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10-TRUCK ARMS HAUL Cops asked to protect witness

Ex-CG adviser Shoyeb tells court he was threatened with death

Earlier, he sought security before the court as he was threatened with death by anonymous persons by letters, over phone and through SMS.

He also submitted two letters before the court as evidence. The letters read: "It is not the final day; more days are coming and you should be punished for your statement later."

Shoyeb said he got the letters in the

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Ctg gets Sangu gas in April

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Australian oil and gas exploration company Santos is expecting to supply 20-30 million cubic feet gas to Chittagong's industrial areas from the first week of April.

Formally announcing their success in finding a gas reserve with the well Sangu-11, John Chambers, president of Santos Bangladesh, at a press conference here said they found the reserve after drilling 4,200 metres into the well.

Chambers, however,

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Khoka sued for graft

The ex-DCC mayor, 3 others 'embezzled' Tk 26 lakh from public fund

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and three others for misappropriating Tk 26 lakh from public fund and causing loss of another Tk 11 lakh to it.

The other accused persons are Abdul Baten, president of DCC supermarket in Banani, Mahmudul Hassan Azad, its general secretary and AHM Tareque, manager of the market's parking lot.

Mahbubul Alam, ACC's assistant direc-



tor, filed the case with Shabbagh Police Station, said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of the station.

Alam said Khoka in connivance with the trio pocketed Tk 26,14,900, which they had collected in parking charges from the market between 2003 and 2011.

Khoka also caused a loss of Tk 11.05 lakh to the public exchequer by cancelling tenders for the parking lot in 2003 and 2005, he told The Daily Star, adding that cancelling the tender was a violation of the DCC rules.

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JOURNO COUPLE MURDER No arrest yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

None has been arrested yet, five days into the killing of journalist couple Sagar Sarwar and Mehrun Runi in West Rajabazar.

Police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) officials yesterday said they had not arrested anyone as they could not be absolutely certain of anyone's involvement in the murder.

"Until we are cent percent sure, we are not

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AL, BNP should reach polls consensus

Blake tells Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Robert O Blake yesterday hoped that ruling Awami League and main opposition BNP will reach a consensus through

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PDB pledges a good summer

Power outages to be at 'tolerable level'

BSS, Dhaka

Power Division officials yesterday said they expect to offer a relatively comfortable summer to the residents of the capital, keeping power outages at a "tolerable level".

Preparations are underway for equitable load management and upgrading of power equipment targeting

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Ringleader dead in Ctg gunfight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A gang leader was killed during a gunfight between his cohorts and police at a hilly area in the port city yesterday.

The deceased identified as Md Alamgir, 27, is the top leader of Alamgir Bahini, a criminal group in Chittagong.

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EU team of lawmakers due Feb 19

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European parliamentary delegation for South Asia will arrive in Bangladesh on a six-day visit on February 19, to discuss various issues with top government officials, opposition leaders and civil society representatives.

Jean Lambert, a Green Party Member of European Parliament (MEP) for London will lead the delegation.

Diplomatic sources deem the visit to be very important because the

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A competitor from Saint Jude's International School in Dhanmondi, Dhaka, trying to spell a word to make it through to the divisional round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee competition held at the school yesterday. Of the 25 participants from the school, three went through to the divisional round.

PHOTO: STAR

St Jude's students in action

SAVEEM SHAMA

Enthusiastic youngsters from St Jude's International School yesterday participated in the divisional round of the Spelling Bee competition as the Champs 21 team continued their venture of handpicking three best spellers from different schools.

The contest at the school began with 25 participants, 10 girls and 15 boys. All of them seemed very excited at defeating others in the

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Condolence

Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc (Retd.)

We express our deep condolence on the sad demise of Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc. (Retd.), Member UCEP Association and former Vice Chairperson, UCEP Board of Governors.

Lt. Col. Hesamuddin Ahmed, psc. (Retd.), a former Secretary to the Government died in the early hours of 14 February 2012 at his own residence at Baridhara, Dhaka (Innaillahi—Rajun)

The Members of the UCEP Association, Staff and thousands of underprivileged children of UCEP express heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members and pray to Almighty Allah to give them the courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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MAJOR RIVERS Capital dredging not before 2 yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It may need around two more years to launch capital dredging in the country's major rivers, according to a statement made by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in parliament yesterday.

She said projects will be prepared on the basis of recommendations put forth by a study -- Capital Dredging and Sustainable River Management in Bangladesh. The two-year-long ongoing study is expected to be completed by August 2013.

"On approval of the projects, dredging and digging works will begin in the country's important rivers," the premier said in a scripted answer while replying to queries from lawmakers.

After assuming office in January 2009, Hasina and her

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ONLINE POLL

The Daily Star

Do you agree with the BNP chief Khaleda Zia that the government has a subservient foreign policy?

Yes (82.7%)

No (15.7%)

No Comments (1.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 611

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the ruling Awami League should call off their counter programmes in the capital on March 12?

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