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## Extortionists shoot city's sportswear maker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A sportswear factory owner sustained bullet injuries yesterday as a group of armed youths shot at him allegedly to extort money in the capital's Badamtoli area.

The victim Mohammad Rubel, 25, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College

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## Bogra strike snaps road links with 11 N-dists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Road communication between 11 northern districts and the capital was suspended for throughout the day yesterday due to a strike enforced by the district's motor vehicle owners and workers.

The strike was withdrawn around 10:15 last

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## 3 knifed to death while resisting rapists

UNB, Bandarban

Two villagers and a minor boy gave their life in a bid to protect a young woman from rape by some youngsters at noon yesterday in remote Rupashipara of Naikongchhari upazila.

Failing to meet their lust, the debauched slaughtered Aung Sha Marma, 62, Hamu Sing, 35, and his minor son Maungnuching, 5.

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# CRAZY FOR SPEED



A fast lorry bullies a bus it is overtaking on to the hard shoulder while an oncoming bus has to make evasive maneuvers to avoid a head-on collision on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Khudirampur of Tangail. This kind of aggressive and reckless driving is quite common among professional drivers on national highways.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

## Facebook, Twitter & generation obsessed

ANI, London

A leading scientist has indicated that social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter have created a generation obsessed with themselves, who have short attention spans and a childlike desire for constant feedback on their lives.

Baroness Greenfield, professor of pharmacology at Oxford University, believes the growth of Internet "friendships" - as well as greater use of computer games - could effectively "rewire" the brain.

This can result in reduced concentration, a need for instant gratification and poor non-verbal skills, such as the ability to make eye contact during conversations.

"What concerns me is the banality of so much that goes out on Twitter," the Daily Mail quoted Baroness Greenfield, former director of research

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## Nurses left to conduct delivery; patient dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A woman died hours after giving birth to a child at a private hospital in Sirajganj yesterday. Her family blamed the death on negligence of her doctor who let nurses perform the delivery.

Soma Saha, 32, died around 5:00am of excessive bleeding. She was admitted to Avesina Hospital with labour pain



Soma Saha



Shamima Aziz

around 8:00pm on Friday under Dr Shamima Aziz, said Soma's husband Chandan Saha.

Enraged, relatives and locals attacked the hospital and assaulted A b u A h m e d Shahidullah, deputy civil surgeon of Sirajganj, who also works in the private hospital.

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## MONEY-LAUNDERING, EXTRADITION Govt moves to enact law for help of other countries

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government is going to enact a new law for cooperation of other countries in getting back convicted criminals and siphoned-off money from abroad.

The law ministry has already prepared a draft of the law titled "Mutual Legal Assistance Act", responding to a request from the finance ministry.

Once the law is enacted, Bangladesh will be able to ask other countries to return its convicted

criminals holed up there and vice versa. This handover could be done even if two countries have no bilateral extradition treaties.

Criminals will be extradited from Bangladesh if there is no threat to their safety.

According to the draft, the law will be applicable to any criminal offence. Any money earned through criminal means could be seized or frozen by the power of this law.

The aim of the legislation is to have legal assistance in handing over for-

eign criminals to their countries and getting back criminals convicted here in Bangladesh. Dhaka will get assistance in international tribunals too.

A high official of the finance ministry said the law, once enacted, will help get back the laundered money. It is needed alongside the anti-money laundering laws and rules.

On July 21, law ministry officials met the officials of finance, foreign and home ministries, and representatives of the attorney general's

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## WATERGATE SCAM Nixon testimony to be released

BBC ONLINE

The secret grand jury testimony given by former US President Richard Nixon over the Watergate scandal is set to be released after more than 36 years, following an order by a federal judge.

Judge Royce Lamberth granted a request by historian Stanley Kutler to release the transcript, citing of



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## 15 hours of sufferings

Residents of Basabo, Mugdapara toil in scorching heat as electricity kept shut to upgrade power line

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An over 15-hour power cut hit Basabo and Mugdapara in the capital yesterday causing terrible suffering to residents as the power distributors failed to install a device on schedule.

Basabo residents said the authorities

cut power supply at 8:00am "without any prior notice" and resumed it after more than 12 hours at 8:40pm.

But it was not for much long as the area was blacked out again at 10:00pm and there was no relief as of filing the report at 1:00am today.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the home ministry cell will be neutral in monitoring the case for killing six students in mob beating in Aminbazar?

Yes (12.2%)  
No (85.3%)  
No Comments (2.4%)  
TOTAL VOTES: 416

TODAY'S POLL  
Do you think police will conduct a neutral probe into the detention and torture of Dhaka University student Abdul Kadar?  
PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT  
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PRAYER TIMING July 31

Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation