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## Cops' late night drama over arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After around a seven-hour-long-drama, police finally showed Imtiaz Ahmed, son of former president Iajuddin Ahmed, arrested late Sunday night for allegedly assaulting the registrar of Atish Dipankar University. Imtiaz, founder member of the university's trustee board, is also charged for holding registrar Kabir Hossain Talukder hostage in the Gulshan house of the former president and

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PRAYER TIMING	January 10
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30 6-05
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	4-00 4-15
Maghrib	5-30 5-35
Esha	7-00 7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Stop charging additional fees

### HC asks govt to act against private schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take immediate steps to prevent private educational institutions across the country from charging additional admission fees from students.

In response to a writ petition, it ordered the authorities concerned to investigate allegations against the schools and colleges imposing additional fees and charges in the form of donations violating the guidelines issued by the government.

The HC issued a rule asking the education ministry, directorates and education boards to submit to it within a month reports what steps have been taken to stop charging excess fees and punish violators of the guidelines.

It directed them to explain within three weeks their failure to investigate the imposition of excess admission fees and charges in the name of donations, and to prosecute and punish the authorities of the schools and colleges doing so.

The court also asked them to explain why they should not be directed to adopt a time-bound action plan to monitor both government and non-government schools

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## Messi's Ballon d'Or hatrick

AFP, Zurich

Lionel Messi was on Monday awarded the 2011 FIFA Ballon d'Or at a star-studded ceremony in Zurich, the third consecutive year that he has won

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## Economy under stress

### Observes JS body; govt asked to cut unnecessary expenditure

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary body yesterday suggested the government cut "unnecessary" spending, saying the economy is already under stress.

The parliamentary standing committee on the finance ministry in a meeting asked the government to collect money from foreign sources instead of borrowing from domestic ones.

Invited to the discussion, noted economists, including former caretaker government advisers AB Mirza Azizul Islam and Akbar Ali Khan and Distinguished Fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue Debapriya Bhattacharya, emphasise the need for

increasing both public and private investment, checking inflation and borrowing less from banks.

They said the government will not be able to meet expenses by printing more money as it would only increase inflation.

AKM Mostafa Kamal, chief of the committee, told reporters after the meet at the Jatiya Sangsad, "We have asked the authorities to inform the committee how and where the government spent the funds recently borrowed from banks.

"We have also asked officials to come up with a list in the committee's next meeting of the sectors where the government should not spend money at this moment."

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## Gas price may double in posh areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government may consider doubling household gas price in Dhaka's posh areas, that get uninterrupted supply, to prevent wastage, said the head of energy regulator yesterday.

"Households misuse gas as there is no metre. To save gas, we can straightaway increase the gas prices by 100 percent in the areas where people get round-the-clock supply," said Syed Yusuf

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## Stop filling up city canal for housing project

### HC asks East West Property Ltd

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered East West Property Development Ltd, a concern of Bashundhara Group, to stop filling Boalia Khal (canal) inside its Bashundhara residential project and any on-going construction on the canal for next three months.

The court passed the order in a suo moto rule following a report published on Sunday in the daily Prothom Alo with a headline "Housing project by filling Boalia Khal".

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## SAYEDEE'S TRIAL

### Another witness testifies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee along with other collaborators doused several houses of a businessman in Pirojpur with kerosene and set fire to them during the 1971 Liberation War, a witness told the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday.

"One after another, Delawar Hossain Sikder

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## AMINBAZAR KILLING

## 4 suspects held, taken on remand

KAILASH SARKAR

Around six months after the brutal killing of six students by a mob on Shab-e-Barat in Aminbazar, Dhaka, police arrested four suspects for their key role in the incident.

The arrestees were picked up first in connection with illegal drug peddling four days ago.

However, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police found the detainees' involvement in the killing and showed them arrested in this connection before a Dhaka court on Sunday.

Responding to a prayer, the court ordered a two-day remand of the arrestees.

Police kept the arrest a secret and refrained from giving the name of the detained.

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আমরা শোকাভিভূত

দেশের অন্যতম বিশিষ্ট সন্তান, দেশীয় শিল্পের অগ্রপথিক, দূরদৃষ্টি সম্পন্ন বরেন্দ্র শিল্প উদ্যোক্তা, স্ফায়র গ্রুপ এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান শ্রদ্ধেয় স্যামসন এইচ চৌধুরীর মৃত্যুতে আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাভিভূত।

আমরা তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার পরকালীন শান্তি কামনা করে তাঁর শোক সম্ভ্রু পরিবারের সদস্যবৃন্দের প্রতি গভীর সমবেদনা প্রকাশ করছি।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda that EVMs should be used in all future polls?

Yes

No

No Comments

54.8%

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TODAY'S POLL

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কিরতি SMS-এ আপনারকে একটি প্রশ্ন জানানো হবে। উত্তর জানিয়ে আপনাকে আবারো SMS করতে হবে 4636 নম্বরে।

সঠিক উত্তরনাস্তানের মধ্য থেকে লটারির মাধ্যমে বিজয়ী নির্বাচন করা হবে।

বিজয়ী নির্বাচিত হলে, কর্তৃপক্ষ আপনার সাথে যোগাযোগ করে কোডসহ প্যাক (আপনার উত্তরের সাথে মিলিয়ে) সরবরাহ করতে বলবে।

প্যাক সরবরাহ করতে না পারলে, আপনার উত্তর বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

ক্যাম্পেইন চলাকালে প্রতিদিন ১জন ১টি laptop জিতবেন।

বিজয়ীদের নাম radio today ৪৪.৪-তে প্রত্যেক শনিবার থেকে বুধবার রাত ১০টা থেকে ১১টার পেপসোডেন্ট নাইট ব্রান্ধি আওয়ারে ঘোষণা করা হবে।

বিজয়ীদেরকে নিজ দায়িত্বে ঢাকা থেকে laptop সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি জানতে প্যাকের পিছনে দেওয়া কনজুমার কেন্দ্রের লাইনে যোগাযোগ করুন।

ক্যাম্পেইন সর্বশেষ প্রতিষ্ঠানের কেউ এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ নিতে পারবে না।

পূর্ববর্তী কোনো লেটিশ ছাড়াই ইউনিলিভার বাংলাদেশ লিঃ অফার পরিবর্তন অথবা বন্ধ ঘোষণা করতে পারে।

যেকোনো বিষয়ে ইউনিলিভার কর্তৃপক্ষ এর সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

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