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Muhit leaves
advance
camp today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MA Muhit, the second
Bangladeshi to con-
quer Everest, is safe
and staying at an

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
Probe ordered
into 2 schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education minis-
try has ordered investi-
gations into two
educational institutes
in Dhaka and Khulna
over reported inci-
dents of corporal
punishment meted
out to students
recently.

Acting on two news
reports published in
The Daily Star, the

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Interest rate
of savings
instruments
may go up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Interest rate of savings
instruments may go
up by 0.5 to 1 percent
in the next fiscal year,
as their sale dropped
by over 60 percent in
the current fiscal year.

The issue was dis-
cussed at a meeting
between Bangladesh
Bank, National Board
of Revenue (NBR),
Finance Division and
Savings Directorate at
the central bank in the
capital yesterday.

Chaired by
Bangladesh Bank
Deputy Governor

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Govt eyes 27pc more revenue next FY

Likely to set Tk 1,18,380cr target

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government may set the target of total revenue earning at Tk 1,18,380 crore in the national budget for the next fiscal year, which is 27 percent higher than that in the present budget.

Revenue earning target in the present budget is 17 percent higher than in the budget for the previous FY (2009-10).

The share of income tax is 28.93 per cent in the earning by the National Board

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of Revenue (NBR) in the current FY, and it will be 29.81 percent in the next budget.

The target of earning from income tax in the next budget will be 37 percent higher than in the present budget.

NBR sources said no new tax will be imposed for raising revenue earning. This will be done through various new

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3 lakh workers in KL to get MRP

Govt to help expedite regularisation of undocumented expatriates

PORIMOL PALMA

The government yesterday decided to issue over three lakh machine readable passports (MRP) to the undocumented Bangladeshis in Malaysia to help expedite their regularisation process.

Following Malaysia's decision to regularise undocumented foreign workers, including around three lakh Bangladeshis, an inter-ministerial meeting was held at

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CTG ARMS HAUL
CID grills
Rezzakul,
Rahim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Investigators yesterday interrogated two former National Security Intelligence (NSI) directors general at Chittagong Central Jail gate in connection with the 10-truck arms haul cases.

Investigation officer of the cases Md

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This three-year-old rock python laid more than 20 eggs in her cage a few days ago. About seven metre in length, the python will coil around her first clutch of eggs over next two months at a stretch until those are hatched out. Snake charmer Habib Mia is taking care of total 13 rock pythons, including the parents of this python, a species of Bangladesh as well as other parts of the South and Southeast Asia.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Enclave survey to be done by mid-June

Joint teams of Bangladesh, India make major progress towards settling the issue

M RAHMAN

The decades-old issue of adversely possessed land (APL) along the border between Bangladesh and India is likely to be solved soon as by mid-June the countries will complete surveys in all four zones.

And within the deadline, head counts of people in enclaves will also be complete as 10 joint teams have already been formed and data forms have been prepared and awaiting Indian approval.

Official record shows India has 111

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Award for
Hasina

French university
to honour her
for democracy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is going to be awarded gold medal by Duphine University, a leading Parisian university in France, in recognition of her contribution to the institutionalising and strengthening of

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Plastic bottles collected from cleaning a manhole in Dhaka University area yesterday. The litter of used bottles often clog the city drains causing water logging, especially when it rains.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Lightning kills 20 in 7 districts

STAR REPORT

At least 20 people were killed and 21 injured as heavy storms and lightning hit seven districts across the country yesterday.

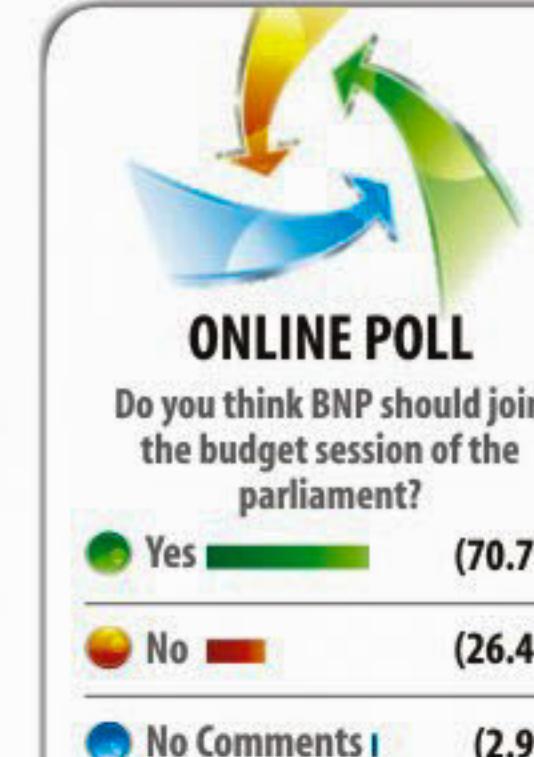
The worst-hit district was Chapainawabganj, where 10 people died and two sustained injuries at municipal area, Nohole, Gomostapur and Shibganj upazilas, reports our district correspondent.

The deceased are Osman Gani, 15, Bairul Islam, 35, Rezaul Karim, 22, Ripon Orao, 12, Abdul Mannan, 35, Manik, 50, Setau, 28, Abdur Razzak, 18, Abdul Kaiyum, 35, and Rafiqul Islam, 35.

Of the injured, Abu Hanjala, 9, and Nahida Akhtar, 10, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and Gomostapur Upazila Health Complex respectively.

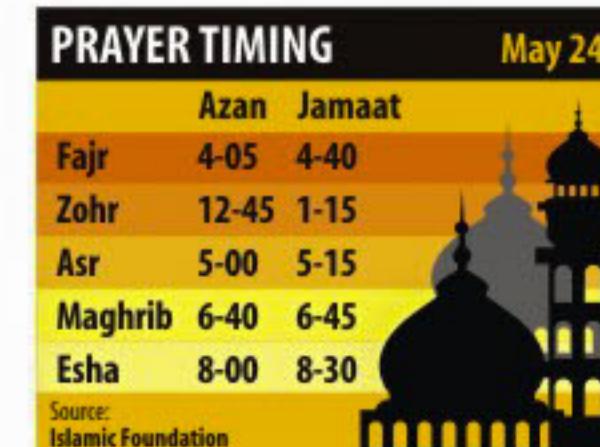
Lightning struck Osman Gani and Abu Hanjala when they were collecting mangoes from under trees near their house at Durgapur around 6:30am, said Sarwar Hossain, assistant sub-inspector of Sadar Police Station.

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TODAY'S POLL
How do you look at the new claim of BNP's defence adviser, home minister and Rab that Limon and his family are involved in criminal activities?

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