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Attack on GB female directors condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine women leaders and rights and development activists yesterday sharply criticised the recent attack on female directors of Grameen Bank.

In a joint statement, they also demanded punitive actions against the persons involved in the incident.

Shirin Haq, Farida Akhter, Parvin Hasan, Hamida Hossain, Shaheen Anam, among other women leaders, signed the statement.

"These women are the members of Grameen

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Man found dead with wife, son

Police suspect the 'drug addict' man committed suicide after killing the two

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man, his wife and their five-year-old son were found dead in their house at Shyampur in Savar yesterday.

Ranjit Sarkar, 28, was a drug addict, and he might have committed suicide after killing his wife Rita Sarkar, 23, and his only son Shishir Sarkar, police and neighbours said.

Neighbours last saw Ranjit, a garment trader, around 11:30pm on Sunday. They also saw his elder brother Gopal Sarkar counseling the couple not to quarrel.

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Winners in different categories of Celebrating Life 2011 competition pose with Khandaker Nurul Alam, a legendary composer of Bangladeshi film; Abul Kalam Azad, cultural affairs minister; and Jim McCabe, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh, at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

Celebrating bounties of nature

The Daily Star, StanChart award talents

KARIM WAHEED

The ambience inside the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre perfectly matched with the world outside as 25 Bangladeshi percussionists kicked off a mesmerising performance featuring tabla, pakhawaj, khol, dhak, madol and octapad.

As an unexpected torrent drenched the city, the impassioned orchestra of percussions -- conducted by seasoned tabla player

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8 more charged with burning 11 to death

Top accused in Banshkhali carnage case finally drafted in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday framed charges against 38 people including BNP leader Aminur Rahman Chowdhury and eight new accused for their involvement in an arson attack that left 11 members of a minority family dead in Banshkhali on November 18, 2003.

Criminals set ablaze the house of Tejendra Shil in Banshkhali on November



Aminur Rahman

18 night. But the motive behind the attack was not clear.

Tejendra's son Dr Bimal Shil, the lone survivor of the arson attack, filed a case the next day against 30-35 unidentified people on charges of arson attack, looting and murder. There had been allegations that the then BNP-led government influenced the probe into the case.

Shambhu Prashad Biswas, counsel for

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It's India to blame

Gowher slates media for blaming govt on Teesta failure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Adviser for International Affairs Gowher Rizvi has criticised the local media for blaming his government for the failure to sign the Teesta water sharing pact during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Bangladesh early this month.

"It was not our fault.

The deal could not be

signed due to India and

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Titas pushed into chaos

Petrobangla goes on drive against 'good' employees

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The chairman of Petrobangla has transferred or released three key officials of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd recently that triggered resentment among many of its employees.

Of the three, Secretary of the company Abul Bashar was transferred to Pashchimanchal gas company, replaced by Mostaque Ahmed of Gas Transmission

Company Ltd. Later, "stand released" order was given to General Manager (admin) Mahfuzur Rahman, who was serving under the freedom fighters' quota, and had six months of his job left. Besides, Vigilance Division Manager Prodip Kundu was transferred.

They were seen as top performers in the organisation, said sources in the company and its employees unions.

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Cops 'torture' two musicians in custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two up-and-coming musicians have been tortured with electric shocks and beatings in police custody, families allege.

Saimoon Hasan Nahian, a guitarist of D Rock Star champion

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The traffic at Hotel Sonargaon intersection in the capital yesterday afternoon. The city life is back in full swing with its usual congestion that was lighter early this month following the Eid festivity.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited
ONLINE POLL
Do you think BNP Standing Committee's decision to wage a tough anti-government movement to press home their demand for holding the next general election under a caretaker government is justified?

☒ Yes (78.3%)
☐ No (20.6%)
☐ No Comments (1.1%)
TOTAL VOTES: 441

TODAY'S POLL
Do you support the proposed draft national broadcasting policy that limits freedom of electronic media?
PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT
www.thedailystar.net

Review Ganges water treaty

Bihar CM asks Indian govt; says his state being deprived

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Chief Minister of India's state of Bihar Nitish Kumar yesterday demanded that India seek a review of the Ganges water sharing treaty with Bangladesh as "gross injustice" has been done to Bihar through the accord.

While talking to reporters in the state capital Patna, he said the treaty was signed in 1996 when United Front was in power in India. The then government of Bihar and others should have strongly objected to the accord, he added.

The water sharing problem has continued since

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Schoolboy chopped to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Unidentified miscreants 'chopped to death' a schoolboy at his residence on the city's Kawnia Club Road early yesterday.

The victim is Rashedul Islam Sagor, 14, a class IX student of Barisal Govt

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PRAYER TIMING			September 13
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-35	5-10	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	4-30	4-45	
Maghrib	6-14	6-17	
Esha	7-45	8-15	
Source: Islamic Foundation			

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Shama Rahman
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