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SYLHET TEACHER

### Key murder suspect held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

After eight long months, Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested the accused the college

teacher Harun Ur Rashid

murder case. Harun Ur Rashid, associate

professor of philosophy of the same college, was beaten up and stabbed to death in front **SEE PAGE 15 COL 6** 

CTG ARMS HAUL

### Probe deadline extended for 11th time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday granted the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) three more months to complete investigation into the sensational Chittagong arms haul cases.

Acting Metropolitan Sessions Judge Golam Sarwar passed the extension order for the 11th time till February 22, 2011 upon a prayer by the CID for 90 days to complete the probe.

Investigation Officer (IO) of the case Md Moniruzzaman, also a senior ASP of CID, moved the petition on Sunday -- three days before the SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

# UK visas to turn elusive for many

Bangladeshi students, job-seekers face new restriction from April

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UK is going to lower the limit of annual non-European immigration to the kingdom, which will significantly reduce the number of Bangladeshi students and guest workers going there.

"The government has committed to introduce an annual limit of 21,700 for those coming into the UK under the skilled and highly skilled route, 20,700 under the skilled route and 1,000

under the new 'exceptional talent' route," said a statement of British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

The limit will be effective from April next year for non-European people.

"Bangladesh will surely see fewer number of its citizens going to the UK either for jobs or studies," said an official of the British High Commission in Dhaka.

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### AL activists snatch tender box

UNB, Bogra

The ruling party men snatched a tender box and tore 41 tender documents a Shibganj upazila municipality office yesterday afternoon.

Local contractors, who dropped their tender papers into the box, caught one snatcher after a chase and handed him over to police.

Police said applications were invited from listed contractors to construct the 150meter sewage in the municipality area with a minimum

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## US sends aircraft carrier to Korea

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Obama supports Seoul, asks Beijing to restrain Pyongyang; S Korea reports two civilian deaths

REUTERS, AP, Incheon

A US aircraft carrier group set off for Korean waters yesterday, a day after North Korea shelled a South Korean island, in a move likely to enrage Pyongyang and unsettle its ally, China.

The nuclear-powered USS George Washington, which carries 75 warplanes and has a crew of over 6,000, left a naval base south of Tokyo and would join exercises with South Korea from Sunday

"This exercise is defensive in nature," US Forces Korea said in a statement. "While planned well before yesterday's unprovoked

to the following Wednesday, US officials in Seoul said.

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### PM receives doctorate degree

Leaves Russia for Belgium

BSS, St Petersburg

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received an honorary doctorate degree from St Petersburg State University for her outstanding contribution to the international humanitarian development.

"This gracious gesture of the prestigious university is a rare honour for Bangladesh and its 160 million people." Hasina made the remarks

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### DU UNREST DURING EMERGENCY

# Home innocent

Ex-secy tells JS body; involved army officials to be questioned

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Law enforcement agencies swung into action during the student unrest in August, 2007 on instructions from the military and its intelligence agencies, not the home ministry, said the then home secretary Abdul Karim.

Karim, now principal secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, mentioned it in a written statement to a parliamentary probe body that had asked him to be present at its meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

He left Dhaka on November 21 with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on a 12-day visit to Russia, Belgium and Japan.

"The state of emergency was in force on August 20, 2007 when untoward incidents happened on the Dhaka University campus and later in other educational institutions. The law enforcement agencies had to follow the directives of the military and its intelligence agencies," Karim said in the statement.

The parliamentary standing committee on education ministry formed a four-member sub-committee in August this year to

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### PILKHANA MUTINY Charges pressed against 256 BDR jawans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BDR Special Court dealing with the February 2009 mutiny yesterday pressed charges against 256 jawans of BDR hospital unit in Pilkhana.

The charges include leaving the Darbar Hall defying the orders of the then director general (DG) Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed, establishing control over the juniors at the BDR hospital, not informing the higher authorities about the mutiny, not taking steps to prevent the mutiny and collecting arms and ammunition from the armouries.

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# We Deeply Mourn



Mr. Md. Abdul Halim, Director, Prime Group of Industries has expired on 24.11.2010, Wednesday at 06:30 am at Square Hospital, Dhaka (Innalillahi.....Rajiun). He was 52.

are terribly shocked and grieved at the sudden heart rendering and premature death of Mr. Md. Abdul Halim. We fervently pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul and express our sympathy to his griefstricken family members.



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