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## in Short

TORTURE ON RUMANA  
Sumon sent  
to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka Court yesterday sent Hasan Sayeed Sumon, who tortured his wife Rumana Manzur and damaged her eyes, to jail rejecting separate prayers for bail and remand.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan passed the order while Detective Branch (DB) of Police produced Sumon before the court seeking a fresh seven-day remand to interrogate him and Sumon's lawyers

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Crocodiles  
kill woman

A CORRESPONDENT,  
Bagerhat

A devotee died when two crocodiles attacked her in a large pond of Hazrat Khan Jahan Ali's shrine in Bagerhat yesterday morning.

Forty-year-old Mariam Begum, a resident of Nonadanga village in Bagerhat Sadar Upazila, went to the pond to have a wash, locals said.

Mostafa Fakir, khadem (caretaker) of the mazar, said Mariam stayed at the house of Shahadat Fakir on the bank of

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The current power generation

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended hanging price lists at all kitchen markets in the capital in a bid to control prices of essentials during Ramadan.

The House committee on commerce ministry gave the only advice to the ministry based on its "experience" of visiting three kitchen markets in the city on June 15.

It also prepared a report that said it is satisfied that prices of daily essentials were "stable" and "did not increase" after the budget proposal on June 9.

"After verifying the prices of essentials in three kitchen markets, the committee is expressing satisfaction that prices of all essential commodities are steady. The committee hopes it will remain stable during the month of Ramadan [in August]," the report said.

In a stark contrast, however, a number of the ruling alliance lawmakers including Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal MP Hasanul Haq Inu and Jatiya Party MP Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury expressed concern over the price hike of essentials in parliament yesterday.

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## SIXTH 5-YEAR PLAN

# Focus on energy sector

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

As much as 17.3 percent of the total public investment in the sixth five-year plan will go to the energy sector the second highest allocation by which a mega plan for power, gas, and coal sectors has been drawn to achieve a high economic growth.

The mega plan targets 15,357 megawatt power generation during the 2011-15 fiscal years. As many as 89 power plants -- 32 in public sector by 2015. At present, 45 percent households get power supply.

Of the total public investment of Tk 306,635 crore, the government

stands at around 5,000 MW in the 2010-11 FY.

There is another plan to import 1,000 MW power from India, Nepal and Bhutan. Besides, through nuclear power plant 2,000 MW power will be generated and construction of a nuclear reactor will start next year.

According to the plan, the government has fixed a target of reaching power to 65 percent households by 2015. At present, 45 percent households get power supply.

The current power generation

would spend Tk 52,897 crore or 17.3 percent for the energy sector.

As per the plan, the urban sector would get the highest allocation of 19 percent, while the third highest 15.8 percent goes to the transport sector.

A detailed timeline has also been set for the power sector that says which of the 89 upcoming power plants would go online on which date.

Under the yearly power generation plan, the government has taken initiatives to produce 2,166 MW power from 25 plants by 2010-11 FY,

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KOKO'S WHEREABOUTS  
Bangladesh  
mission in KL  
has no idea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh mission in Malaysia doesn't know the whereabouts of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's younger son Arafat

Rahman Koko, who went to Malaysia late last year violating his parole terms.

"We don't know his whereabouts. We have to enquire about it,"

Bangladesh High

KOKO'S TAX EVASION CASE  
Hearing on charge  
framing deferred

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday extended the time for 18th time adjourning the hearing on charge framing till July 28 against Arafat Rahman Koko, son of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in a tax evasion case.

Meantime, Koko, who had earlier gone abroad for treatment, was sentenced to six years' rigorous imprisonment for siphoning off over Tk 20 crore to Singapore.

Judge (In Charge) Mohammad Akhteruzzaman of the Senior Special Judge's Court yesterday passed the order after Koko's lawyer submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the hearing on the same excuse that he

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Bangladesh Water Development Board knocks down illegal structures in Mohammadpur Beribadh area yesterday to reclaim land for the construction of a 32-km road connecting Wiseghat to Abdullapur in the capital.

**A**s the festival of Eid approaches, The Daily Star is putting together the Star Fashion- Eid Album 2011, ahead of the country's largest shopping season.

If you wish to participate, send outfits and accessories you would like to feature in the album.

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## GOVT PLOT SCAM ACC sues three ex-RDA officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Anti-Corruption Commission has sued three former officials of Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) for illegally acquiring 18 government plots six years ago.

The accused are former RDA chairman Tapan Chandra Majumder, former chief accounts officer Abdur Rab Joardar and former estate officer Abu Bakar Siddique.

Majumder is now an officer on special duty at the public administration ministry. Joardar was appointed financial adviser of RDA after his retirement in 2009 and Siddique is now on leave preparatory to retirement (LPR).

ACC Deputy Director Abdul Karim on Wednesday filed the case with Shah Makhdum Police Station in the city

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## DERAILMENT Train link with Ctg snapped for 5 hrs

UNB, Comilla

Train communications on Dhaka-Chittagong and Chittagong-Sylhet routes remained suspended for five hours when a container train derailed near Gomoti Rail Bridge in

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PRAYER TIMING		June 27	
Fajr	4-05	Jamaat	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Magrib	6-54	6-57	
Esha	8-17	8-45	

Source: Islamic Foundation