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# No construction near Lalbagh fort

## HC asks cops to take action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Lalbagh police to take steps within 24 hours to stop the construction work going on near the boundary of historical Lalbagh Kella (fort) in Old Dhaka.

An HC bench, comprised of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain also ordered the officer-in-charge (OC) of Lalbagh Police Station to submit a report to it within a week on compliance of its order.

The court also issued a rule upon the government and locals Md Shahid Hossain, Mohammad Haque and Lenin, who are erecting structures there, to explain within three weeks why they should not be directed to implement the relevant law and rules for protecting the natural beauty and existence of the fort.

Secretaries to the ministries of cultural affairs and home affairs, mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, chairman of Rajuk, director general of Archaeological Directorate, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, OC of Lalbagh Police Station and the three locals, have been made respondents to the rule.

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Structures stand next to the boundary wall of Lalbagh Kella, spoiling the view of the historic fort. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Pirates hijack Bangladeshi ship in the Arabian sea

REUTERS, Dhaka

Pirates have hijacked a Bangladesh-flagged ship in the Arabian Sea off the coast of India, shipping officials in Dhaka said yesterday.

"The pirates embarked on board after chasing MV Jahan Moni in the Arabian Sea on Sunday," a senior official at the Bangladesh Shipping Department (BSD) said.

"We have sought help from anti-piracy teams in Dubai and Singapore, and Indian coast guards," Rear Admiral Bazlur Rahman, head of the shipping department told Reuters, without giving further details.

The BSD, an arm of the ministry of shipping, monitors and regulates external shipping and ferry services.

Another BSD official said: "The ship has been captured by the pirates."

The 16-crew ship owned by a Bangladeshi shipping firm was heading towards Europe with merchandise from Singapore, the BSD said. No other details about the ship were available immediately.

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# BOUTIQUE ASSAULT GD against 3 army men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the three owners of the boutique yesterday filed a general diary (GD) with Mohammadpur Police Station against three army personnel for beating them up Saturday night inside their shop in the city's Mohammadpur area.

In the GD, Talha Bin Shams claimed Captain Badrul Haque Arif, Major Mustafizur and Captain Tahsin battered the three severely following a

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# RAIL LINK WITH AGARTALA Gangasagar site selected

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Gangasagar, a small train station in Akhaura, and Agartala of Tripura, have been selected for establishing direct rail-link between Bangladesh and the northeastern part of India.

A joint team comprised of railway officials of the two countries has identified the Gangasagar-Agartala route as the most feasible one among three alignments, communications ministry officials said.

"The route has been chosen since it will

cause least disturbance to the population on either side of the border and will require minimum land acquisition due to its short length," the committee said in its final report to the ministry.

A 10-kilometre rail track will be set up with Indian grant, said ministry officials.

The two other alignments were Azampur-Agartala and Kasba-Agartala routes that were feasible for Bangladesh but not for India.

Gangasagar and Agartala -- both about five

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# PILKHANA MUTINY Charges framed against 187

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BDR Special Court yesterday framed charges against 187 accused mutineers of signal sector of the force's Pilkhana headquarters.

Prosecutor Maj Mohammad Ahsan Habib read out charges against the accused, and the court took the charges into cognisance and pressed those against them.

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# 50,000 apartments within 5 years

## Targets Rajuk for housing of middle income group

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rajdhani Uন্নয়ন Kartripakha (Rajuk) is going to build more than 50,000 apartments in three different housing projects for middle and lower-middle income groups in the capital in next three to five years.

As many as 22,500 apartments will be ready for handover in Uttara model town (third phase) within three years, Rajuk Chairman Md Nurul Huda told reporters at his office yesterday.

The project is now at the Planning Commission for approval. Two similar housing schemes of building 20,000 apartments

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Prayer Timing		
December 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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# Stalker gone wild

## Left daughter, father injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An exasperated stalker went wild and attacked the girl and her father with a sharp weapon in Barguna.

Her father Yunus Howlader was escorting Shormi Akhter Suma, 18, a higher secondary student of Ghatbaria Adarsha College in Barguna, to college Saturday morning when stalker Mohsin Shikder, 29, attacked them.

Critically injured Suma is now being treated at Trauma Centre in the capital.

Jhalakathi Detective Branch of Police arrested Mohsin at Jhalakathi launch terminal last night.

Suma told The Daily Star that Mohsin stalked her on her way to and from college. She had to stop going to college for six months for the sleazy comments he hurls at her.

A general diary in connection with the stalking was filed with Barguna Police Station on November 7.

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Yes (28.84%) No (64.21%)  
No Comments (6.95%)

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**BANGLADESH INTERNATIONAL TUTORIAL**

Six students of Bangladesh International Tutorial invited by the Chinese Government to visit China.



Yunnan University in China and North South University in Bangladesh invited the students of Bangladesh International Tutorial to visit Kunming recently as part of a Scholarship Programme.

Six students and the Vice-Principal Mr. Ashraf Hossain of Bangladesh International Tutorial visited China at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The students were selected on the basis of their good performance in Chinese Language.

Standing (left to right): Sakib Ar Rahman (Class VIII), Nishat Shama (Class VIII), Mr. Ashraf Hossain, Vice-Principal, Ms. Mindy Zhou, Dr. Khaliquzzaman M. Elias, Directors, Confucius Institute, North South University, Nishat Shyama (Class VIII), Ishtiaque Hossain (Class VIII), Sitting (left to right): Rafia Rahim (Class IX), Rumman Moyashir (Class VIII).

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