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NEWS flakes

Bangladeshi girl killed in BSF firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday shot dead a Bangladeshi girl as she was trying to return home from India through Anantapur border in Kurigram.

The deceased was identified as Felani, 15, daughter of Nur
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Bombs hurled at Magura mayor's home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Unidentified miscreants hurled two bombs on the residence of Magura municipality's acting mayor Tapan Kumar Roy on Thursday night.

Of the two bombs, one blasted while the other did not explode.
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CLASH OVER MOSQUE
20 hurt, shops burnt in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 20 people were injured and some 10 shops and five houses burnt yesterday as two groups of people clashed to gain authority over a mosque in Patiya upazila of the district.

Police arrested 10
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PRAYER TIMING January 8

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:30 - 6:05
Zohr	12:45 - 1:15
Asr	4:00 - 4:15
Maghrib	5:30 - 5:35
Esha	7:00 - 7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Focus on alternatives

Fuel cells, solar, wind can help attain energy security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fuel cell, solar and wind power could be alternative energy solutions for Bangladesh, said renewable-energy experts yesterday.

Four non-resident Bangladeshi energy experts yesterday talked about these green solutions at the The Daily Star Leadership Colloquium.

The Daily Star organised the event at The Daily Star conference centre to bring together major stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and resident and NRB experts to discuss new ideas for the energy

sector and practical innovative solutions to the country's energy crisis.



FUEL CELL

Environmentally friendly but still costly fuel cell power plants are becoming a choice for on-site power in the USA, Japan and South Korea, amid increasing demand for energy and growing public awareness for conservation.

The experts said a fuel cell operates like a battery but unlike a battery

the cell does not exhaust or require recharging. It will produce energy in the form of electricity and heat as long as fuel is supplied.

Hospitals, hotels, universities and manufacturing facilities may run on fuel cell energy, they said.

Bangladesh should put in place a policy to use fuel cell energy as small-scale use is not financially viable, said Mohammad Farooque, vice-president of Connecticut-based FuelCell Energy.

A scheme known as feed-in tariff, which pays a premium price for

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Green energy body yet to see govt green light

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the government decided more than two years ago to form a Sustainable Energy Development Agency (SEDA), it is yet to form the body to promote expansion of green energy use and energy efficiency for future sustainability.

Experts yesterday said SEDA should be formed soon involving all

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3 students die in boat capsized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Three students drowned after a boat capsized in a pond during a pleasure rowing in the city's Boro Bongram Chalkpara area yesterday noon.

The deceased were identified as Tanveer Alam, 22, a first year honours student of Kushtia Islamic University, Ullash, a second year student of Rajshahi Barendra College and Foysal Hossain, a student of Rajshahi Islami Bank Medical College.

Shahrukh Hossain, a class IX student of Seroil High School, was injured in the incident. All of them hailed from the city's police line area.

Locals said a group of six friends including the four went to visit their friend Prottoy's house yesterday, and at about 2:00pm they went boating in a nearby pond.

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Visitors at Dhaka International Trade Fair 2011 on the weekend yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

MUNICIPAL POLLS 2011

Rebels major concern for both AL, BNP

49 municipalities under Rajshahi division go to polls Wednesday

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Rebel mayoral aspirants within the party remain the main concern for Awami League and BNP in almost two-thirds of 49 municipalities in Rajshahi division.

Despite the recent expulsion and warn-

ings of punitive actions, more than one rebel candidate is running election campaigns against AL nominated mayor aspirants in 27 municipalities in the division while BNP has dissidents in 30 municipalities.

Out of 232 candidates, the ruling AL
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Officials working on Manmohan's visit schedule

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will visit Bangladesh sometime this year and mutually convenient dates are being worked out.

Indian External Affairs Minister S M Krishna officially announced it in New Delhi yesterday.

Krishna told media persons here that he too would visit Bangladesh this year.

He was responding to a question that it is almost a year now since Bangladesh prime minister has visited India and what about the Indian prime minister or the foreign minister going to Bangladesh and if such visits were on the card.

"I think 2011 is the year for such visits. For these visits,
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ONLINE POLL

Do you think Awami League lawmaker Manirul Islam Moni's membership of parliament should be considered for cancellation following his assault on a WDB engineer over a tender process in Barisal?

Yes (89.7%)
No (8.3%)
No Comments (2.0%)

TOTAL VOTES : 456

TODAY'S POLL

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