Natore is now in dilemma about its role in Babu murder case.

"The words of the ruling party leaders will also hamper the investigation process," observed another police officer, admitting that police role here is already being questioned.

Local AL lawmaker (Baraigram-Gurudaspur) Abdul Qudus at a rally at Bonpara Bazar on Wednesday asked his party men, accused in Babu murder case, not to be worried. He blamed BNP for the killing and claimed no AL man was involved in it.

Sub-Inspector of Detective Branch (DB) of police Md Abdul Hannan, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, said he would carry on his duties.

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The snapshot of a long march heading for Delhi in October 1971 to make the world community aware of the atrocities of Pakistan forces during the Liberation War.

## The historic march to go on

1971 heroes hand over batons to new generation today

TAMANNA KHAN

October 15, 1971. Thirty-eight young men from Bangladesh started marching towards Delhi from Bahrampur of Murshidabad in India.

The mission was to make the world aware of the Pakistani forces' atrocities on the people of Bangladesh during the Liberation War in 1971. The banner they carried inscribed "Biswa Bibek Jagoron Podojatra (World Conscience Revival March)."

Exactly forty years later, those heroes will today pass

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## NEW INSECT FOUND IN BANDARBAN

A new species of bush cricket has been found for the first time in Bangladesh by a team of "Prokriti O Jibon", a Channel 1 television series headed by Dr Anisuzzaman Khan and his associate Mushfiq Ahmed.

The brilliantly coloured cricket, *Sanaa Imperialis* falls under the family *Tettigoniidae*. It has been discovered at Bogakain Lake area of Bandarban in August. Its subfamily is *Pseudophyllinae* meaning "false leaf-like".

The team circulated the discovery in the global web portal "Wildlife Extra.com". Renowned entomologists Dr Powell Ettinger, Dr Karim Vahed and Dr Gary Bowers helped in the identification of the species. The Species is. The insect has a very impressive repose, used to scare predators.



PHOTO: COURTESY

## Summit JV wins Bibiyana bid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Summit Industrial and Mercantile Corporation (Pvt) Ltd and its partner GE Energy LLC Bangladesh, a local joint venture company, yesterday turned out to be the lone responsive bidder for setting up the 300-450 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle Bibiyana power plant offering a very competitive price.

Sources said Summit offered a power tariff of US 3.32 cents per kilowatt hour for the project to be implemented under the Power Cell. This is the lowest offer in a power bid in the last six years and is considered a "stunning" price by the industry operators.

The price is much lower than that offered in the first tender for the Bibiyana project that was cancelled in 2008. That bid drew a lone offer of US 4.53 cents per kilowatt hour. Interestingly, Summit was controversially disqualified by the Power Cell at

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## IBRAHIM 'MURDER' CID to quiz MP Shaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will call in Awami League lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon for interrogation in connection with the killing of AL activist Ibrahim Ahmed.

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## 'Many' missing Yet Turag rescue called off

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Though the authorities called off the rescue operation Wednesday afternoon, relatives of the missing passengers of the ill-fated Baishakhi Paribahan bus continued their isolated search efforts in the Turag river and its adjacent areas yesterday looking for dead bodies.

No more body was found yesterday as nobody could still ascertain the number of missing passengers.

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## Kumari Puja today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hindu devotees will celebrate Mahaastami Puja today with two significant rituals -- 'Kumari Puja' and 'Shandhi Puja'.

Kumari Puja, the ritual of worshipping pre-pubescent girl considering her as the mother goddess, will start at 11:00am at Ramkrishna Mission in the capital, while the Mahaastami Puja will begin at 7:00am at different mandaps across the country.

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## OnlinePoll

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said that Khaleda Zia is engaged in killing to create issue to save her sons and former ministers. What do you think of the comment?

Acceptable in our culture (49.9%)  
Bad political gesture (48.4%)  
No comments (1.7%)

Total votes: 1162

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think action should be taken against AL MP Abdul Qudus for siding the accused in Sanaullah murder case by assuring them of 'trouble-free' future?

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

Prayer Timing		
October 15		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-45	5-50
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Make detailed plan on river dredging

JS body asks shipping ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday asked the shipping ministry to prepare a detailed work plan to carry out government's massive plan of dredging in country's major rivers.

The parliamentary standing committee on shipping ministry also asked the ministry to form an inter-ministerial committee to fix prices of dredgers which are under process for procurement.

"The government's massive plan to dredge country's major rivers is likely to start from this winter," Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury, chief of the committee, said.

"There are about 10 dredgers at present in government's

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