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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,

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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

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**Amini warns PM over his 'missing' son**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fazlul Haque Amini, chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote (IO), 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 Ulema Mashayekh Conference at the National Press Club in the capital.

He demanded that the government return his younger son Abul Hasanat, who remains

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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

Parbata Bangalee Chhakra Parishad (PBCP) will enforce a daylong road and waterway blockade in Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban districts on Sunday protesting the recent violence at Ramgarh 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

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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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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
Fajr		Azan Jamaat
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

# 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

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