



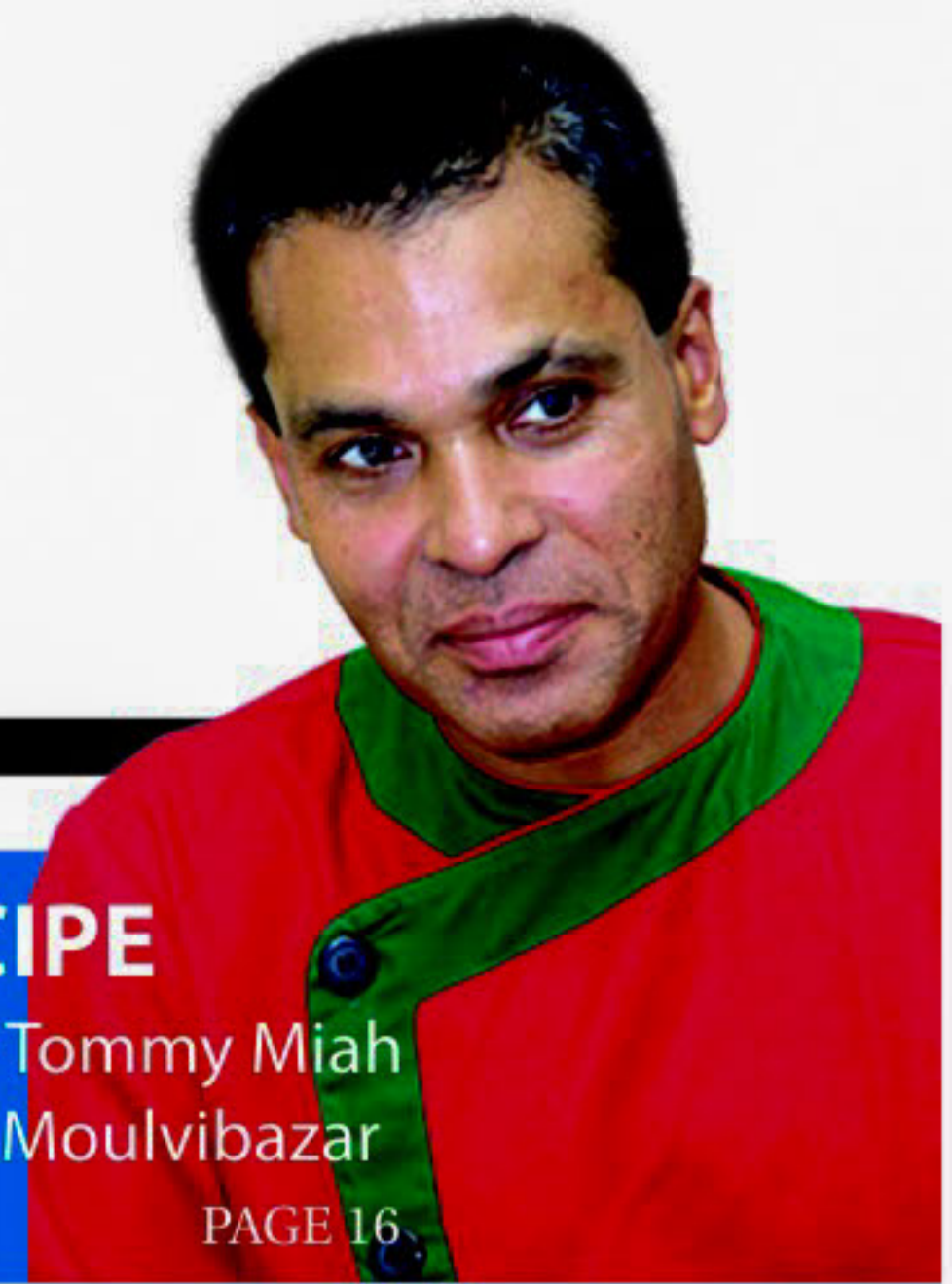
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## Biodiversity issue glossed over

*Dhaka, Delhi signed 2 deals on Sundarbans, tiger; refrained from addressing rising salinity in Bangladesh rivers*

