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Mamata's Farakka theory OUR CORRESPONDENT,

New Delhi

Paschimbanga Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has alleged the Indian government has been concealing "facts about the two damaged sluice gates on the Farakka Barrage resulting in Bangladesh getting more than its share of Ganges water".

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New Chinese envoy in city

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed Chinese Ambassad or to Banglades h Li Jun

arrived in Dhaka yesterday. He told The Daily Star

that during his service in Bangladesh, he would try SEE PAGE 7 COL 4

FOREIGN OFFICE

Major reshuffle in the offing

REZAUL KARIM

Several important changes are expected to take place in the foreign ministry and its missions abroad.

Highly placed sources said Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes, who already completed his three-year tenure in that post, is likely to be appointed as an A grade

ambassador to a diplomatically important country.

As a position of a secretary is becoming vacant, several senior officials started hectic lobbying to get the vital post.

Competent sources said Bangladesh Ambassador in Berlin, Germany Mosud Mannan; Ambassador and Permanent **SEE PAGE 6 COL 6**

2 killed

in road

crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons including a

minor boy were killed in

two separate road acci-

dents in the city yesterday.

Four-year-old Rakib

Ahmed, who lived at

Hazaribagh Beribandh

slum, sustained serious

injuries as a pick-up van

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case disposal on the cards

VIOLENCE ON WOMEN

Timeline for

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is planning to amend the relevant law to set time limits for disposal of the cases dealing with violence against women, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

"Due to long delay in disposal of the cases, most of the victims don't get **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3**



Baby surprise

AFP, Sydney

Babies still too small to speak know how to make jokes and form friendships, say researchers at an SEE PAGE 6 COL 6

2,000 jhau trees on beach cut down

Forest officials silent

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Miscreants felled around 2,000 tamarisk trees in last three days at a grove near Inani beach in Ukhia upazila in a bid to grab valuable land.

During a visit to Sonarpara beach yesterday, a number of locals were seen uprooting the remains of the felled trees

from the grove.

Local sources say about 1,500 trees have been completely felled and removed, while remains of another 500 felled trees were still visible.

Evidence of an onslaught on several hundred trees inside the grove about 500 SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

PM herself overseeing

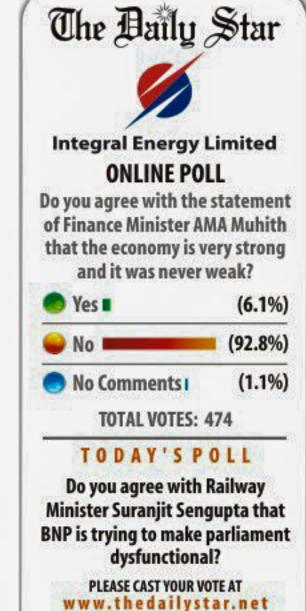
PHILIPS

Shahara says about journo couple murder case; rally on Feb 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been overseeing the case of the murder of journalist couple Sagar and Runi, said Home

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CHIKUNGUNYA FEVER

No worry, it is curable

Say physicians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent physicians yesterday urged people not to get worried about Chikungunya disease as it is curable.

Terming the viral fever a rising concern for the nation's public health, they stressed for raising awareness among people to prevent it and suggested all to consult doctors if SEE PAGE 6 COL 3

SPELLING BEE

Sunnydale sparkles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sunnydale School took the centre stage of The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest in Dhanmondi yesterday. After three intense rounds of knockouts among four students, only two were eliminated showcasing a very impressive standard.

Thereon, as words started to get harder the students began to stumble.

Tasir Haque and Rifayet Zafeer Wafee of class-VI were the first two spellers to qualify for the second round from Sunnydale School.

After another round of nail-biting tiebreaker between the last two spellers, Bijoya Debnath **SEE PAGE 19 COL 8**

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Daily Star Spelling Bee held at the school yesterday. Three students of the school

made it through to the second round of the contest.



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