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**N'GANJ TRAIN CRASH
2 succumb to injuries**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two more persons, who suffered injuries in a train-truck collision at an unguarded level crossing at Nandalapur in Pagla of Narayanganj on February 28, succumbed to their injuries.

Of the deceased, Monir Hossain, 17, of Notunpur of Narayanganj died yesterday morning at a private clinic in the capital's Mohammadpur while Monowar Hossain, 30, of the capital's Karwan Bazar railway slum, died at Dhaka

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Rice queue gets longer

Prices in market fall a little

SOHEL PARVEZ

Prices of rice eased marginally this week but still remain too high for the poor, forcing more of them to queue up at fair price outlets.

People in the lower middle income group have recently started going to open market sale (OMS) shops to buy the staple food at a subsidised rate.

"Nobody likes to stand in a queue. I wouldn't have been here had I not been compelled to. Prices of rice are too high to afford for a long time," said a depressed Mohammad Shahed, an undergraduate student of marketing under the National University.

Shahed stood in a queue at a government fair price point at Swamibag on Thursday to buy rice at Tk 24 per kilogram, at least Tk 10 cheaper than the market price.

According to a food ministry official, a total of 209 OMS trucks had sold rice to 125,000 families in the capital on that day.

Currently, retailers sell coarse rice, mostly consumed

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People wait for the OMS (open market sale) truck in the city's Lalbagh area at 6:00am a few days ago. As the price of rice continues to go up, many from middle and lower-income groups every day rush to the capital's OMS points to buy rice at subsidised price.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

DNA test to give bowel cancer alert

BBC ONLINE

Scientists have discovered what could be the first step towards a DNA test to detect the early signs of bowel cancer.

Tests on two distinct genes were highly accurate in distinguishing between tumours and benign polyps -- growths in the bowel that can become cancerous.

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Hopes run high for stalled issues

Delhi keen on solution before Manmohan's Dhaka tour

REZAUL KARIM

Several Indian ministers and high officials will start visiting Bangladesh this month to set the ball rolling on a number of outstanding issues ahead of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit later this year.

Sharing of Teesta river water, transit, exchange of 162 enclaves in each other's territory, 6.5 kilometres of un-

demarcated border and import of electricity from India are some key bilateral issues on which Bangladesh and India have been trying to make progress over the last one year.

To lay the groundwork for the Indian prime minister, Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao will visit Dhaka next month followed by a trip by External Affairs Minister SM Krishna, confirmed official sources.

Diplomatic sources said Manmohan Singh is expected to visit Dhaka at the end of the monsoon or at the end of this year. Officials of both the countries are trying to work out mutual dates for the visits of the Indian side.

Both Dhaka and New Delhi hope the visits will keep up the momentum in bilateral relations and take

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Cup sees washout

AFP, Colombo

A sell-out 35,000 crowd in Colombo was left disappointed after heavy rain robbed them of a potentially thrilling match between co-hosts Sri Lanka and defending champions Australia on Saturday.

The Group A clash between the 1996 winners and winners of the past three World Cups was shaping up well until heavy rain, coupled with thunderstorms, forced the teams from the field. The match was later abandoned.

The no-result gives both teams one point each, leaving Pakistan at the top of Group A with six points from three matches. Australia have five points from



three matches and Sri Lanka have five points from four.

Sri Lanka, who chose to bat after winning the toss, were recovering from a poor start, at 146-3 before heavy rain put a halt to action after 32.5 overs.

Kumar Sangakkara (73) and

Thilan Samaraweera (34) were at the crease when play stopped, having added 71 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket stand.

With pools of water standing on the pitch, umpires Ian Gould and Tony Hill called off the match at the R Premadasa Stadium.

"It's a shame. It looked like it was going

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PM opens Khalishpur Jute Mills

UNB, Khalishpur, Khulna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday formally switched on operation of the Khalishpur Jute Mills, earlier known as People's Jute Mills, in the Khalishpur industrial belt.

The premier also unveiled the plaque of the mill and offered special prayer.

The mill was renamed on suggestion of the mill

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Man stabbed, Tk 5 lakh snatched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers yesterday stabbed a sales representative of a company and allegedly snatched money from his possession at the capital's Jatrabari.

The injured Amirul Islam, 42, an employee of Nestle Bangladesh, said he went to Jurain Bazar with two of his colleagues to collect money from shops in

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Nur not innocent
Law minister trashes the fugitive Bangabandhu killer's interview

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

SHMB Nur Chowdhury, the convicted killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, has recently claimed to be innocent, saying he was not involved in the assassination.

"I am innocent. I did not assassinate the then president of Bangladesh," Nur Chowdhury, now in Canada, said in a feature interview aired by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The law minister and state counsels in the Bangabandhu assassination case yesterday termed the



Nur Chowdhury

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CJ not happy with quality of many verdicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday expressed dissatisfaction over the standard of verdicts delivered by judges in different cases, saying those lack sufficient legal information and data.

The judges have to be studious to learn how to use the law points and legal grounds in their judgements to make those correct and credible, he

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Evidence of genocide, rape, torture found

Say war crimes investigators about Ghulam Azam in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The investigation agency for International Crimes Tribunal has found former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Ghulam Azam's involvement in genocides, rapes and tortures on the people of Rajshahi during the Liberation War in 1971.

The crimes against humanity proliferated in Rajshahi after Ghulam Azam gave provocative speeches abusing



religion, said investigators Additional Superintendent of Police (SP) Motiur Rahman and Inspector Shyamol Chowdhury.

The two investigators are visiting the north-western city probing war crime charges against Ghulam Azam.

Talking exclusively to The Daily Star, the investigators said they found evidence and witnesses who testified that Ghulam Azam ordered

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**BANGLADESHIS IN LIBYA
Miseries mount on borders**

NAJMUL ALAM NOBIN

Thousands of Bangladeshi workers on Egyptian and Tunisian borders with strife-torn Libya face food and accommodation crisis, as their wait for flights to return home prolongs the agony.

A total of 3,491 Bangladeshis returned home from Libya till 4:00pm yesterday, while around 27,000 more have been waiting for their turns.

Workers without support from their companies or the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) are in real trouble there, said

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Finance Minister AMA Muhith that the government had no alternative to removing Prof Muhammad Yunus from the Grameen Bank's managing director post?

Yes (14.8%)
No (83.4%)
No Comments (1.8%)

TOTAL VOTES : 711

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Grameen Bank that Finance Minister AMA Muhith's comment on Prof Yunus is incorrect and does not reflect real situation? PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING March 6

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

Sources: Islamic Foundation