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Person under probe now an accused

War crimes tribunal amends rules of procedure

ASHUTOSH SARKAR
The International Crimes Tribunal has amended its rules of procedure to stipulate that anyone being investigated for crimes against humanity in 1971 will be considered an accused.
Previously, a person would be regarded as an accused only if formal charges against him were submitted to the tribunal.
As per the amended rules, the tribunal can now issue orders to arrest the seven people who are being investigated for war crimes but have yet to be detained.

The seven are former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Ghulam Azam, BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali, Jatiya Party's Abdul Hannan, former Jamaat lawmaker Abdus Sobhan, former BNP minister Abdul Alim and Abul Kalam Azad of Faridpur.
Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid, Assistant Secretaries General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla, and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee have already been put behind

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People walking across the street at Bangla Motor to get to the other side instead of using the footbridge yesterday. It seems the government drive to stop jaywalking has little impact on the city street users.

710 nurse posts go to grand kids

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
In a bid to fill up 710 vacant posts of senior staff nurses and staff nurses, the government yesterday decided to relax the quota options for the family members of freedom fighters.
The decision came at the weekly cabinet meeting at Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.
If the vacant posts cannot be filled by the wards of the freedom fighters, their grandsons and granddaughters will get preference, said the prime minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad while briefing newsmen after the meeting.
The premier told the meeting that family members of the

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Foreign secys hold talks in Islamabad

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh and Pakistan have pledged to give fresh impetus to bilateral relations and start a comprehensive partnership.
The commitment came during the fifth round of Pakistan-Bangladesh foreign secretary-level consultation in Islamabad yesterday.
Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayes led Bangladesh at the talks while Pakistan was led by its Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir. The last consultation was held in

Girl takes her life on kidnap

Rajshahi stabber held; writ petition filed for guideline against stalking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Just six days after Champa Rani Bhowmik had been fatally run over by two bike riding stalkers of her daughters in Faridpur, a thirteen-year-old girl committed suicide yesterday after her male stalker kidnapped and confined her in a room in Sirajganj.
Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested a stalker of a woman from Rajshahi, who is accused in a case for stabbing his victim's



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Different drivers on roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When breaking traffic rules has become the norm in Dhaka, most of the capital's motorcar drivers yesterday demonstrated that they can obey traffic rules even if there is almost no enforcement.
From yesterday, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority launched a drive to ensure that motorcar drivers wear seat belts, motorcyclists wear helmets and pedestrians stick to pavements and use footbridges or zebra crossings to get to the other side or be

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Jaywalking as usual

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

Jaywalking went unabated in many parts of the capital yesterday even after the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority with the help of law enforcers launched a fresh drive against violators of the motor vehicle ordinance.
Traffic Chief of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Shafiqur Rahman said a jaywalker could be fined only Tk 5 in line with the traffic rules, and there is no jail term for it.
He said instead of fining anyone for jaywalking, they are trying to make pedestrians accustomed to using footbridges, zebra crossing and underpasses for crossing roads and intersections.
If the existing law is not amended, police would have little to do to check jaywalking, said Shafiqur Rahman, also joint commissioner of DMP.
Kamrunnahar Morshed Kajol like many

others walked from one side of a CNG filling station at Malibagh intersection to the other side of the road.
"Since there is no footbridge, underpass or zebra crossing here, I have to cross the busy Malibagh intersection on foot almost every day to go to office from my Gulbagh residence risking my life," said Kamrunnahar.
The BRTA said during the drive it would fine drivers for not using seatbelts and talking over the phone while driving, pedestrians for jaywalking and bikers for not wearing helmets.
In the capital's different areas, it was found that most drivers and passengers of cars and jeeps fastened their seatbelts. Most bikers wore helmets while their companions did not put on any.
Walid Hossain, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they

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Gharial released in Padma

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

The gharial, found early Sunday by a group of fishermen in Manikganj, was released in the river Padma at the district's Shivalaya upazila yesterday.
Conservator of Forests Tapan Kumar Dey released the 2.5-foot gharial, after collecting its blood sample for DNA test.
Wildlife expert Anisuzzaman Khan, executive director of Prokriti O Jibon

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