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3 arrested for attacking Ctg Buddhist monk

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested three people in connection with an attack on a Buddhist monk during a religious programme at Avoysaran Temple at Mirsarai on Thursday.

The arrestees are Johnny, 25, Titu, 26, and Amanullah, 28.

A gang of 15 to 20 stormed into the temple during a religious programme and launched an attack on monks and their followers, with firearms and sharp weapons, severely injuring

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2 muggers hurt in gunfight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged muggers were injured in a 'shootout' with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at the city's Kamalapur early yesterday.

The injured Ashik, 18, and Sunny, 20, were arrested two months ago in charge of mugging but were later released on bail.

A patrol team chased the gang around 3:50am when they were mugging a pedestrian at gun-point, Syed Raqibul

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Kiwis in semis as Proteas choke again

WC in Bangladesh ends

BISHWAJIT ROY

The "Chokers" they remained. One of the best teams in this edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup, South Africa, was eliminated as dark-horse New Zealand pulled off a magnificent 49run victory to make it to the semifinal yesterday.

The South African bowlers were as disciplined as they could be to exploit the conditions after New Zealand skipper Daniel Vettori decided to bat first and their bowling was brilliantly backed by electrifying fielding but their batsmen undid all the good work to be bundled out

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New Zealand all-rounder Jacob Oram (L) celebrates the fall of a South African wicket with wicketkeeper Brendan McCullum as the Proteas collapsed to a 49 runs defeat at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur last night.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

PM meets Bhutan king

Discusses power, water management

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk yesterday discussed regional cooperation in generation of electricity and management of waters of common rivers for mutual benefit.

During the nearly one and a half-hour meeting at Sonargaon Hotel in the evening, they discussed a new project for generating hydro-power through joint collaboration between Bangladesh, Bhutan and India.

Bhutan, rich in

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SHAHJALAL AIRPORT Govt plans to up security

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The authorities have decided in principle to upgrade Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport's security to international standards.

The airport even lacks detectors for non-metallic explosives and other banned substances.

The decision came at a recent meeting of the representatives from Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab), civil aviation and tourism ministry and the Prime Minister's Office at the ministry, said a top Caab official seeking anonymity.

The meeting was on a Tk 280 crore project which a Canadian company proposed to implement in coordination with International Air Transport Association (IATA) to upgrade the airport's existing security.

The airport has serious lacking in security compared to the standards set by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the aviation watchdog said in 2009.

Although the company proposed implementation of the project through Strategic Alliance under

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AL leaders out to slam Dr Yunus

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

A section of the ruling Awami League leaders have started a campaign against Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus, who was removed by the government from the post of managing director of the bank on the grounds of being too aged.

The anti-Yunus campaign is being conducted when a compromise between the government and the Nobel laureate is in progress, amid the US and few other western countries' call for an

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Strong quake kills 74 in Myanmar

Aftershocks rattle Thailand

REUTERS, Mae Sai, Thailand

At least 74 people were killed in a strong earthquake that struck Myanmar, state media said yesterday, while a series of aftershocks have caused panic but only limited damage in Thailand and Laos.

The death toll from Thursday's 6.8 magnitude tremor was expected to rise

slightly in Myanmar after 225 homes and nine government buildings were destroyed. Over 100 people were injured, according to state television.

The quake sparked panic, but no major damage, in other countries across Southeast Asia. This month's devastating Japan quake and tsunami have revived

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446 more Bangladeshis flee Libya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four hundred forty-six more Bangladeshi nationals fled the trouble-torn Libya on Thursday, a foreign ministry press release said yesterday.

Of them, 423 crossed over to Ras Jdir border point in Tunisia where about 1,400 Bangladeshis are awaiting repatriation.

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ওয়ার্ল্ডস পোল্ডি সায়োল এসোসিয়েশন-বাংলাদেশ শাখা
মেগা ডমিসিল, বি-৬, প্লট-৯১, রোড-৪, নিকেডন, গুলশান-১, ঢাকা

আপনার সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২৫ থেকে ২৭শে মার্চ ২০১১ বঙ্গবন্ধু আন্তর্জাতিক সম্মেলন কেন্দ্র, আগারগাঁ, ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিতব্য ওয়ার্ল্ডস পোল্ডি সায়োল এসোসিয়েশন-বাংলাদেশ শাখা কর্তৃক আয়োজিত ৭ম আন্তর্জাতিক পোল্ডি শো ও সেমিনার ২০১১ এর সমাপনী অনুষ্ঠান ২৭শে মার্চ ২০১১, বিকাল ৪.৩০ মিনিট এর পরিবর্তে সকাল ১০.৩০ মিনিটে সেলিব্রেটি হল, বঙ্গবন্ধু আন্তর্জাতিক সম্মেলন কেন্দ্র, আগারগাঁ, ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত সময় পরিবর্তনের জন্য আমরা আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত। সমাপনী অনুষ্ঠানে আপনার ও আপনারদের সদয় উপস্থিতি এবং সহযোগিতা কামনা করছি।

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২৮তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা

বিজিএমইএ'র ২৮তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী কাল ২৭ মার্চ ২০১১ তারিখ (রবিবার) সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকায় বিজিএমইএ অডিটোরিয়াম, বিজিএমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১ পাহুপথ লিংক রোড, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা ১২১৫-তে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

বিজিএমইএ'র সম্মানিত সদস্যগণকে উক্ত বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

সচিব

ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with finance ministry that Prof Muhammad Yunus should come forward for an understanding with the government regarding the Grameen Bank issue?

Look for a compromise (23.5%)
Stick to its decision (74.3%)
No comments (2.2%)

TOTAL VOTES : 374

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think elevated U-turns and underpasses will ensure uninterrupted traffic flow between Azimpur and Gabtoli in the capital?

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Asan Jamaat
Fajr 4-45 5-20
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Asr 4-45 5-00
Maghrib 6-20 6-25
Esha 7-45 8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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