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# Housing project on reserved hill

BTCL microwave station and environment in Cox's Bazar under serious threat

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A local influential man is constructing a housing settlement cutting a reserved hill at Kolatoli near Cox's Bazar sea beach, and is planning to set up a residential hotel

The housing project poses a serious risk of collapse of a BTCL microwave station that stands on the hilltop, BTCL officials said.

Mujibur Rahman of Pekua upazila of the district forcibly took possession of 1.25 acres of khas land of the hill by the bypass road, police and locals said.

He has already set up 16 tin-roof houses, levelling the hilltop on the west-

Sushma lauds

Manmohan's

Dhaka trip

Indian Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh, who

has off late been under

by senior BJP leader

Sushma Swaraj for his

Two killed

accidents

vehicles

yesterday.

in city road

Passers-by vandalise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed in

road accidents at the city's

Karwan Bazar and Tejgaon

In Karwan Bazar, an

unidentified 35-year-old

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attack by opposition par-

ties, was praised yesterday

Bangladesh trip, which she

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said was 'very, very good'.

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ern side of the microwave station. In addition, he razed a major portion of the 100foot high hill to construct a five-star hotel.

Contacted yesterday, Mujibur Rahman told The Daily Star he was unaware that it was a reserved area. "I have bought the land on the hill from some brokers and planned to build a five star hotel," he claimed.

However, a Cox's Bazar court, in a ruling said the documents he produced before the court were fake.

Mujibur said he appealed against the ruling, and that hearing of the appeal is pending.

District police superintendent Selim **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3** 



# PUBLIC HOSPITALS

# Graft halts technician recruitment

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

Recruitment of 370 health technicians for public hospitals remains stalled for nearly a year allegedly due to corruption in the process involving a top official (now retired) of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The DGHS authorities halted the recruitment amidst allegations that before retiring on January 31, the then director (admin) Abul Hasnat took money from candidates and prepared a list for recruiting them.

Written test for the recruitment was held on August 20 last year, taken by 1,482 candidates, and viva voce took place on September 6.

At present 731 posts of health technicians in public hospitals are lying vacant, according to DGHS records.

"We want immediate decision (about the recruitment) from the government. On the one hand 370 people are passing their days in uncertainty and on the other health service is being affected due to shortage of such technicians," said Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Diploma SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

### No extension of tax return deadline

NBR sticks to Sept 30 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The deadline set for the submission of income tax returns is September 30 and National Board of Revenue (NBR) will not extend the time this year.

**NBR** Chairman Nasiruddin Ahmed said this yesterday at a press meet at the office. Replying to queries of reporters, he said there would be no extension of time like those in the previous years.

"We will keep our offices open on September 30 though the day is weekly holiday, Friday," he said adding that the tax administration has also asked banks to remain open on the day so tax payers can deposit money.

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## VIQARUNNISA STUDENT ABUSE

# Further probe ordered

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered Detective Branch (DB) of police to conduct a further investigation into the case filed against a school teacher for violating a student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College.

The DB has to submit the probe report by October 16, said the court.

Judge (in-charge) AKM Mostafa Dewan of the Fourth Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression also rejected a bail petition of Porimol Joydhar charged with violating a class-X female student of the school.

BTCL microwave station. The photo was taken yesterday.

On July 5, the victim's family filed the case accusing Porimol, a Bangla department teacher of the school's Bashundhara campus, of violating the girl at his coaching centre in the city's Badda twice, first on May 28 and then on June 17.

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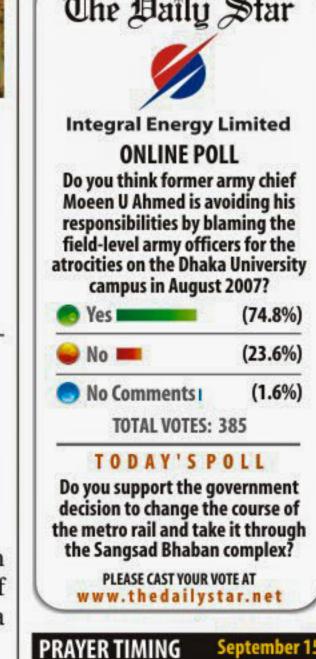
## 42 bombs seized, one arrested STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of police yesterday recovered eight petrol bombs, 34 cocktails and some bomb making materials from the house of a city unit Jubo Dal activist at Jatrabari in the capital. They also arrested a

person in this connection.

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These women in the photo are getting out of a police van to appear before a Dhaka court in connection with a BDR carnage case yesterday. They are accused of petty crimes like theft, and for abetting mutineers to flee the BGB headquarters after the mutiny.

## Complainant Khisa cross examined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Defence lawyers yesterday completed crossexamining the complainant and first prosecution witness of the BDR carnage case, Nabojyoti Khisa, in the Metropolitan Sessions Judges Court that also started recording statement of the second witness later.

The court will record the full statement of second witness Kamal Uddin, former officer-in-charge of New Market Police Station, when it resumes the proceedings on September 21.

The third witness, an army officer who was posted at the Pilkhana headquarters of the then BDR (later renamed Border Guard Bangladesh) during the February 25-26 bloodbath in 2009, was also present at the makeshift court at Bakshibazar as ordered by it. But his deposition could not be recorded due to time constraint. Fifty-seven senior and

mid-ranking army officers including the then BDR director general Maj Gen

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