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Drive to free Kalyanpur canal in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) with the help of the district administration yesterday demolished nearly two dozen illegal structures in a drive to free the city's Kalyanpur canal from encroachers.

The eviction team knocked down at least 23 illegal structures including two houses but spared two mosques that encroached upon the **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3**

Driver shot dead, microbus hijacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hijackers shot dead a driver and stabbed a passenger of a microbus and took it away in the city's Lalmatia yesterday.

The injured passenger, Ivan Ahmed, 25, is taking treatment at Dhaka Medical **SEE PAGE 19 COL 2**

Comilla rape victim dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sixteen-year-old rape victim, who had 76 percent of her body burnt, succumbed to her wounds early yesterday after fighting for life for seven days at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The deceased, a

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Protesters call non-stop strike across Egypt

3 ministers axed

AFP, Cairo

A sea of protesters flooded downtown Cairo yesterday, : brushing aside limited concessions by President Hosni: Mubarak and vowing to bring down his regime through : workplaces in Egypt are strikes and a million-strong march.

In what is seen as a sop to the protesters, a new cabinet : director general (Africa) at line-up was announced in which widely hated interior · the Ministry of Foreign minister Habib al-Adly as well as the finance and culture · Affairs told The Daily Star ministers of the previous cabinet were axed.

But protesters massed in downtown Cairo insisted they: would only be satisfied when Mubarak quits, and vowed to : Bangladeshis are working step up their efforts to topple his creaking regime.

Organisers announced an indefinite strike and said . "We are closely monitorthat today would see a "march of a million" in the

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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The first ever e-learning website for Bangla

medium school students was launched yesterday

in a bid to bridge digital divide and boost online

A joint initiative by The Daily Star and

TeamCreative, the site will provide interactive

examination papers for mathematics and science-

related subjects from class III to X, with an empha-

sis on timing and self-assessment.

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Bangladeshis in Egypt safe

Says foreign ministry

· STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshis living in : Egypt faced no troubles so far in the African country where tens of thousands of people are taking to the streets demanding the president's resignation.

"Our people in their safe," Wahidur Rahman, · yesterday evening.

Around 9,000 in Egypt, he said, adding: · ing the developments

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MUTINY IN SYLHET **61 BGB** men jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Sixty-one jawans of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) of Sylhet sector headquarters were yesterday sentenced to jail terms ranging from four months to seven years for their involvement in the 2009 mutiny.

The BGB Special Court-14 headed by Col SM Farhad also fined them Tk 100 each. Of the convicts, six were handed highest

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Metro rail route faces modification

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

The communications ministry is going to modify a part of the first-phase route of Dhaka metro rail considering commuters' convenience.

The route from Uttara Third Phase to TSC of Dhaka University via Pallabi, Farmgate, Sonargaon Hotel will remain unchanged. From TSC, the route will divert towards Curzon Hall, the Jatiya Press Club, Bangladesh Bank and up to the Kamalapur Railway Station.

A wrecker [not seen in the photo] tries to pull a truck stuck with the footbridge near Ramna Park yesterday. Unable to

take the load, its rear tyres punctured. The vehicle trapped since early hours was finally rescued around 9:00am.

As per the existing plan, the route from TSC was supposed to touch the Central Shaheed Minar, Fulbaria, Gulistan and Tikatuli before reaching Syedabad.

"We are considering the modification to benefit more people from the service,

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PHILIPS

JS session resumes

today STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The new-year session of

parliament resumes this afternoon after a six-day recess.

Lawmakers from the BNP-led opposition are yet to decide the date for their return to the House ending the prolonged

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Maiden arrests over Buriganga grabbing

3 fined, sued by DoE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) in a special drive yesterday realised Tk 3.21 lakh in fines from three river grabbers, filed cases and arrested two of them for filling up the Buriganga at three points.

This was the first time river grabbers were arrested.

The arrestees are Haji Mahbubur Rahman and Bilal. The other grabber --Saleha Begum--was not arrested.

The DoE also ordered them to reexcavate those parts of the river they had filled up.

A DoE press release said the drive conducted by a special team covered a two **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3**



জীবন বীমায় বিশ্বস্ত নাম

formed a human chain in Savar yesterday asking the government not to change **SEE PAGE 19 COL 8**

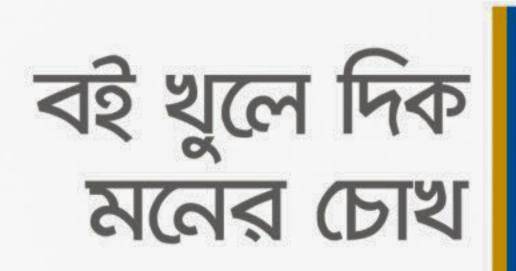
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