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They now enjoy more rights than ever before around the globe: UN

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Somerset spinner Arul Suppiah sets Twenty20 world record by taking six wickets for five runs

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### FIRST DAY OF HARTAL

# Abdin assaulted by hostile cops

BNP asks home minister to quit; Sahara regrets excesses; case filed against Abdin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque was assaulted by the law enforcers yesterday, the first day of the 48-hour countrywide hartal called by BNP-led four-party alliance.

In a late night development, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police filed a case against 10 to 12 people including Abdin on charge of assaulting police, law enforcement sources said.

Witnesses and BNP sources said police beat up and kicked him severely at one stage of an altercation with him at Manik Mia Avenue in the capital around 6:30am.

Police also tried to forcibly pick him up on their van but he fell on the street as the van started to move before he could be dragged onto it. His head was bleeding profusely at this stage.

The BNP leader was being treated at the

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A policeman punches Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque in the face after he fell on the ground near the parliament complex yesterday. More photos on page 5.

## Speaker unhappy

BNP lawmakers to hold sit-in protest today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday expressed regret about assault on Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque by members of law-enforcement agencies during the first day of 48-hour shutdown.

He also assured a delegation of BNP-led opposition lawmakers of writing to the home ministry to enquire into the matter. The Speaker said this

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# Deals await final touch

Indian external affairs minister arrives for 3-day visit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India will advance several crucial issues including Teesta water sharing, transit, trade concession, and power sector cooperation when the foreign ministers of the two countries meet today for an official talk in Dhaka.

The issues will be ready for agreement signing when Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visits Dhaka on September 6-7.

A document is likely to be signed today to allow Bangladeshis in Dahagram and Angorpota enclaves to travel to the mainland through Tin Bigha Corridor round the clock instead of the current alternate hour trips during the day time only.

Both countries will work on the details of the issues for the next two months to ready documents to be signed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Singh during the latter's

first visit here.

The foreign ministry level meeting today will also fine tune documents on land boundary demarcation, security cooperation, education, and cultural exchange.

On arrival in the capital on a three-day visit yesterday, Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna said, "I am looking forward to a productive and

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## Hartal not called for people

Says PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia enforced hartal to save her family members from the charges of murder, August

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## AUGUST 21 ATTACKS

# 3 ex-investigators sent to prison

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Three former Criminal Investigation Department investigators accused in the August 21 grenade attack cases were sent to jail after they surrendered before a

Dhaka court yesterday.

The three are also accused of misleading the probe into the grenade attack cases.

Metropolitan Magistrate Keshob Roy

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Foreign Minister Dipu Moni welcomes her Indian counterpart SM Krishna with a bouquet of flowers at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

# Culprit caught

Victim mum, father in hospital, mother falls sick

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The sacked teacher of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College Porimol Joydhor was arrested in Keraniganj just outside the capital yesterday for allegedly molesting a class X student.

Detective Branch of police (South) picked him a day after the victim's father filed a case with Badda Police Station in this regard.

The victim's family is in a miserable state as her father, a heart patient, is undergoing treatment at a city clinic, while her mother fell sick after all these troubles, grandfather of the victim M Mujibur Rahman told The Daily Star.

"She [the victim] is seriously depressed and left speechless by the incident," he mentioned.

He demanded the authorities ensure exemplary punishment of Porimol and bring the institution's Principal Husne Ara Begum and Bashundhara branch in-charge Lutfur Rahman to justice for what he said delaying action against Porimol and threatening the victim and her family. Police arrested the accused from one of his relatives'

Porimol Joydhor

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### MINING IN INDIA

# Lafarge gets green light

STAR REPORT

Cement manufacturer Lafarge will be able to mine limestone in Meghalaya for its plant in Bangladesh, as India's Supreme Court yesterday gave a green light ending a 17-month ban.

A three-judge bench headed by Indian Chief Justice SH Kapadia allowed Lafarge Surma Cement Ltd to resume mining under conditions.

The court decision comes as good news for Lafarge's \$255-million cement plant in Chhatak that is wholly dependent on limestone mined by the French company in the East Khasi Hills in Meghalaya.

India's top court on February 5, 2010, had halted mining by the unit of the world's biggest cement maker because of environmental concerns.

The supply of limestone from Meghalaya came to a halt in the first week of April 2010, and the company was unable to produce clinkers anymore.

"Then the company started importing clinkers from abroad to maintain limited production of its cement until the verdict came," Shuvashish Priya Barua, director of corporate affairs for Lafarge Surma Cement, told The Daily Star by phone.

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*Dua Mahfil*  
"Everyone Shall Taste Death.  
To Him We Belong and To Him We Shall Return."



Mrs. Zishan Karim, wife of Mr. Rafiul Karim, a Former Member of Erstwhile Civil Service of Pakistan and of Bangladesh, Chairman of Arkay Group of Companies, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2011 at 10:10 PM at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore. Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Rajeun.

She left behind, besides her husband, her sons, Rudess Karim (Rudi), Raqien Karim, Radyna Karim (Grand Daughter) and host of relatives and friends to mourn her Departure from this world.

Mrs. Zishan Karim was the daughter of Dr. Z.A. Chaudhury, F.R.C.S. and Mrs. Zoreda Begum, Great Grand-daughter of Nawab Faizunessa.

A caring person, widely loved and respected for her good nature, generosity and gentleness, she touched many hearts, Rich and Poor. She will be greatly missed and remembered fondly by her family, relatives and friends.

**Dua Mahfil will be held for her departed soul at her residence, 18 UN Road, Baridhara, Dhaka (phone: 8821977) on Friday, July 8, 2011 after Asr prayers.**

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are kindly requested to join the Dua Mahfil.

Her grieving family members extend their gratitude to everyone who supported and comforted her during one of the most difficult and trying times of her life. They also thank those who attended her Janaza and made personal visits to the family to give comfort during the last few days. Numerous messages of condolences that have poured in from different parts of the world are also gratefully acknowledged.