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Cheaper laptops hit market this month
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Low-price laptops manufactured by government-owned Telephone Shilpa Sangstha will hit the market this month, telecommunications minister Raziuddin Ahmed Raju said in parliament yesterday.

The laptop will cost Tk 10,000 to Tk 12,000. In a scripted answer, the minister said replying to lawmakers' queries that the present government took number of steps to make Telephone Shilpa Sangstha a profitable organisation.

In the meantime
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27 Tahrir men held
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel held 27 members of the banned Hizb ut-Tahrir yesterday from Barakaw village of Kaliganj upazila of Gazipur.

They also recovered 28 anti-state posters, 160 leaflets, 13 magazines and jihadi books from the spot, says a press release.

On information, Rab-1 conducted the drive and held them while they were holding a meeting at a solitary place of Barakaw village around 4:30 pm. On primary investigation, they confessed to their involvement

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PRAYER TIMING June 7

Asan	4-05	4-40
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

LIMON SHOT TO DISABILITY
Family tells of threat

Home investigation report submitted

M RAHMAN

Sharecropper family of Limon Hossain, who was shot into disability by Rab, cannot return home in Jhalakathi, as alleged Rab sources threatened them to keep away unless the family withdrew case against the elite force.

"You found Limon alive the last time but next time nobody will find you as your bodies will be cut into pieces for the fishes," Limon's father Tofazzal Hossain quoted

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SAKHIPUR RESERVE FOREST
Shut illegal sawmills

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to immediately shut down the sawmills illegally set up in the Sakhipur reserve forest area in Tangail.

In response to a writ petition filed on the basis of a report in The Daily Star, the court asked police to take action and file criminal cases against those responsible for felling trees in the forest.

It also ordered the authorities concerned to constantly monitor the forest area to prevent further felling of trees. Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh filed the writ

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Abdul Matin holding in arms his three-year-old daughter Labonya who was stabbed with a knife by the man's supposed girlfriend, Bilkis Khatun, bottom, yesterday. The photo was taken at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Jilted, she takes it out on his daughter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-year-old girl in the city was stabbed with a knife yesterday by her father's supposed girlfriend, jilted by the man and hell-bent on revenge.

The woman, a nurse of a private clinic at the

capital's Dhanmondi, turned up at the residence of her boyfriend on Crescent Road of Kalabagan yesterday around 10:00am and stabbed the kid in the neck and throat.

Kalabagan police with the help of locals arrested the nurse, Bilkis Khatun Nadia, and recovered the

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Teesta draft fine-tuned
Dhaka, Delhi discuss water sharing of 7 other rivers; Indian foreign secy in Dhaka

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladesh and India yesterday put finishing touches to an interim deal on sharing the Teesta water during the dry season and discussed water-sharing of seven other common rivers.

Emerging from a two-and-a-half-hour secretary-level meeting, Water Resources Secretary of Bangladesh Shaikh Wahid-uz-Zaman told journalists that the meeting fine-tuned the framework of the agreement. Highly-placed sources in the Indian government admitted some differences on sharing the Teesta water still remain.

Dhaka wants the sharing on a 50:50 basis, while India has proposed for 45:55. It is more of a technical issue, noted the sources and hoped it would be resolved soon.

The two neighbours, with 54 common rivers, are in talks on sharing Teesta water for over two decades.

Bangladesh badly needs the Teesta water, especially from December to March -- the dry season. At times in December and January, water flow goes down to less than 1,000 cusec from 5,000 cusec due to withdrawal of water by India.

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'LAUNDERING' \$25M
Probe on against Mir Kashem

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is carrying out an investigation into the alleged laundering of \$25 million to the USA by Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali for hiring lobbyists to assist his party with war crime issue, Finance Minister AMA Muhith told parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, Muhith said the

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GULSHAN COUPLE MURDER
2 to walk gallows

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two youths to death in absentia and another to life imprisonment for killing a couple in Gulshan in March 2010.



The condemned convicts

The condemned convicts are Mohammad Rubel and Mithun Chanda and the lifer is Altaf Hossain Altu.

Altu was present when Judge (in charge) Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 declared the judgment.

The court acquitted Mohiuddin Azad Rabbi of the charge as allegation brought against him was not proved. After the judgment, Sumaiya Yasmeen Bithi, daughter of the slain couple, and her sister-in-law Momtaj Begum,

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50 hurt as Ctg BNP men clash with cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Over 50 people including policemen and journalists were injured yesterday evening in a series of clashes between law enforcers and BNP activists in Chittagong.

The port city turned into a battlefield centring BNP's city office at Nasimon Bhaban in Kazir Dewry area leaving thousands of commuters in panic and distress for several hours.

The one-and-a-half-hour long clash spread over different areas in the city leaving 25 vehicles, several offices, banks and restaurants vandalised.

In protest of obstructing rallies, allegedly by law enforcers, during Sunday's daylong hartal, the city unit of the main opposition BNP brought out a procession from VIP

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Police charge baton on BNP activists on Noor Ahmed Sarak that led into a series of battles in the port city. The photo was taken yesterday at 5:00pm.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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Do you think the opposition's countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal was successful?

Yes (60.4%)
No (34.8%)
No Comments (4.8%)

TOTAL VOTES: 525

TODAY'S POLL

Do you believe the claim of ex-chief adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and ex-army chief Moeen U Ahmed that atrocities at Dhaka and Rajshahi universities were done on orders from intelligence officials?

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