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Saarc nations push for seed bank

Agriculture ministers meet in Dhaka Wednesday

REAZ AHMAD

Agriculture ministers of all the eight Saarc countries will meet in Dhaka on Wednesday to form Saarc Seed Bank and expedite making the Saarc Seed Bank functional.

Officials involved in preparations for the meeting told The Daily Star yesterday the proposed structure of the seed bank has been finalised, and it will be mooted at a senior officials' meeting on Tuesday.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Secretary of the ministry CQK Mustaq

Ahmed, both now on an official visit to Turkey, will review all aspects of the ministerial meet by Sunday.

Contacted yesterday, Additional Agriculture Secretary Anwar Faruque said, "Things have been cleared at technical committee level for the formation of a regional seed bank."

Faruque, also director general of the ministry's seed wing, hoped that with the Dhaka meet's endorsement, the planned seed bank would get approval at the Saarc summit in the Maldives next month.

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Fishermen mend their nets as an 11-day Hilsa fishing ban leaves them with not much else to do. The photo was taken at Mahipur near Kuakata of Patuakhali yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Ex-army men beat up 4 students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security guards and retired army officers beat up four A-level students, tied them up, and confined them to a room for six hours for walking on the Baridhara DOHS Park the wrong way.

The park has a policy of one-way pedestrian

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Obama slams Pak terror ties

Says be peaceful with India

IANS, Washington

Slamming Pakistan for maintaining ties with 'unsavoury characters', President Barack Obama has asked its key ally to stop hedging its bets in Afghanistan and adopt a peaceful approach towards India.

'They see their security interests threatened by an independent Afghanistan in part because they think it will ally itself to India, and Pakistan still considers India their mortal enemy,' he said at a White House news

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Man killed 'by son'

Body buried after murder a week ago

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday found the body of an electric goods trader who was killed on September 30 allegedly by his son and buried at his workshop in the city's Sutrapur area.

Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Sutrapur Police Station, said

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NATORE UPAZILA CHAIRMAN

No charge sheet yet in Babu murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

One year on, police are yet to file charge sheet in the gruesome killing of Baraigram upazila chairman and local BNP leader Sanaullah Noor Babu murder case.

Though the law enforcers have vital clues and video footage of the killing incident, they are under pressure



from some influential ruling party leaders to drop the names of the main accused and delay the charge sheet, police sources said seeking anonymity.

All the 47 accused including 11 arrestees in the case are now on bail.

Some activists of Awami League on October 8 last year attacked a BNP

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METRO RAIL BAF defends revised route

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) has said the revised route of proposed metro rail, also known as Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)-6, is a right decision of the government.

The revised route would in no way harm public interest, rather it would serve the very purpose of easing traffic congestion of the capital

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PHOTO: STAR

High prices of rice in kitchen markets force people of low income group to throng this open market sale (OMS) outlet at Badda in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday.

7 Jamaat, Shibir men held from procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday picked up seven Jamaat-Shibir activists from a procession at the capital's Moghbazar and showed them arrested in a case filed for torching and smashing vehicles at Bijaynagar on September 19.

The arrested are Jamaat-e-Islami members Ahmed Salam, 26 and Gazi Saud, 18, and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir's Tareque Hasan, 25, Abu Hanif, 20, Mohammad Abdullah Al-Baki, 18 Mohammad Mahati Arafat Shibli, 19, and Redwan Huq, 20.

Police dispersed the

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The cult of Steve Jobs

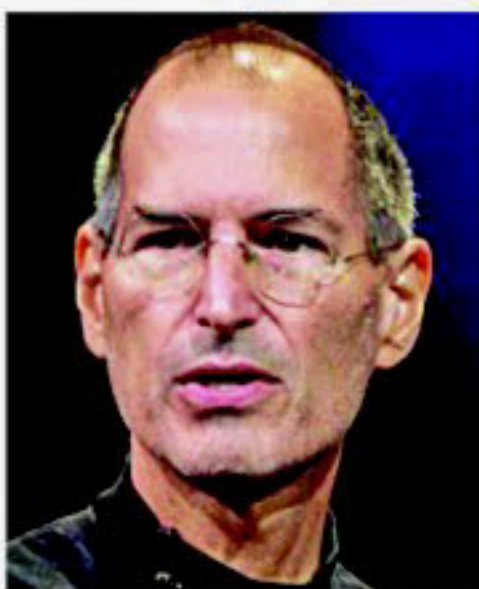
BBC ONLINE

Steve Jobs's combination of success and secrecy endeared him to people across the world, who mourned his death in public.

Even before Steve Jobs passed away, his cult of personality loomed large over Apple.

When it was announced that he'd be stepping down, analysts worried that the company would flounder without him.

But his death crystallised both his status as a cult figure and his legacy to a company in transition.



Within minutes of his passing, Twitter was overcome with hashtags and posts in memoriam. On Facebook, people posted and reposted a series of photos, quotes, and videos about Jobs, creating a digital echo chamber.

People flocked to Apple stores across the globe to leave flowers. Groups used the candle apps on their iPads to create a vigil.

The mass reaction to news of his death made it seem as though Jobs was

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PRAYER TIMING October 8

Azan	4:45	5:20
Fajr	4:45	5:20
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	5:53	5:56
Esha	7:30	8:00

Source: Islamic Foundation