**PINAKI ROY**  
 None of the two agreements signed between Bangladesh and India on conservation of the Sundarbans and Royal Bengal Tigers addresses the issue of increasing salinity that continues to affect the biodiversity of the mangrove forest on Bangladesh side.  
 Salinity in Pashur, Sibsa and Raimongal rivers running through the Sundarbans has increased over the years, as flow of water in the Gorai river has decreased due to the Farakka barrage on the upstream.  
 However, the agreement on biodiversity says none of the two countries will do any-

thing that may have an adverse impact on biodiversity and ecosystem -- one of the main obligations of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992.  
 Both Bangladesh and India are parties to the convention that obliges them to maintain natural water flow in river catchment areas to conserve regional ecology and biodiversity.  
 According to Article 3 of the convention, no country should take any step that may harm the biodiversity of another country.  
 Noted environmentalist Ainun Nishat said the flow of the Gorai river reduced

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This photo of Gorai Railway Bridge on the Gorai in Kushtia shows how dry the river becomes during the dry season. The photo was taken a few months ago.

PHOTO: AMANUR AMAN

**MONDAY'S VIOLENCE Sangram editor held**  
 20 cases filed, 450 arrested  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested Dainik Sangram Editor Abul Asad for his alleged connection  
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Abul Asad

## Hartal called for tomorrow

*BNP, allies cite 3 reasons*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP and its allies called for a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal tomorrow to protest price hike of fuel, the share market scam and repression on opposition leaders and activists.  
 The main opposition party will also stage demonstrations and bring out processions today over the same issues at the party's central office in Naya Paltan.  
 Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Jatiya Party called for  
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## Offensive with purposes

*Jamaat planned to go violent for bucking up party men, giving good account of itself to govt, allies*

**RASHIDUL HASAN**

Jamaat-e-Islami's violent showdown in the capital and elsewhere in the country on Monday reflected the party's newly adopted policy of boosting the morale of its activists demoralised due to the arrest of top leaders of the party on war crimes charges.  
 "The showdown and anti-

government agitation will certainly boost our activists' morale and also increase our organisational strength," Jamaat lawmaker ATM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday.  
 From now on, the intensity of Jamaat's agitation against the government will increase day by day, Shamsul Islam said.  
 Jamaat insiders said the party

believes it is high time to show the ruling Awami League its strength and to create pressure on the government to stop the move to try top Jamaat leaders on charges of war crimes. The show of strength will also remind Jamaat's ally BNP of its importance, they added.  
 Jamaat is a major component of the BNP-led four-party alliance.  
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## BNP taken by surprise

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 BNP high command was surprised to witness Monday's violent protest by its key ally Jamaat-e-Islami ahead of its September 27 rally from where the party chairperson is expected to announce agitation programmes.  
 The issue of Jamaat's protest did not come up prominently in the  
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives Global Health and Children's Award at the Grand Ballroom of Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. Story on page 5.

PHOTO: PMO

## PM pushes for duty-free access to US market

*Seeks Congress support*

**UNB, New York**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought cooperation of "friends" in the US Congress to play positive role in granting duty-free access of Bangladesh products to the US market.  
 "If the current high tariff on apparel and textile products is waived, it would contribute to our economic development and social transformation, particularly in the empowerment of women," she said while speaking at a luncheon hosted jointly by the US Chamber and the Asia Society at the Asia Society auditorium here.  
 Hasina said that in Bangladesh's garment sector, 85 percent of the workers are women and their contribution  
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## Save planet from climate change fallout

*Hasina urges global community*  
**UNB, New York**  
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the global community to exert all efforts accepting their own shares of responsibility to save the planet from the wraths of climate change.  
 She made the call while addressing a dialogue arranged by the presidents of Mexico and South Africa at Sheraton Hotel here yesterday morning (local time).  
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## BCL threatens to foil function on Tareque Masud at JU

**JU CORRESPONDENT**  
 Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Jahangirnagar University yesterday allegedly threatened to foil a commemorative programme slated for today on Tareque Masud and Mishuk Munier.  
 They also barred the organisers from announcing the event schedule on the campus, saying the programme's leaflets defame the pro-Awami League student body.  
 The leaflets mention troubles created by a group of BCL men at a screening of Tareque's film Runway in March this year. The show was  
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## Mushfiqur new captain of Tigers



Mushfiqur Rahim



Mahmudullah Riyad

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Mushfiqur Rahim was named captain of the Bangladesh cricket team for the rest of the year. Bangladesh Cricket Board made the announcement yesterday after the directors discussed the issue of the captaincy in their adjourned meeting.  
 He becomes the eighth Test captain of the country and the 13th in the ODI format and will lead the Tigers for the upcoming series against West Indies next month as well as against Pakistan in December. All-rounder Mahmudullah Riyad was named as Mushfiqur's deputy, taking the place of Tamim Iqbal.  
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