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AUG 21 PROBE

2 ex-NSI bosses on remand again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed the two former directors general (DG) of National Security Intelligence (NSI) under four more days of remand for their alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attack in 2004.

Maj Gen (ret'd) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury and Brig Gen (ret'd) M Abdur

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Retired yet serving

DoE second man continues job as 'freedom fighter'; minister, secretary offer contradictory views

TAWFIQUE ALI

A retiree has been illegally holding the office of additional director general (ADG) of Department of Environment (DoE) for about a year, with the minister and secretary concerned contradicting each other over his status.

Md Abdus Sobhan, who retired as a director of DoE in last June, has been in the post of ADG claiming himself a freedom fighter.

Dr Hasan Mahmud, state minister for Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), said his ministry did not ask Sobhan to go on retirement, as a decision on his extension was pending.

The minister, however, admitted the official could not

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RISKY RIDE...A man travels with three children on a motorbike that is meant for only two people. None of the children have crash helmets on and one of them has actually fallen asleep. The photo was taken from Colonelhaat in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Remove all river pillars

Environmentalists want govt to follow HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) leaders yesterday urged the government to immediately remove all boundary pillars along the banks of Turag and Balu rivers which breaches the High Court (HC) directives.

During a visit led by Bapa's general secretary Abdul Matin observed around 750ft of river bank area will be lost due to the boundary pillars.

Some pillars beside the Prottasha Math set up 30 to 40 ft away from the

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Constitution talks from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment opens its planned talks today by holding discussion with constitutional experts.

A total of 18 constitutional scholars, including five former chief justices, are expected to join the talks this morning at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban to discuss the prospective changes to the republic's charter.

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SHOT INTO DISABILITY BY RAB

No case filed yet

Family of victim tells of threat calls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion is still trying to establish Limon Hossain as a criminal although the force's chief had admitted that the 16-year-old is a victim, not a lawbreaker."

"The Rab sources in our area are intimi-



Limon Hossain

dating those villagers who told the media that my son is innocent to leave the locality," claimed Limon's father at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

Meanwhile, police are yet to register

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RUSSELL MURDER 'Friend' stays out of arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Sabbir Hossain, a prime suspect in Natore youth Russell murder case, is still at large, as police raids on several places yesterday went in vain.

Sabbir, a final-year student of Rajshahi Medical College, was last

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Impose high tax on tobacco

Roundtable recommends tax regime for cigarettes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should impose high tax on tobacco products to rein in soaring consumption of the harmful products for the sake of public health, said speakers at a discussion meeting yesterday.

They also recommended introducing uniform tax for all cigarette brands, as the existing four-tier tax system based on the pricing is discriminatory and offers scopes for tax evasion.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think Home Minister Sahara Khatun's opposition on forming a House body to probe Rab's role in the shooting of Limon is justified?

Yes

11.5%

No

86.8%

No Comments

1.7%

TOTAL VOTES : 417

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think BNP chief Khaleda Zia's blame on government for misdeeds, failure, breach of commitments, ill-governance and inability to lead the administration is justified?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING April 24

	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

Older but not lucky

55-year-old gets old-age allowance, his 90-year-old stepmother not

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Ninety-year-old Insaner Ma can hardly walk, yet she has to go out to beg every day to make a living.

She has been trying in vain to get old-age allowance since her husband Azad Mia died nearly 16 years back. But surprisingly, her 55-year-old stepson Shukkur Ali has been getting the allowance for the last two years.

Insaner Ma, who never bore a child, lives alone in a makeshift hut near her stepson's house at Balali village in Madan upazila of Netrakona.

She approached many a time the local UP chairman, members and even political leaders for old-age allowance, but all her efforts went in vain.



Insaner Ma

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Attention to the honourable Dhaka WASA

subscribers of Basundhara, Baridhara (DOHS), Kuril, Badda, Banani, Mohakhali and Gulshan

Due to fire accident in the Basundhara electricity sub-station under DESCO, power supply has been interrupted in 33 deep tubewells of Dhaka WASA in Basundhara, Baridhara (DOHS), Kuril, Badda, Banani, Mohakhali, Gulshan and surrounding areas. Dhaka WASA is not able to supply sufficient water due to this incident. The inconvenience caused is highly regretted. Dhaka WASA is extending its continuous effort to normalise the water supply situation with emergency generator and water bowser. Dhaka WASA expects your sincere cooperation to face the situation with patience.

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