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# GUARDING MARITIME BOUNDARY Navy to buy 2 patrol planes

**TAWFIQUE ALI**

Bangladesh Navy is going to add two maritime patrol aircraft to its fleet for better securing the country's vast maritime territory, bigger than the total landmass.

The Tk241-crore jets are expected to equip the naval force for extensive aerial surveillance of deep-sea piracy in Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and illegal fishing by Indian, Thai and Myanmar fishermen, said navy sources.

It takes hours for a naval ship or patrol boat to rush from one location to another in the vast coast and deep sea, allowing miscreants an easy escape.

With the introduction of the patrol planes, it will be much easier to check arms smuggling and human trafficking along the country's 714-kilometre coastline stretching from the Hariabhanga to the Naf river.

Besides, the aircraft will conduct expeditious search and rescue operations and ensure security of gas rigs and other installations along the coastline.

Of the country's 1.64 lakh square km total maritime area, the EEZ extends 200 nautical miles into the sea from the coastline. All the resources (fish, minerals, mines) in an EEZ belong to the country concerned.

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This bus-stop shed on Abul Mansur Ahmed Road near Sat Mashjid Road in Dhanmondi has now become a motorcycle workshop. Authorities are yet to respond. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

# Mamata wins big in by-polls

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi**

Paschimbanga Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday won her maiden electoral contest for a seat in the state legislative assembly.

Mamata defeated her nearest CPI(M) rival Nandini Mukherjee, a political greenhorn and a Jadavpur University professor in Computer Science, by a margin of 54,213 votes in a by-election to Bhawanipore constituency in south Kolkata.

Voting took place on

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# Illegal police boxes removed

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) started knocking down illegal police boxes in the city on Tuesday.

"Receiving our letters for removal of these structures, top police officials have formally asked us to demolish the unauthorised structures," said Bipan Kumar Saha, chief waste management officer of DCC.

Twenty structures have been demolished between

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# WikiLeaks

## Tarique knew Nasir won't win Ctg polls

**STAR REPORT**

Three months before the 2005 Chittagong City Corporation polls, Tarique Rahman, the then BNP senior secretary general, had predicted that BNP candidate Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin would not win the race.

"[Tarique] Rahman told us in February Nasiruddin could not win," said a leaked US diplomatic dispatch sent to Washington on May 9, 2005, after the polling hour was

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# Tax return deadline now Sunday

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

National Board of Revenue has extended the deadline for submission of income tax returns until Sunday.

The decision has been taken as the deadline set earlier was Sep 30, Friday, a weekly holiday, said Syed A Momen, a spokesperson of NBR, yesterday.

Momen said if anybody deposits money in the

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# Criminals kill Jubo League activist

**Open fire on his family members; 8 injured**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh**

Unidentified criminals killed a Jubo League activist and injured eight others when they attacked him at his Beldia village home in Gafargaon upazila early yesterday.

The dead is Ilias Hossain, 32, a member of Jubo League Gafargaon unit.

Police said a gang of at least seven criminals stormed into Ilias's house around 1:00am and attacked him.

As his family members tried to resist, the assailants attacked them with sharp knives and fired bullets leaving

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The Daily Star

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you agree with BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that PM's refusal to sit with opposition for talks on national issues will push the country towards violence and uncertainty?

Yes (84.3%)  
No (14.0%)  
No Comments (1.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 727

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you support BNP's demand for restoration of caretaker government system to hold the next general elections?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)  
YOU MAY ALSO VOTE AT [facebook.com/dailystarnews](https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews)



On the edge of the barely controlled chaos we call Dhaka, a sea of snow-white kans grass spring up in the newly developed Uttara sectors on the Turag. Kans grass, known as *kash phool* here, symbolises the cloudy Bangla season *Sharat* (the two pre-autumn months) and it typically grows on sandy soil of shoals. This short-living grass grew as the sector was developed with sandy soil dredged from the Turag. Once the area is developed, the concrete jungle will take over the land where kash phool now grow.

PHOTO: STAR

# ISPR clarifies beach incident

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Inter-Service Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate on Tuesday protested newspaper

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**PRAYER TIMING** September 29

Azan	4:35	5:10
Fajr	4:35	5:10
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:30	4:45
Maghrib	6:09	6:12
Esha	7:45	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Move to eliminate overseas job brokers

**Online registration of workers begins today**

**PORIMOL PALMA**

The government today begins online registration of overseas job seekers to eliminate middlemen and cut migration cost.

"We want to bring an end to malpractices in the sector and devise such a mechanism that foreign employers can directly select job seekers online," said Nurul Islam, director of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET).

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain will launch the online registration system at Probashi Kallyan Bhaban at Eskaton in the capital.

From now on, anyone seeking to work

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# Chinese toxic ship finally leaves Ctg

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**

The illegally imported Chinese toxic ship MV Asia Union, which was asked to stay off the Chittagong port on its arrival on Monday, has finally left the Bangladesh waters.

Tajminur Rahman, senior assistant director of

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# Chehlam

Al-Hajja Rokeya Sultana, wife of Late Al-Haj Halimur Rahman, founder of Pride Group, passed away for her eternal journey on 21st August, 2011 (Innalillah . . . . . rajeun).

Her chehlam will be held, today, Thursday 29th September, 2011, at her residence (B-87, Malibagh Chowdhury Para, Dhaka) after Maghrib Prayers.

We earnestly request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to attend the mahfil and pray for her departed soul.

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Sons, daughters and family members.

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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

সরকার Post Office Act, 1898 এর Section 4B এর প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে ১৩ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১১ তারিখে "মেইলিং অপারেটর ও কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস বিধিমালা, ২০১১" জারি করেছে। উক্ত বিধিমালা মোতাবেক লাইসেন্স ব্যতীত মেইলিং ও কুরিয়ার ব্যবসা পরিচালনা করা যাবে না।

বিদ্যমান মেইলিং ও কুরিয়ার ব্যবসায় নিয়োজিতদের আগামী ১২/১২/২০১১ এর মধ্যে লাইসেন্স গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। মেইলিং ও কুরিয়ার ব্যবসায় আহ্বী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান যে-কোন সময় এ লাইসেন্সের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে। "মেইলিং অপারেটর ও কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস বিধিমালা, ২০১১" এর কপি ডাক অধিদপ্তরের ওয়েবসাইট ([www.bangladeshpost.gov.bd](http://www.bangladeshpost.gov.bd)) এ পাওয়া যাবে।

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