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Attacks by Islamist militants in the Nigerian city kill over 160

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Only way to enter Rajinikanth's site is to switch off internet connection

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Plot was for saving war criminals

Says PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said gone are the days when coming to power was possible through unconstitutional means.

Exchanging views at the Gono Bhaban with leaders of Noakhali district Awami League, she asserted the recent anti-government plot unearthed by the army was meant to protect the anti-liberation forces and obstruct the ongoing war crimes trial.

At different programmes, two ministers

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Unusual events under scanner

Army runs probe to unearth plot details; US condemns bid to topple govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army's court of inquiry has been given the task to unravel the entire plot to topple the government.

In the meantime, intelligence agencies in the army have intensified their search for any abnormality within the force.

"Since we have detected an unusual event in the force recently, all intelligence agencies in the army have strengthened their efforts to find if there is any further abnormalities in the force," said an army official, asking not to be named.

The official said the intelligence agencies are responsible for finding out abnormalities in the force.

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DHAKA TIPPED OFF BY DELHI: FOREIGN MEDIA PAGE 20



Recently a person died there on the busy Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the city's Karwan Bazar after he was hit by a car while trying to cross the street. Following his death, the passage in the central reservation was closed with barbwire so pedestrians do not risk their lives anymore. However, they continue to do so even though an underpass and a footbridge are stone's throw away.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Youth shot dead by BSF men

Dhaka protests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Amid tension over the torture of a Bangladeshi man by Indian Border Security Force personnel, BSF shot a youth dead and injured two others early yesterday in Dhannokhola of Benapole in Jessore.

Police said the deceased, Rasheduzzaman, 22, was the son of Mosharraf Hossain of Matipukur in Sharsha upazila. Details of the injured victims could not be known immediately.

Meanwhile, Dhaka yesterday lodged protest with New Delhi

BORDER EXCESSES Pranab, Ashraf play it down

BNP slates Ashraf's version



STAR REPORT

In a tone quite similar, Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Bangladesh LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday downplayed Indian border guards' torture of a Bangladeshi

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over the death of Rashed expressing its deep concern and disappointment, according to a foreign ministry statement.

Subedar Atiar Rahman, in-charge of Dhannokhola camp of BGB 22 Battalion, said the BSF members in India's Sutia camp in 24 Parganas district of Paschimbanga opened fire on a group of cattle traders while they were returning to Bangladesh around 5:00am.

The BSF fired three bullets, one of which hit Rashed, killing him on

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NUKE POWER PLANT IN ROOPPUR

Major hurdle crossed

Russia assures funding, technology to implement it by 2017

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Bangladesh has made a significant headway in the strive for setting up its first-ever nuclear power plant at Rooppur in Pabna with Russia assuring it of both financial and technological assistance.

"A major portion of the Tk 1,200-1,500

crore estimated expenditure and all kinds of technological support for building the 1,000-megawatt power plant will be given by Russia," State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman told The Daily Star.

The main hurdle of finding a financier

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'Robbers' kill stock trader in his house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of alleged robbers shot dead a stock market investor at his house in broad daylight in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

The deceased, Kazi Zia Hayder Ali, 50, had been

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Saturday talks

Star Business has decided to sit with the business community every Saturday to know about their problems and prospects. As part of the plan, some leaders of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association yesterday discussed how the energy crisis held back their expansion and growth.

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PADMA BRIDGE

Contractors clean

ACC finds no graft in appointment; probes hiring of advisers

BSS, Dhaka

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) did not find any corruption in appointing contractors for the Padma bridge project, officials of the commission said.

On the other hand, ACC Assistant Director Mirza Zahidul Islam is now conducting inquiry into the alleged corruption in "appointing advisers" for construction of the Padma bridge.

ACC Deputy Director Mir Joynul

Abedin Shiblee, who was appointed inquiry officer to probe the allegation, has already completed the inquiry.

Shiblee has scrutinised information given by the World Bank and a Canadian company and talked to former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain during the inquiry.

But the ACC official did not find any element of corruption in appointing contractor in the \$2.9 billion-project during

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