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Stalker Rony confesses hitting Chanpa But denies murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur
Devashish Saha Rony, prime accused of Chanpa Rani Bhowmik murder case, has confessed to running his motorbike into Chanpa but denied killing her willingly. Rony made the confession to police on Thursday night after he was taken afresh on a two-day remand, said Mohammad Ali, investigation
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REGISTRATION WITH RAJUK
Realtors respond poorly

HELEMUL ALAM
Less than 50 percent of around 800 real estate developers have applied for mandatory registration with Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha in the last four months despite repeated extension of the time limit for this. The first deadline for registration was July 31, the second was September 30 and the third is November 30. Rajuk officials said around 350 realtors have so far sought registration. Poor response of developers to get registered accounts for extension of the deadline

time and again. Asked about this, Rajuk Chairman Md Nurul Huda said this time they will strictly enforce the deadline. "We will take action as per the law concerned against all those builders who will not apply for registration with Rajuk within the time limit." When the process of registration is over, Rajuk will blacklist developers who will breach contract with their buyers of flats or with landowners, cancel their registration and then go for punitive action as per the law concerned, he said. Huda also said developers not registered with Rajuk will not get approval of

plans for construction of buildings within its jurisdiction. "We have taken these decisions to streamline the activities of the builders and make them work in a transparent way, and to reduce sufferings of people of the city," he said. Contacted, former president of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh Tanvirul Haque Probal said Rehab has about 800 members, of whom around 40 are land developers. Meanwhile, the Real Estate Development and Management Act 2010
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Suicide blast in Pak mosque kills 50

AP, Peshawar
A suicide bomber struck a mosque in north-west Pakistan during prayers yesterday, causing the roof to collapse and killing at least 50 people. The bombing may have targeted an anti-Taliban activist, officials said. The blast was the latest in a series of attacks at mosques and Sufi shrines in Pakistan, and underscored the relentless security challenge to a nation where Islamist militants have thrived despite US-supported army offensives against them.

The explosion occurred in Darra Adam Khel, an area near Pakistan's tribal regions where Taliban-led militants have been active. Hundreds of worshippers had gathered at the Sunni mosque Friday afternoon for the most popular prayer session of the week. The mosque's roof caved in, trapping people in debris. People in private vehicles rushed the wounded to hospitals in Peshawar, the main city in the northwest, TV footage showed. A woman was beating her head, while two elderly men in blood-soaked clothes lay in a
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Dignitaries stand as the national anthem is played ahead of a cultural programme marking the 12th birth anniversary of Bangla daily Prothom Alo at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday.
PHOTO: COURTESY PROTHOM ALO

Prothom Alo vows to continue fair journalism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangla daily Prothom Alo celebrated its 12th founding anniversary yesterday. The paper renewed its vow to nurture good journalism, objectivity, and creativity, be people oriented and partner in bringing change. At a programme to celebrate the day, the paper made clear its message to the staffs who in colourful clothes thronged the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre since morning in a festive mood. A call to love the country was also made at the programme organised for staff only. The daily's correspondents stationed across the
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Khaleda's dist tour delays

Party yet to finalise schedule
RAKIB HASNET SUMAN
Uncertainty still hangs over BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's countrywide campaign, as the party fell short to finalise the programme scheduled for this month. Party leaders, however, said the chairperson or the party did not cancel the programme and the schedule of her tour will be chalked out soon. Problems surrounding the chairperson's cantonment house and the government's attempts to bring her sons back home appeared to be the main reasons behind the deferment of the itinerary, party insiders said. Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, senior joint secretary general of the party, said they are now busy with the observance of November 7. The main opposition party observes the day as national revolution and solidarity day. "We will plan the schedule of chairperson's visit after November 7 and there is no uncertainty at all over her visit," he mentioned while talking to The Daily Star. National standing committee of BNP at a meeting on
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Prayer Timing
November 6

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-00	5-35
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-25	5-30
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Domestic help at cop's house 'kills herself'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A teenage domestic help at a police official's house allegedly committed suicide at Nakhapara in the capital early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Mina, 15, a daughter of Abdul Hamid. She hailed from Lauri village in Paikgachha upazila of Khulna. Waliar Rahman, sub-inspector of Tejgaon Police Station, said police went to the house on information and found Mina hanging from a ceiling fan with a piece of cloth
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Turkish PM due on Nov 13

Trade, connectivity to dominate talks
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Talks between Bangladesh and Turkey will revolve around air connectivity and increase in bilateral trade and investment during the two-day official visit of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to Dhaka on November 13-14. This will be the country's second high level visit since Turkish President Abdullah Gül's visit last February. Official sources said Dhaka is looking forward to the visit, as there are prospects of investment from Turkey looming over the horizon and both the countries are eager to enhance their ties of cooperation. In the connectivity arena, Turkish Airlines would launch its Istanbul-Karachi-Dhaka flight in December and plans to start a direct flight between Istanbul and Dhaka in the near future,
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Govt warned not to ban religion-based politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Islami Andolan Bangladesh (IAB), an Islamic political party, has threatened to wage a tough movement across the country if the government attempts to ban religion-based politics. "It's only the signal number one for the government.... If necessary, we'll take to the streets in the capital and elsewhere and give blood to resist plots against Islam," party Ameer Syed Rezaul Karim said at a grand rally yesterday.
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