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TORTURE OF RUMANA
Charge sheet against Sumon next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of police may submit by next week the charge sheet against Hasan Sayeed Sumon who assaulted his wife Rumana Manzur on June 5. Rumana lost her eyesight in the attack.

"We hope to place the charge sheet before the court by next week," Md Monirul Islam, deputy commissioner of DB-South told The Daily Star yesterday.

During interrogation, Sumon confessed to have attacked Rumana in an attempt to kill her as she had decided to file for divorce, he

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PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

This recent photo shows silent expansion of settlement in the Gulshan-Banani Lake. The tin house in the circle has probably drawn a new boundary of encroachment on the lake.

657 more BGB jawans jailed for mutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday sentenced 657 jawans of 24 Border Guard Battalion to different terms of rigorous imprisonment between four months and seven years in a mutiny case for their involvement in the February 2009 mutiny at Palkhona headquarters.

The Special Court-7, led by BGB Director General Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam, fined each of the convicts Tk 100 and acquitted nine others as charges levelled against them were not proved.

Among the acquitted is a soldier who including 30 others confessed to his involvement in the revolt.

The nine will return to their job while the convicts will be sacked, prosecution lawyers said.

The jawans were convicted on various charges including leaving the Darbar Hall defying the then DG's orders, not resisting the rebels joining the mutiny, not informing the higher authorities about the revolt and taking part and expressing solidarity with the mutineers who killed 74 people, including 57 army officials.

Of the convicts, 108 were sentenced to a prison term of seven years, nine to six years, eight to five years, three to four and a half years, 26 to four years, 57 to three and a half years, 52 to three years, 18 to two and a half years, 82

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EVM likely in N'ganj city polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) plans to introduce electronic voting machine (EVM) experimentally in the Narayanganj City Corporation polls.

The EC will hold the election within 180 days after formation of the corporation, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda

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UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN KL

Row over decision to give manual passport

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Experts and officials are surprised at the government decision to provide three lakh undocumented workers with manual passports, instead of machine-readable ones, to get them legalised in Malaysia.

Expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry made the decision despite insistence of high-ups and experts that machine-readable passport (MRP) is a feasible solution.

Sources in Malaysia said crores of taka could go into the pockets of a syndicate that became active after the decision was made last month. The syndicate has already started exploiting the migrant workers, they said.

Malaysia recently informed Bangladesh that it would regularise the illegal workers provided they are given valid passports in three months starting from the first week of July.

"We have decided to issue handwritten passports since we don't have the

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Expressway bill passed

BSS, Dhaka

'The Dhaka Elevated Expressway Project (Land Acquisition) Bill-2011' was passed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira proposed for passage of the bill in the House.

Earlier on June 21, the land minister introduced the bill for framing necessary provisions on land acquisition for the project.

It has been mentioned in rule 5(1) of the

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Budget not pro-people

BNP says in formal reaction, opposes money whitening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP in an official reaction yesterday said the proposed national budget is not highly ambitious but impossible to implement, as the funding for it is uncertain.

The party also termed the proposed budget not pro-people and investment hostile. It took a bold stance against whitening of black money saying the scopes for whitening black money should be stopped immediately

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ACC to probe Niko scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday appointed an enquiry officer to verify newspaper reports that Niko Resources Ltd admitted to bribing former minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain in 2005.

ACC Assistant Director Sayedur Rahman, the enquiry officer will have a month to conduct the enquiry in two phases, if required.

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Man shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT

A man was shot dead by some unidentified miscreants on Sunday night at Baghaichhari upazila in Rangamati.

Victim Tanankar Chakma, 28, was a resident of Uttar Pabalkhali under Khedermara union of the upazila.

Some criminals stormed into

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WAR CRIME CHARGES

Gaddafi faces ICC arrest warrant

AFP, The Hague

International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Libyan leader Moamer Gaddafi for war crimes and crimes against humanity yesterday, the 100th day of a Nato bombing campaign.

ICC chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo had sought the warrants for Gaddafi, 69, his son Seif al-Islam, 39, and the head of Libyan intelligence, Abdullah al-Senussi, 62, for murder and persecution since mid-February,

when the bloody uprising started.

All three are charged over their roles in suppressing the revolt, in which civilians were murdered and persecuted by Libyan forces, particularly in Tripoli, Benghazi and Misrata, the prosecutor said.

Britain, which has led the UN-mandated international effort to protect civilians from Gaddafi's forces, hailed the court's decision and said members of the Libyan regime

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Moamer Gaddafi

BTCL staff held for illegal VoIP trade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested an employee of Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd (BTCL) for conducting Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) business illegally from his residence in the capital's Malibagh.

The arrestee Sohel

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BOGRA ARMS HAUL

Trial stalled for 6 years

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

The trial of four sensational cases in connection with the ammunition and explosives recovery in Bogra remains stayed for six years following a High Court order.

The HC stopped the case proceeding in February 2005 upon a petition by Bogra Jubo League leader Atiqur Rahman Dulu, one of the five accused.

Munshi Atiqur Rahman, assistant superintendent of Criminal Investigation Department, submitted charge sheets against local Awami League activist Akhlaqur Rahman, his wife Anwara Begum Bihi, Atiqur Rahman Dulu, truck driver Altu Mia and one Ashish Kumar Barman.

Akhlaqur, the main accused in all the four cases, went into hiding after filing of the cases in June 2003. The four

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you think Jatiya Party MP TIM Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury's remark that Awami League MPs can't share problems of their constituencies with their party chief Sheikh Hasina is justified?

Yes (81.2%)
No (15.4%)
No Comments (3.4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 357

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think BNP should send a representative if invited by the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry to give its opinion on any issues including a new formula for caretaker government?

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As 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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2. Materials used should be locally produced.
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