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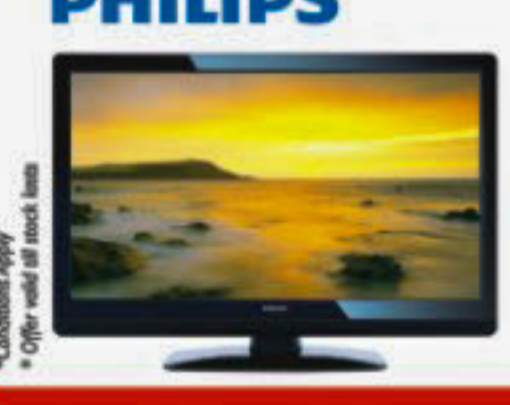



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TV, Net links under cutter

Drive against hanging cables begins as timeline for going underground expires

STAR REPORT
A government crackdown begins today on all overhead Internet and cable TV wires on thoroughfares between Uttara and Shahbagh in the capital, with the likely disruption of the services in the next seven days and making them even costlier.
Starting from Karwan Bazar area of the capital, the removal of the wires, hanging from utility poles, would continue over the next few days during which Internet users might experience interruptions, Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB) said yesterday.
They said after they move to the underground network they will have to charge 15-20 percent more for their services to compensate or the extra costs.
"Removing all the cables and taking the cable service underground may take well over a year," said Anwar Parvez, former president of Cable Operators Association Bangladesh (Coab), "As far as I know, not even five percent of the 600 cable operators have moved their

cables underground."
The association claimed cable operators contribute very little to the mess of wires.
Parvez blamed technical limitations with the underground fibre network for the delay. "It will hamper the quality of our service and increase charges as well," he said.
Officials of Dhaka Electric Supply Company and Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) will start the drive at Karwan Bazar in presence of Power Secretary Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad, representatives from several ISPs and cable operators.
"There will be some formalities [inauguration]. And then we will remove cables from Karwan Bazar and some adjacent areas," said ASM Siraj Ullah, director (Engineering) of DPDC.
The two authorities, responsible for managing the utility poles in the city, had issued a number of notices asking the cable operators and Internet service providers in its jurisdiction to remove wires hanging from poles.
An underground optical fibre network, a



The tangle of wires at Farmgate is likely to be removed today as a government drive begins on all overhead Internet and cable TV wires on thoroughfares between Uttara and Shahbagh. PHOTO: STAR

Police chief critical of TIB report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandaker yesterday claimed the recent survey report of Transparency International Bangladesh did not reflect the public opinion.
The IGP came up with the observation while addressing as chief guest the annual general meeting of Retired Police Officers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (RPOWAB) at Rajarbagh Telecom Auditorium in the capital.
"I personally believe the

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10-TRUCK ARMS CASE Babar, Rahim brought to Dhaka for quizzing
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Former state minister Lutfozzaman Babar and ex-director general of National Security Intelligence Abdur Rahim were brought to Dhaka from Chittagong yesterday for quizzing on a five-day remand in two cases over the 10-truck arms haul.
A special team of Criminal Investigation Department accompanying Babar and

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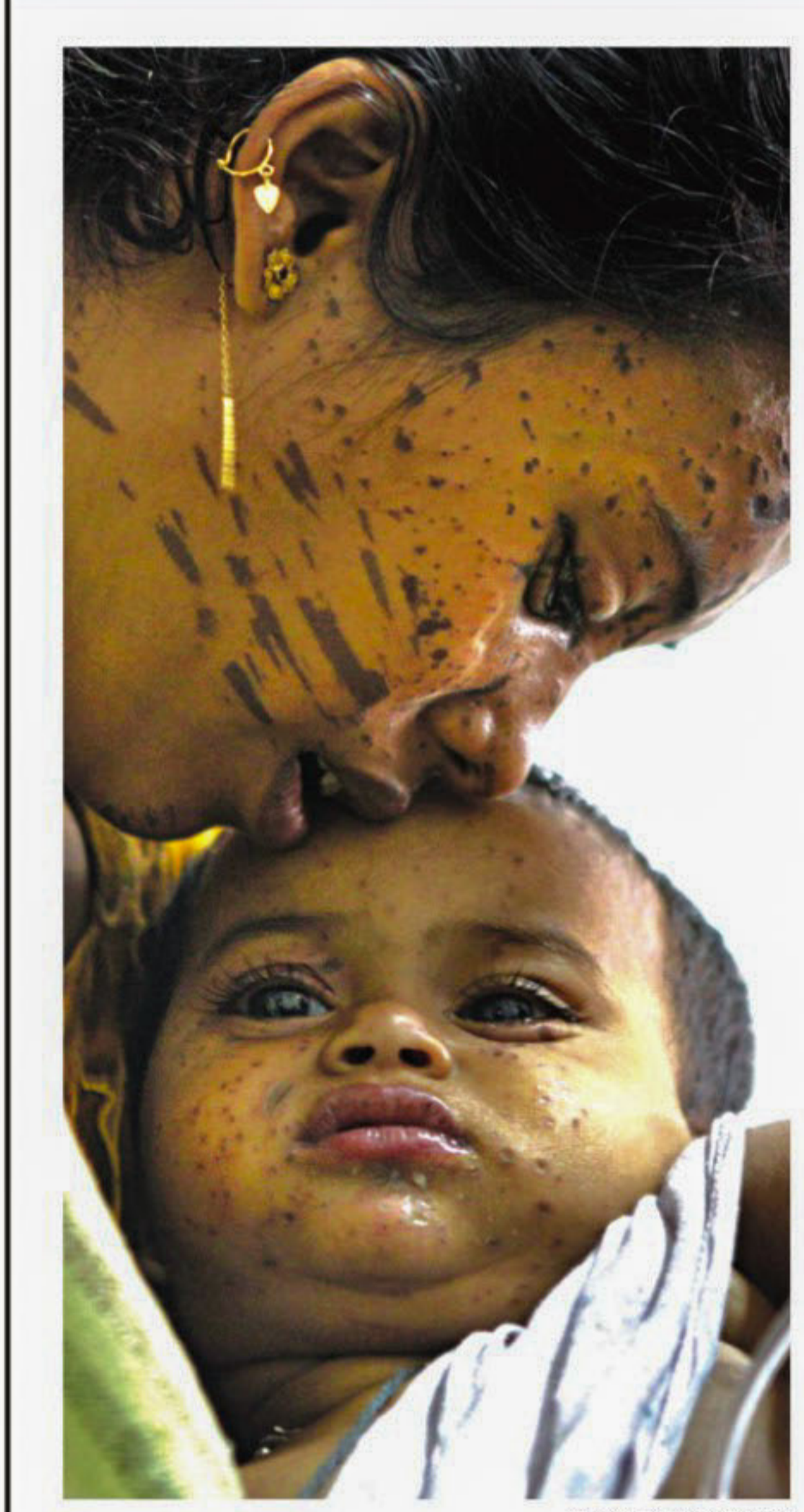


PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON
The look of 11-month-old Afsana in her mother Asma Begum's lap tells yet another story of agony and savagery. The mother and child along with two sisters of Asma suffered burns in an acid attack by a youth in Keraniganj early yesterday.

4 of family acid-burnt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A mother, her 11-month-old daughter and two other female family members sustained burns when a youth hurled acid on them at Bahepur village in Keraniganj early yesterday.
The injured--Asma Begum, 22, her baby Afsana and sisters Nazma Begum, 24, and Suraiya, 28--have been admitted to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.
Of them, the baby has 18 percent of her body burned. Injury of the others is minor, said Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of the burn unit.
Officer-in-charge Asaduzzaman of Keraniganj Model Police Station told The Daily Star the incident took place around 2:00am when the victims were asleep.
The acid-thrower entered the house by digging through the earthen floor and fled the scene through the door, OC added.
Talking to this correspondent, Suraiya, one of the injured, said her sister Nazma got married to Khalilur Rahman of neighbouring village three years ago.
Since then, their family

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9 women, over 700 houses burnt

Reveals rights body of ethnic people on incidents of 23 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The country's indigenous community has lost nine women and over 700 houses over land disputes in the last 23 months, said a study of Kapaeng Foundation, a human rights organization of ethnic people.
Around 500 houses were destroyed and five

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Aklima Akhter
Teacher killed
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female schoolteacher was killed at her house in the capital's Pallabi area on Friday night.
The deceased, Aklima Akhter, 26, was a mathematics teacher at Mirpur Bangla High School and College. She would share a sublet room with her younger sister Sumi at a six-storey building in Mirpur-6.
She got married to Mohammad Liton three months ago, but had yet to be formally taken to the groom's house.
Iqbal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Pallabi Police

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RIVER COMMISSION ACT Taskforce to see draft today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The draft National River Protection Commission Act, 2010 will be placed before the taskforce on river protection for scrutiny at its meeting at the shipping ministry today.
If enacted, the law will prevent river pollution, stop river grabbing and building structures on riverbanks across the country.
Following a High Court order last year, the taskforce in September this year formed a committee comprising representatives from Bangladesh

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Speed up trial

Sector commanders on war crimes


STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of the Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF) yesterday demanded that the government speed up the war crimes trial, as supporters of the war criminals are conspiring to foil the trial.
The rule of law and the spirit of liberation will not be established in the country until the killers of 1971 are punished, they said at the national convention of SFC at the Institute of Diploma Engineers in the capital yesterday.
Delegates attending the convention from across the country insisted that the government arrest BNP leader Salauddin

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The Daily Star
12th 'O' & 'A' Level
Award Presentation Ceremony, 2009-2010
Announcement for 'O' & 'A' Level
Private Candidates and Schools

Private Candidates
Private candidates who fulfill the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:
Criteria for 'O' Level
Minimum 6 (six) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2009 to May/June 2010
Criteria for 'A' Level
Minimum 3 (three) 'A' grades within 1 academic year (May/June 2009 to May/June 2010)
Eligible candidates are requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at The Daily Star office, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka - 1215 with their original Results Certificates along with a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size photographs in person on 12, 13, 14 or 15 December 2010 between 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.
Schools
Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at The Daily Star Office (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215) at the aforementioned dates and times or email him at abeer@thedailystar.net by December 20, 2010 with:
● The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative (who will attend the meetings) and a valid email address that is checked regularly.
The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.
NOTE: If you know of any private candidate(s) or school(s) that may be unaware of this, please communicate the above information to them so that we may include them in this ceremony as well.

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