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**A fatal jump**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young boy died after falling from the roof-top of a single-storied building at Jurain in the capital yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Iman Hossain, 10, a student of a local Hafezia madrasa and son of Alamgir Hossain, a rickshaw-van puller. Iman went up the

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**Film banned as villain wears Mujib coat**

AFP, Dhaka

Bangladesh Film Censor Board has banned a film in which the main villain is shown wearing a jacket associated with the ruling Awami League, saying it could trigger violence.

The film Ridoy Bhanga Dhew (Heart

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**AUGUST 21 CASES Hanif's assets confiscated**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police last night sealed off the Dhanmondi residence of Hanif Paribahan owner Mohammad Hanif, an accused in the August 21 grenade attack cases, after confiscating all movable properties there.

The police action came following a court order.

Md Maniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, said they confiscated all the movable properties from his flat on the third floor of his Dhanmondi 10/A

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**PM, DO YOU ENDORSE IT?**

Over 50 arches were illegally built on city streets for an Awami League rally in which Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined. Some of the arches have been built damaging the tarmac but all of them put pedestrians and motorists at risk. Yesterday, a car even crashed into one of the arches in Dhanmondi. The Daily Star investigation found out that no permission from the DCC was obtained for setting those up. Furthermore, the rally in Hazaribagh was on July 2 but the arches are still on the streets. The photos were taken from Dhanmondi Road-27.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



**Only Quran recited at Sangsad**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After the 15th amendment to the constitution all religions are supposed to get equal status in the eyes of the state, but yesterday the first sitting of the parliament, since the amendment, started with recitation from only the holy Quran.

Eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik told The Daily Star yesterday, "As other religions have been

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**BNP against electronic voting**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP has reiterated its stance against introduction of the electronic voting machine (EVM) in the next general polls, saying the system might be used for vote rigging.

"Election results can be manipulated by tampering the machine, as security features of the machine are not satisfactory," BNP acting Secretary General Mirza

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**Sexual assault charges rock leading school**

*One teacher fired, 2 others suspended*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Viqarunnisa Noon School and College authorities yesterday fired a teacher on allegation of molesting a class X student.

Porimol Joydhor, the sacked Bangla department teacher of the school's Bashundhara campus, went into hiding after the alleged assault.

Of the same campus, two other teachers -- Barun Chandra Barman of commerce department and Abdul Kalam Azad of religion -- were also suspended for their indecent behaviour with students.

The decisions came at a meeting of the school's governing body following demonstrations of guardians and students at Bashundhara and its main campus of Shiddeshwari for the last few days.



Porimol Joydhor

"We've dismissed Porimol on allegation of violating a girl and suspended two other teachers for their indecent behaviour with students," Husne Ara Begum, principal of the school, told The Daily Star.

In the meeting, a committee headed by governing body member Khondakar Afroza Begum has been formed to look into the allegations against Barun and Azad. It will submit a report within one month, she said.

Husne Ara declined to make further comment.

The school, however, in a press release said Lutfur Rahman, in charge of Bashundhara campus, was relieved from duties for his failure to carry responsibilities.

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**ATROCITIES AT DU Ahmeds held responsible**

*But JS probe body still open to their self-defence*

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary probe body yesterday came up with its "final observation" that Fakhruddin Ahmed and Moeen U Ahmed were responsible for the violence on Dhaka University campus in 2007.

"We'll start preparing the probe report very soon accusing the military-backed past caretaker government's chief adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and the then army chief Moeen U Ahmed," Rashed Khan Menon, chief of the parliamentary sub-committee, told reporters after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Menon, also president of the Workers Party, however said they would keep the door open for the duo for self-defence till submission of the probe report in

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**ELECTORAL REFORMS EC invites BNP for talks again**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday for the third time sent a letter to the main opposition BNP with an invitation to join a dialogue on electoral reforms.

The letter was sent to the BNP secretary general requesting him to join the dialogue on July 20 in the national interest, said Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda.

The CEC was talking to reporters at the commission's secretariat over the ongoing dialogue being held with registered political parties.

Earlier, the EC invited BNP for a dialogue on June 13 and again on any day between June 19 and 22. But the party rejected the invitation terming the commission "controversial".

"The allegations raised by BNP against the commission are baseless. We saw distortion of information in their letter. We request them to join the dialogue," said CEC Huda.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir that implicating Tarique Rahman in the August 21 grenade attack case is a part of conspiracy to destroy the Zia family?

Yes (55.7%) No (40.6%) No Comments (3.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 781

TODAY'S POLL Do you support the way police acted in the recent demonstrations of the main opposition?

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PRAYER TIMING July 6

Fajr 4-10 4-4:45 Zohr 12-45 1-15 Asr 5-00 5-15 Maghrib 6-55 7-00 Esha 8-17 8-45

**ADB boost for primary education**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is extending a \$320 million loan to help Bangladesh continue its attempt to improve quality of primary education system, increase student enrolment and achieve gender parity.

ADB Board of Directors approved the fund in Manila yesterday for implementation of the Third Primary Education Development Project, said a press release.

The ministry of primary and mass education will execute the project which is expected to be completed by June 2016.

"Bangladesh has been successful in improving access to education, including being one of the early achievers of gender parity up to the secondary level.

"Despite, primary schools still suffer from high student dropout rates, as well as low completion levels and significant student and teacher absenteeism. This project will help address these issues," said Sultan H Rahman, ADB director general at the South Asia Department.

The project will support textbook and curriculum improvements, a teacher development plan and a class

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Hartal supporters torch a van, inset, in Kakrail in the capital yesterday. Vandalism of vehicles ultimately drove busses off the streets leaving people stranded at Farmgate during the evening rush hour. Similar scenes were seen in other places.

