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Nobel committee lends support to Yunus again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Norwegian Nobel Committee has recently said it had awarded Prof Muhammad Yunus and Grameen Bank the peace prize in 2006 after it pieced their "larger and very positive picture together".

"When a bank has 7-8 million borrowers, it is easy to find isolated negative examples. It was only when the Committee had pieced this larger and

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Gold trader killed, shop looted in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals strangled a gold trader to death and looted nine tolas of gold ornaments from his shop at Tantibazar in the old part of the capital early yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Rajib Chandra Ghosh, 25, from his shop RL Jewellery Workshop at Raj Rajeswar Mandir Market in the morning.

Sir Salimullah
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276 officials now OSD

Ashraf tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as six secretaries, 30 additional secretaries and 240 other government officials are now working as officer on special duty (OSD) for different reasons.

Of the 240 officials, 162 are joint secretaries while 78 deputy secretaries.

LGRD Minister Syed Ashraf Islam, also in-charge of establishment ministry in the parliamentary affairs,
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1 killed in 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged criminal was killed in a "shootout" between his cohorts and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in the city's Cantonment area early yesterday.

The deceased, identified as Asgar Ali, 35, was accused in several cases including four for murder.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab raided Chowdhury Kunja at Manikdi around 2:00am, Ruhul Amin, senior assistant

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PRAYER TIMING February 2

Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 5:30	6:05
Zohr 12:45	1:15
Asr 4:15	4:30
Maghrib 5:52	5:56
Esha 7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Transport staff resist mobile court drive

5 cops among 50 hurt in Barisal clash

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

At least 50 people, including five policemen and a journalist, were injured yesterday in a clash between ruling party backed road transport workers and law enforcers over operation of a mobile court of environment directorate task force.

During the unrest, traffic on Barisal-Dhaka highway came to a halt for four hours between 12:30pm and 4:30pm.

A helicopter shifted police constables Mizanur Rahman and Nannu Mia to Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka as their condition deteriorated, police said.

Sub-Inspector Mujaffar Hossain, constables Rafiqul Islam and Rahat Hossain, journalist Faruk Hossain Litu of local daily Matobad and about 15 others were admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital here.

Police detained at least 30 transport workers, pedestrians and passengers from the spot.

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Agitated road transport workers demonstrate near Nathullabad bus terminal in Barisal yesterday. Inset, an injured policeman is being boarded on a helicopter to be shifted to Dhaka.

PHOTO: STAR



Egypt protesters mass for biggest-ever rally

ElBaradei wants 'safe exit' for Mubarak, sets Friday as the 'departure day'; UN puts death toll at 300

AFP, Cairo

Massive tides of protesters flooded Cairo and Egypt's second city Alexandria yesterday for the biggest outpouring of anger yet in their relentless drive to oust President Hosni Mubarak's regime.

Several hundred thousand demonstrators massed in Cairo's Tahrir square protest epicentre for a "march of a million" set for the capital while

similar numbers turned out in Alexandria, AFP reporters said.

As foreign governments scrambled to evacuate their nationals, the opposition said it would not negotiate with Mubarak, with Mohamed ElBaradei, who is emerging as a leader of anti-regime protests said Friday had been set as "departure day" for Mubarak.

"What I have heard (from protesters) is that they want this to end, if

not today (Tuesday), then by Friday maximum," he said.

"I hope President Mubarak goes before this and leaves the country after 30 years of rule... I don't think he wants to see more blood."

A committee of Egyptian opposition groups, which includes ElBaradei and the powerful Muslim Brotherhood, pledged there would

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Row over new judges for SC Appellate Div

9 HC judges contest CJ's choice

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Nine High Court (HC) judges have contested the chief justice's recommendation for appointing four judges to the Appellate Division.

They also demanded the appointment of two judges, who had been dropped during the regime of BNP-Jamaat alliance government, to the apex court.

Around two weeks ago, Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque has recommended the president to appoint four

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the government should cancel the plan to build Bangabandhu International Airport in the Arial Beel area?

Yes (84.6%)
No (14.6%)
No Comments (0.8%)

TOTAL VOTES : 732

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think action should be taken against unscrupulous persons who influenced the government to pick Arial Beel area for the new airport that led to the violent protest and death of a policeman?

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Students at Motijheel Govt Girls' High School in the capital on the first day of the SSC exams yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

111 jawans jailed for mutiny at Pilkhana

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the 111 jawans of the record wing of the then Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) were sentenced yesterday to rigorous imprisonment ranging from two and a half years to seven years for involvement in a mutiny at BDR (now Border Guard Bangladesh) headquarters in 2009.

The Special Court-9, led by BGB Dhaka Sector Commander Col Habibur Karim, also fined each of the convicts Tk 100 in its maiden verdict against the Pilkhana mutineers.

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UAE deports 71 Bangladeshi workers

PORIMOL PALMA

The United Arab Emirates deported 71 Bangladeshi workers on Monday on charges of instigating a strike demanding a pay hike by their employer, a construction company, Arabtec in Dubai.

They arrived in Shahjalal International Airport around 12:30am yesterday by a flight of GMG Airlines, an official at the airport confirmed.

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