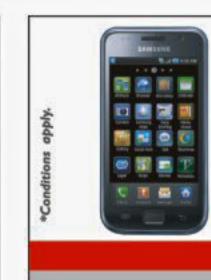
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## NEWS flakes

## 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 SEE PAGE 19 COL 6

### Bombs hurled at Magura mayor's home

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

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

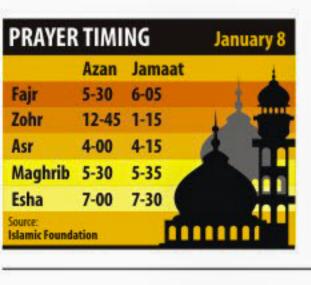
Of the two bombs, one blasted while the other did not explode. **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3** 

CLASH OVER MOSQUE

### 20 hurt, shops burnt in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

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 **SEE PAGE 19 COL 5** 



# 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



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

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 operdiscuss new ideas for the energy ates 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 : Sustainable Energy fuel cell energy, they said.

Bangladesh should put in place a policy to use fuel cell energy as smallscale use is not financially viable, said Mohammad Farooque, vicepresident of Connecticut-based · for future sustainability. FuelCell Energy.

A scheme known as feed-in tariff, . SEDA should be formed which pays a premium price for : soon involving all SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

## Green energy body yet to see govt green light

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

· Although the government · decided more than two · years ago to form a : Development Agency : (SEDA), it is yet to form ; the body to promote : expansion of green energy · use and energy efficiency

Experts yesterday said

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## 3 students die in boat capsize

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.

## MUNICIPAL POLLS 2011



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 **SEE PAGE 6 COL 3** 

## 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, SEE PAGE 19 COL 3



membership of parliament should be considered for cancellation following his assault on a WDB engineer over a tender process in Barisal?

No ■ (8.3%)

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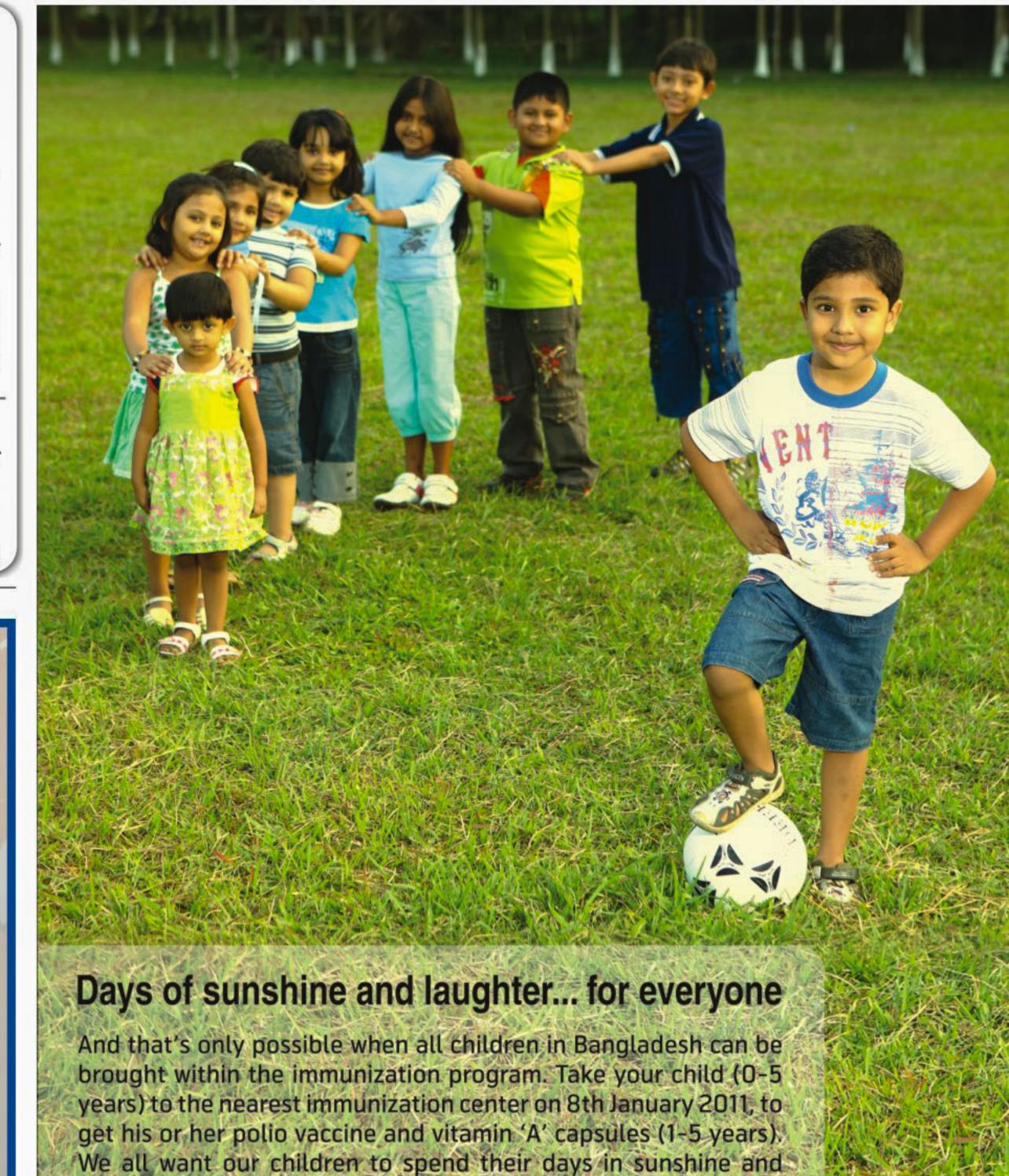
Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that her government has achieved remarkable successes in the

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