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Princess Anne due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Princess Anne, only daughter of the United Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of

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CUSTODIAL DEATHS NHRC chief wants strong govt warning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday urged the home minister to issue a circular

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PRAYER TIMING March 1

Azan	5-15	5-50
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

No case, no trial before permission

Bill seeking changes to anti-graft law placed at JS to ensure double protection for govt officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill was placed in parliament yesterday for introducing a provision in the ACC Act for prior government permission to file corruption cases against government officials and start trial. The government came up with the

bill for bringing amendments to the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004 amid criticism of its move to clip ACC's wings. The move runs counter to the ruling party's electoral pledge to take effective measures to fight corruption. The bill proposed introducing

provisions of prior government permission to file cases against government officials and begin trial of the cases under section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898. With the inclusion of this provision in the ACC law, no court shall

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Anti-graft body kept in the dark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Ghulam Rahman said his insight into the proposed amendments to the ACC law is like that of a blind man watching an elephant.

"Nobody ever officially informed us of the amendments the cabinet has finalised. Our situation is just like the blind men watching an elephant," Ghulam Rahman said while speaking as the chief guest at a roundtable yesterday.

The roundtable on Amendment Proposal of ACC Law and Citizens' Concern was organised by Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) at the Jatiya Press Club in the morning.

The discussion called on the government to either make the commission a constitutional body or shut it down.

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Amur tigers in crisis

BBC ONLINE

The effective population of the critically endangered Amur tiger is now fewer than 14 animals, say scientists.

Approximately 500 Amur tigers actually survive in the wild, but the effective population is a measure of the genetic

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Windies blow Dutch away

Roach claims first hat-trick

AFP, New Delhi

Kemar Roach grabbed six wickets, including a hat-trick, and Kieron Pollard smashed 60 off 27 balls to help West Indies thrash the Netherlands by 215 runs in the World Cup on Monday.

Pollard built on the platform laid by Chris Gayle, who made 80, as the Caribbean side posted 330-8 before bowling out their hapless opponents for 115 off 31.3 overs in the Group B game at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium.

The West Indies' total was the highest at the ground, which is coming off a 12-month suspension over a



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5,062 pass 29th BCS

Only 1,722 to be appointed now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 5,062 examinees have passed the 29th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations. The Public Service Commission published the result yesterday.

Of the total, PSC has recommended 1,722 candidates for recruitment in different cadres due to shortage of vacant posts. Around 1.23 lakh

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UK PLANE TERROR PLOT

Bangladeshi found guilty

AFP, London

A Bangladeshi 'Islamic militant' working for British Airways was found guilty yesterday of plotting to blow up a plane after conspiring with radical US-Yemeni cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.

Rajib Karim, 31, was "committed to an extreme jihadist and religious cause" and was "determined to seek martyrdom", jurors at Woolwich Crown Court in London were told. The jury convicted Karim of four counts of preparing



Rajib Karim

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One killed in Rab 'shootout'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A listed criminal was killed in a 'shootout' between his accomplices and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Companyganj upazila of the district early yesterday, police said.

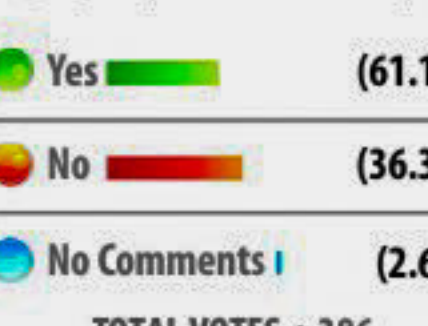
The dead, Kamrul Hasan Tipu, 40, was accused in 12 cases, including several for murder.

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