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EMBEZZLEMENT
Actor Shakib Khan sued

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday summoned film actor Shakib Khan Rana asking him to appear before it by May 19, hours after filing of a case for misappropriating Tk 40 lakh.

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Rice for OMS found in pvt warehouse

445 sacks seized in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday seized 445 bags of rice meant for open market sale (OMS) from a local warehouse at Mahiganj in Rangpur town.

Acting on a tip-off, a Rab-5 team raided the warehouse of rice trader Mahfuzur Rahman Fattah and seized about 400 bags of rice (each bag carrying 50 kg rice), said Assistant Police Superintendent (ASP) Anwar Hossain.

Also, the team seized a truck laden with 45 bags of OMS rice, he said.

Besides, many empty rice bags bearing the government's seal for OMS was found at the depot, he added.

However, sensing the presence of Rab, the rice trader, SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



The hoarding came off its mountings on Mirpur Road near Dhanmondi Road-8 during a storm in the wee hours yesterday. It fell on power cables snapping them. Almost every year hoardings collapse during the nor'wester season.

RESTIVE CHT Road, river blockade Sunday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad (PBCCP) will enforce a daylong road and waterway blockade in Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban districts on Sunday protesting the recent violence at Rangarh in Khagrachhari.

The student organisation of Bangalee settlers will observe the blockade as part of a five-day programme.

The programme was announced through a SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

Mobile pool for students to learn swimming

BSS, Dhaka

A portable swimming pool was introduced in a city school yesterday, as observational studies found that urban children are becoming more vulnerable to drowning, a major cause of deaths of children aged 1-18 years.

The 12-metre long, five-metre wide and one-metre deep rubber pool is expected to cater to the need of swimming training for 5,000 school children in next five years,

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Women policy not anti-religion

PM tells pro-AL religious group; Jamaat accuses Hasina of delivering fatwa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government has already removed all contradictions regarding religion from the National Women Development Policy to make it confusion-free.

The government will also append to the policy the religious and social reservations mentioned in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), she added.

The premier was addressing about 150 leaders of Bangladesh Jamiatul Modarasin, a pro-Awami League platform of madrasa teachers, at the International Conference Centre at Prime Minister's Office.

The meeting was organised at a time when the SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

Amini warns PM over his 'missing' son

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fazlul Haque Amini, chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ), has held Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina responsible for his son going "missing". "I ask Sheikh Hasina to get ready for similar consequence," he warned yesterday.

He was speaking at Ulemah Mashayekh Conference at the National Press Club in the capital.

He demanded that the government return his younger son Abul Hasanat, who remains SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

Moscow offers gas help

Russian state-run co Gazprom to drill wells, install compressors, train manpower, fix sector strategy; MoU signing soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and Russia are set to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) soon on gas sector cooperation between the two countries

which includes Russian involvement in drilling some hydrocarbon wells and installing two gas compressors in Bangladesh on a fast track basis.

An 11-member team from Russian state-run oil and gas com-

pany Gazprom headed by its Managing Director Valeri Gulev arrived in the capital yesterday to sign the deal.

The government had been talking SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK 20 months gone, probe still on

CID given 25 days more

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday got 25 days more to complete further investigation into one of the two cases filed for the grenade attacks on

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Waive VAT on internet use, SIM card

Suggests JS body

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday made a set of recommendations including waiving value added tax (VAT) on internet users and mobile phone SIM card to boost telecom

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with former chief election commissioner Abu Hena that political parties create main obstacles to strengthen the Election Commission?

Yes (96.1%)
No (2.8%)
No Comments (1.0%)

TOTAL VOTES : 388

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think parliamentary committee's initiative to have talks with the chiefs of political parties and experts on constitution amendment will bring positive result?

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PRAYER TIMING April 21

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-25	5-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-27	6-31
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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