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**in Short**

**Girl dies in 5-storey fall**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A domestic help died after allegedly falling from the rooftop of a five-storey building in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday.

The deceased is Tania Akhter, 10, daughter of Saheb Ali of Hizla Upazila of Barisal. She had been

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**BSF shoots cattle trader**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot and injured a cattle trader yesterday morning along Daudpur borders in Birampur upazila of Dinajpur.

The victim was identified as Md Abdur Rahim 35, son of Islam Uddin of

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**PRAYER TIMING** April 9

Azan	4:40	5:15
Fajr	12:45	1:15
Zohr	4:45	5:00
Asr	6:21	6:24
Maghrib	7:45	8:15
Esha		

Source: Islamic Foundation

# IT education in a mess

*No specialist teachers in govt schools, colleges*

WASIM BIN HABIB

Computer studies at secondary and higher secondary levels are being conducted without specialised teachers in the state-run educational institutions.

The government has not yet created any permanent posts for teachers of the discipline in its 570 schools and colleges 15 years into introduction of the subject.

Teachers of other disciplines -- mainly physics, chemistry, biology and business studies -- with a short course impart les-

sons at these institutions.

Interestingly, many private schools and colleges, which are run with government subsidy, have permanent posts for this discipline.

Education officials and teachers observe as the government envisages building "Digital Bangladesh", this is discrimination and neglect towards a subject deemed crucially important for industrial growth and national development.

They say it is quite impossible for a

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Untreated industrial waste turns the water of the Shitalakkhya black. Oblivious to the dangers of polluted water, children play and bathe in the river. The photo was taken at Kanchpur in Narayanganj.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## 12 children killed in Brazil school shooting

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

A disturbed young Brazilian man on a suicide mission shot dead 10 girls and two boys on Thursday at his former elementary school in Rio de Janeiro.

Wellington Menezes de Oliveira, 24, also shot and wounded 12 others -- many in the head -- and only stopped firing when he was shot in the leg by a police officer and turned one of his revolvers on himself, officials said.

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## RAB SHOOTING NHRC chief pushes for govt probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is firmly pursuing a government probe on the Rab firing that disabled teenage Limon Hossain.

NHRC Chairman Mizanur Rahman

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## SERAFINA RAPE, SUICIDE Family under pressure to withdraw case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Family members of Serafina Mardi, the gang-rape victim who committed suicide after being forced into an out-of-court settlement with the rapists in February, are in fear of a backlash from their religious leaders.

Also the families of the rapists, yet to be detained, are mounting pressure on

them to withdraw a case filed against the culprits, Serafina's family members and indigenous leaders said in a press conference at GDRC Auditorium here yesterday.

Raped on April 4 last year, indigenous girl Serafina, 14, daughter of Cornelius Mardi of Amtulipara in Godagari upazila, set herself afire on February 17.

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**ONLINE POLL**

Would you consider the probe report on share market debacle a job well done?

Yes (43.4%)  
No (51.5%)  
No Comments (5.1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 235

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you support the government decision to delete individuals' names in the probe report on the stockmarket debacle before making the report public?

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