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Road crashes kill 2 in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons including a class-V student were killed in road accidents at the capital's Demra and Jatrabari yesterday.

The dead were identified as Monir Hossain, 13, a student of Mannan Government Primary

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New law to control acid import, sale

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will enact a new law by amending the existing acid import policy to make it time-befitting, said Commerce Minister Faruk Khan.

"No one can deal in acid without becoming a member of the

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AL LEADER MURDER 3 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three people and produced them before a Dhaka court yesterday seeking 10 days' remand in connection with the Dhaka City Corporation ward-41 Awami League leader murder case.

The court put the arrestees on five days'

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ADP cut by Tk 3,000cr

Ambitious budget stumbles on poor implementation

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government has to slash Tk 3,000 crore from its development budget of Tk 38,500 crore in the current fiscal year due to its failure to implement projects.

It was disclosed at a high-level meeting with Planning Minister AK Khandker in the chair at his ministry yesterday.

Planning ministry officials said the size of the revised annual development programme (ADP) could be Tk 35,500 crore after deduction of Tk 3,000 crore from the foreign funds of

Tk 15,300 crore.

The status of ADP implementation in the first six months of the current fiscal year was reviewed at the meeting. A planning ministry report showed the use of foreign funds went down by 23 percent while utilisation of local resources increased by 44 percent compared to the same period in the last fiscal year.

The share of local funds in the current ADP is Tk 23,200 crore.

A planning ministry official said different ministries wanted an additional Tk 6,000 crore in local resources instead of foreign funds.

The planning ministry wrote to the finance ministry to know whether the additional demand could be met. The finance division rejected the demand.

Planning ministry officials told the meeting that work orders for many projects were already issued, and a major portion of the ADP will be completed by April this year.

According to a planning ministry report, 80 percent of the ADP is related to procurement that involves Tk 24,105 crore.

Nearly 13,457 of 24,396 work

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BNP trio sued again for graft

ALPHA ARZU

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed three more cases against the speaker, deputy speaker and chief whip of the immediate past parliament on charges that the trio made unauthorised use of government vehicles.

The accused are former speaker and BNP standing committee member Jamiruddin Sircar, deputy speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui, and chief whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain, secretary general of the party.

Earlier on December 28 last year, the ACC filed five cases against Sircar, Delwar, Akhtar Hamid, and Ashrafur Islam, former chief accounts officer at the parliament secretariat on charges of misappropriation of public

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New CNG auto fare effective

Most drivers still decline to use meter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The new fare for CNG-run auto-rickshaws came into effect yesterday but most auto-rickshaw drivers refused to use metres to comply with the government-fixed fare in the capital.

The charge for the first two km has been increased to Tk 25 from

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A mother buying ticket at Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment of her baby. The city hospitals these days see a surge in the number of infant patients suffering from cold-related diseases.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Govt trying to fix polls

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Main opposition BNP yesterday alleged that the government is trying to influence the second phase of the municipal elections with the help of the local administration.

BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan brought the allegation at a press briefing at the party's headquarters in the capital's Naya Paltan.

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Border killings to top agenda

Says home secy on talks with India

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Frequent killing of Bangladeshi nationals by Indian border guards will top the agenda of the two-day home secretary-level talks beginning in Dhaka on Wednesday.

"There will be many issues on the table, but our main focus will be the non-stop killing of Bangladeshi citizens around the borders," Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder told The Daily Star yesterday.

Delhi is yet to act on Dhaka's proposal put forward about a year ago for use of rubber bullets by Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

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C'NAWABGANJ BORDER Tortured Bangladeshi man dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A man, who was tortured by the Indian Border Security Force on Saturday in Chapainawabganj border, died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital early

yesterday. The deceased Shahjahan Ali, 25, son of late Yunus Ali of Shingnagar of Shibganj upazila, told The Daily

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বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

DINAJPUR MUTINY 23 BDR men jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Twenty-three BDR jawans of the 40 Rifles Battalion yesterday were sentenced to various jail terms up to six years for their involvement in the 2009 BDR mutiny in Phulbari upazila

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ONLINE POLL
Do you think the law and order situation in the capital will improve now as the home minister has finally voiced concern about the situation following the killing of 2 Awami League leaders in 6 days?

Yes (8.1%)
No (90.8%)
No Comments (1.0%)
TOTAL VOTES : 675

TODAY'S POLL
Do you think the introduction of the BRTC bus service for the school children from Pallabi to Azimpur will be effective in easing the traffic jam in the capital?

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PRAYER TIMING January 17

Azan	5-30	6-05
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-40	5-44
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation