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# Temple, cremation ground grabbed

Developer in Ctg creating plots on arable land without CDA nod, but denies wrongdoings

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A housing company has grabbed and earth-filled a temple and a cremation ground in Chowdhury Hat area under Hathazari upazila of Chittagong.

Elite Land Limited, the developer, encroached on the nearly one-acre cremation ground and a large portion of Laxmi Narayan Asrom over the last two years, owners alleged.

The company is also forcibly purchasing arable lands for its Elite City housing project, which the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) did not approve.

However, the company officials denied the allegation of grabbing the land.

When the project was taken up two years ago at Dataram Road of the port city, the company offered a price of Tk 1.5 crore per acre of land to lure the villagers, many of them farmers. But it now puts pressure on them to give away their land at Tk 70 to 75 lakh an acre, a number of villagers said.

The company has so far "purchased" 16 acres of land where it wants to build a 500-plot housing project for nearly 50,000 people, said Masum Chowdhury, vice-chairman of the company. He denied any wrongdoings.

The CDA in a letter dated October 14, 2010 to Elite Land Limited said: "As per the detailed area plan, the proposed land of

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A housing company fills up arable land to make homes in Hathazari of Chittagong. Inset, walls and pillars being built on the land.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## STOPPING JS BOYCOTT CULTURE

# Amendment move might be shelved

Changes in constitution not enough, JS special body members now think

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment seems to have backed off from its plan to propose amending the constitution to put an end to the culture of boycotting the House.

At a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday, it concluded that legislation alone might not be

able to do away with the House-boycott culture. Rather, a political consensus is needed to stop this practice, some committee members told The Daily Star yesterday.

The committee had earlier said it wanted to reduce the scope for lawmakers to be absent from parliament proceedings.

Article 67 of the constitution says

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# Father, daughter shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A member of reformist group of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) and his two-year-old daughter were shot dead by some unidentified men at Kadamtali village in Baghaichhari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The dead are Chijimoni Chakma, 32, and his daughter Arkomoni Chakma of the village, some twenty kilometres off the upazila headquarters.

A group at around 1:00am knocked on the door of Chijimoni's house. As no one opened the door from inside, the criminals broke it open and entered the room,

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## STOCKMARKET PROBE REPORT

# Share splitting used as a tool to inflate prices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Split of shares used as a tool to sweep up small investors' money had been a major reason behind the massive price inflation on the stockmarket, said the government probe committee on the recent market debacle.

Market capitalisation of the companies, which split their shares between July 2009 and December 2010, soared by 655 percent, and that of those which did not split shares went up by 46 percent at the same time, found the four-member com-

mittee headed by Khondkar Ibrahim Khaleed.

Manipulators played on the "psychological weakness" of retail investors and encouraged them to buy lower denominated shares that had a huge impact on the stockmarket, said the probe report.

"Split of shares does not have any impact on a company's earnings or assets. So, there should have been no impact of the split on share prices except for an adjustment to the face value."

This fragmentation of shares had an

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## CONGO CRASH

# Bodies of 2 peacekeepers brought home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of two Bangladeshi peacekeepers, who along with 24 others were killed on April 5 in a plane crash at Kinshasa airport in Congo, arrived in Dhaka yesterday.

Mohammad Nur Islam, assistant director of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), told The Daily Star that an Emirates flight brought the bodies of Maj KM Ziaul Haque and Corporal Clerk Md Yunus Mian to Hazrat Shahjalal (R) International Airport from Congo.

Army personnel received the bodies. The bodies will be buried at Banani graveyard in the

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## Live grenade, ammo found in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police recovered a live grenade and 63 bullets from a deserted pond at Sree Rampur village of Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat yesterday noon.

Local people found the ammunition while they were digging soil on the bank of the pond.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and recovered those, said

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The photo shows the huge gathering at The Daily Star's 20th anniversary celebration at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday evening. More photo on page-2

PHOTO: STAR

# Taking journalism to new heights

The Daily Star celebrates 20th anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star yesterday shared the joy of its 20 years of success with well-wishers, academics, business leaders, politicians, cultural activists, media personnel and member of the diplomatic corps.

The newspaper started its journey in 1991 and thence has

been committed to taking the level of journalism to new heights. The odyssey has been as rough as it could get but the effort have been worthwhile.

Hundreds of people of different professions from home and abroad joined the grand reception under the banner "40 years of independence, 20 years of independent journalism" at

Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

The presence of people from all walks of life not only reflected the popularity of the paper but also its dedication to fair journalism.

As many as 10 newspaper editors from India, Pakistan and Nepal joined the grand cere-

mony. Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, and senior members of the daily welcomed the guests.

The event started with an eight-minute video documentary on The Daily Star, its day-to-day functions and achievements.

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The Daily Star

## Amini's threat

'Country to be paralysed if women policy not scrapped'

BSS, Dhaka

Fazlul Huq Amini, chief of Islami Ain Bastabayan Committee, yesterday threatened to paralyse the country if the government does not annul the National Women Development Policy.

"We can create an impasse in the country by a one-hour notice as there are 20,000 madrasas which will respond to our call immediately," he said while addressing a rally at Jatiya Press Club auditorium in the capital.

Dhaka city unit of Islami Ain Bastabayan Committee organised the rally with its Ameer

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## 5 Islamist militants arrested

UNB, Comilla

Police arrested five members of Islamist militant outfit Jagrata Muslim Towhidi Janata on charges of anti-state activities at Nazrul Avenue in Kandirpar of Comilla early Thursday.

The activists were pasting posters on walls protesting the government's move to ban fatwa (religious edict), and demanding cancellation of the

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