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RAPE, TORCHING
Cops asked to arrest culprit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the police to immediately arrest Abu Taleb who allegedly torched a girl in Comilla, and report to it in this regard in three days.

The court also ordered the director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital to test DNA of the

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Acid thrown for dowry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth threw acid on his sister-in-law over dowry at Kurarghat in the city's Kamrangirchar Wednesday night.

Beauty, 22, a resident of Shahidnagar in Lalbagh, suffered burns on her right hand, chest and throat and is taking treatment at the burn unit

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Factory fined for Karnaphuli pollution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Department of Environment yesterday fined a dyeing factory Tk 30 lakh on charge of polluting the Karnaphuli violating environmental law.

DoE Director (monitoring and enforcement) Munir Chowdhury led a drive in Super Knitting and

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PRAYER TIMING

	January 28	
Azan	5:35	6:10
Fajr	5:35	6:10
Juma	12:30	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	5:46	5:50
Esha	7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is greeted by her British counterpart David Cameron on the doorstep of 10 Downing Street in central London yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

AL unit president held for plotting murder of his GS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation's ward-41 Awami League President Noor Mohammad was arrested yesterday on suspicion of plotting the murder of the unit's general secretary, Fazlul Huq.

Noor, 68, was admitted to National Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital, Mohakhali, after unidentified people gunned him down at West Agargaon Bazar on January 8.

Selim Mohammad Jahangir, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Tejgaon division), said detectives picked up Noor after his discharge from the hospital.

A source said doctors released the man around 11:00am.

DC Mahbubur Rahman of Detective Branch (north) said they had taken Noor to the DB office in the afternoon for interrogation. The detainee will be produced before a Dhaka court today along with a remand prayer.

On January 14, Fazlul Huq was shot dead in the city's Agargaon area.

According to DB sources, so far nine persons, including Noor Mohammad's son-in-law, have been arrested in connection with the killing.

Detectives said they started suspecting Noor as the mastermind of Fazlul murder after interrogating the other arrestees.

Both Noor and Fazlul were preparing to run for the

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DHAKA-MYMENSINGH HIGHWAY Upgrading starts next month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The work of upgrading the Joydevpur-Mymensingh Highway to a dual carriageway will start next month.

The 87-kilometre highway will be turned into a dual carriageway by June, 2013, said communications ministry officials after signing of contracts with three firms at the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) yesterday.

The communications ministry took a Tk 902-crore project last year to upgrade the narrow highway that

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2nd phase of Biswa Ijtema from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Second phase of the Biswa Ijtema, one of the largest congregations of the Muslims, begins today on the bank of Turag river in Tongi.

Lakhs of devotees from home and abroad are expected to join the congregation to seek blessings

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FORCED LABOUR AT BRICKFIELD Statement of 30 not recorded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court granted bail to two employees of a brickfield yesterday a day after Rab detained them on charges of forcing 30 people to work.

Police had appealed for a seven-day remand of the detainees, but the court turned them down.

Also yesterday another court refused to record statement of the workers, saying the office hours had been over.

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Voters queue up at a polling station of Brahmanbaria district headquarters during the parliamentary by-election yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Stop sale, production of 8 drugs

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take steps to stop production and marketing of eight substandard medicines and withdraw those from the market.

The drugs are: Tetracycline and Indox (capsule) of North Bengal Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Diclofenac (capsule) of Inova Pharma Ltd, Sapox (capsul) and Suspension Tempil of Alco Pharma Ltd, BT Mox 500 and BT Mox 250 of Bengal Techno

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শুভেচ্ছা ও অভিনন্দন

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার সুদূর প্রসারী চিন্তার ফসল বীমা অধিদপ্তর বিলুপ্ত করে দেশের বীমা শিল্পে গতিশীলতা, স্বচ্ছতা ও সার্বিক উন্নয়ন আনয়নের লক্ষ্যে বীমা উন্নয়ন ও নিয়ন্ত্রণ কর্তৃপক্ষ গঠন করায় আমাদের পক্ষ থেকে শুভেচ্ছা ও অভিনন্দন।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think Home Minister Sahara Khatun's claim of no extra-judicial killings is justified?

Yes (14.4%)
No (83.9%)
No Comments (1.7%)

TOTAL VOTES : 462

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government should reconsider the proposed amendments to the Anti-Corruption Commission law that makes government consent a must for filing graft charges against government officials?

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