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DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The 33rd Saarc Council of Ministers meeting has unanimously endorsed

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Independent ACC vital for investment Says US envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maintaining an independent and effective Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is essential for

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HC summons Bogra DC, SP

Asks them to explain failure to protect Mahasthangarh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Bogra to appear before it on February 14 to explain why they have failed to protect and preserve the archaeological heritage of Mahasthangarh.

It also ordered Momtaz Uddin, chairman of Mahasthangarh Mazar Unnayan Committee, to appear before it on that day to explain this.

The summons followed the mazar committee's latest bid to remove relics from the historic site late Tuesday night for fresh construction work defying a January 23 HC order.

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PHOTO: STAR
This spot was cleared of the relics of Mahasthangarh. One of the antique stones of the archaeological site later unearthed.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PM asks special JS body to work freely

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendments should work with full freedom to put forward proposals to settle the crucial and controversial constitutional issues, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said.

Hasina, also the leader of the House, made the observation at a meeting with the 15-member parliamentary body in

her office in the parliament building on Tuesday evening, said a source.

Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair of the parliamentary body, told The Daily Star yesterday that they discussed some crucial issues and the prime minister had asked them to work freely to solve the issues in a practical way.

The prime minister wants the committee find ways to settle the crucial

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Nipah claims 2 more lives

STAR REPORT

Nipah encephalitis claimed two more lives in Dinajpur and Gaibandha yesterday, raising the death toll to 27.

Masuma Akhter Moni, 11, of Belaichandi village in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur, and Muktar, 45, of Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha, died at Rangpur Medical College Hospital around 12:00noon.

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'TORTURE' OF LAWMAKERS BNP MPs stage protests before Speaker's office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP-led opposition lawmakers yesterday held a sit-in outside the Speaker's office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban against alleged torture of opposition MPs by law enforcers and ruling party men during Monday's hartal.

Some 25 lawmakers of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami took part in the programme that lasted an hour in the afternoon. A few of them delivered speeches against the

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Autistic child worker dies in 4-storey fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An autistic teenager met tragic death while working at a construction site in Uttara yesterday.

Deceased Moshir Rahman, 14, son of Abdul Bashir Rahman of Chapainawabganj, came to Dhaka six days ago for treatment.

As the father ran out of money, he and Moshir started day labouring at a construction site in Uttara

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PRAYER TIMING February 11

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-25 6-00
Juma	12-30 1-15
Asr	4-30 4-45
Maghrib	5-57 6-01
Esha	7-15 7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

ONLINE POLL

Do you think the latest hike of the power tariff is justified?

Yes (31.4%)
No (65.4%)
No Comments (3.2%)

TOTAL VOTES : 595

TODAY'S POLL

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