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Farid involved in CPB blast
CID tells court
COURT CORRESPONDENT

Maulana Sheikh Farid, a leader of banned outfit Harkat-ul Jihad al-Islami, was involved in the bomb attack on a CPB rally in the capital on January 20, 2001, a CID official told a Dhaka court yesterday.

Inspector Mrinal Kanti Saha of the Criminal Investigation Department who is investigating the case, produced Farid with a 10-day remand prayer

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3G mobile by this year
BSS, Dhaka

Third-generation (3G) mobile phone network will be launched in Bangladesh by this year, Telecommunications Minister Rajuddin Ahmed Raju said yesterday.

"The 3G mobile phone would bring revolutionary changes in the information and communication technologies including e-education and e-health," he said while addressing as the chief guest at a function of Bangshal Girls' High

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ONLINE POLL
How do you look at the prevailing law and order situation in the capital?

Deteriorating 87.0%
Stable 10.5%
No Comments 2.5%

TODAY'S POLL
Do you think the reason for BNP's fresh anti-government agitation is justified?
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PRAYER TIMING May 11

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-10	4-45
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-36	6-40
Esha 8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

SQ Chy threatens war crimes investigators

RASHIDUL HASAN

BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury threatened to exact revenge on the investigators of the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday during interrogation over his involvement in crimes against humanity.

Members of the investigation agency said Salauddin, a BNP standing committee member, misbehaved with them while questioning.



He also allegedly addressed some of the officials as "tumi," a Bangla word for "you" used to refer younger people, and often to show disrespect.

"During the questioning, he [Salauddin] repeatedly shouted and ridiculed when we showed him evidence of his involvement in war crimes," a member of the investigation agency told The DailyStar.

Quader was quizzed at a Dhanmondi

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Help LDCs attain sustainable growth

PM urges rich nations at UN Summit

BSS, Istanbul

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday demanded more support of the affluent nations for the LDCs or emerging economies to enable them attain sustainable economic growth.

"Investment and technical assistance from the South enjoy possibility of easier replication and absorption by Least Developed Countries (LDCs). South-South



Cooperation should be complementary to similar assistance from our traditional development partners in the North," Hasina told the Fourth UN Conference on LDCs in Istanbul.

She expected that the summit level conference will formulate a new era of cooperation between the LDCs and the affluent Northern globe.

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A traditional boat race organised by Chittagong Regional Cultural Academy in the port city yesterday with a call for conservation of the Karnaphuli River.

PHOTO: STAR

Limon in Dhaka

Admitted to Nitor

STAR REPORT

Limon Hossain, who lost a leg in Rab shooting, was admitted to Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) in the capital for better treatment last night.

His father Tofazzal Hossain said they arrived at Nitor, also known as Pangu hospital, around 11:00pm.

Earlier in the day, Limon left Sher-e-Bangla

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Pakistan may let US grill Osama wives

REUTERS, Islamabad/Washington

Pakistan may let US investigators question the wives of Osama bin Laden, a US official said, a decision that could begin to stabilize relations between the prickly allies that have been severely strained by the killing of the al-Qaeda leader.

"The Pakistanis now appear willing to grant access. Hopefully they'll carry through on the signals they're sending," a US official familiar with the matter said in Washington.

There was no immediate comment from the White House.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's foreign ministry said yesterday it had yet to receive a formal request from the United States.

However, senior Pakistani government officials in

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DINAJPUR ROBBERY

Victims being influenced to save cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Victims of the robbery allegedly committed by police in Kaharol upazila kept from mentioning names of any servicemen in the case fearing political pressure and reprisal.

The victim family and locals said frequent visits and insistence by police and local ruling party leaders, including the MP, that police was not involved in the robbery had terrified the victims in naming any policeman.

Prionath Devnath, elder brother of Rajendranath Devnath whose house was robbed on May 3, filed a case Monday evening accusing 15 to 16 unidentified people.

On the robbery day, locals caught five people who claimed themselves as policemen of Birganj Police Station. Angry villagers confined nine more cops when they went to rescue their colleagues.

The confinement triggered a daylong clash between locals and police. Seven policemen ended up suspended in connection with the incident.

In the case filed on Monday, the complainant carefully ignored the involvement of police in the robbery and violence following that.

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