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MP filling up pond

Rajshahi dev authority serves fresh notice on him

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) yesterday served a notice against ruling party lawmaker Enamul Haque, directing him to re-excavate the huge pond he had illegally been filling up in Meherchandi area in the city here, ignoring warnings twice.

Azmeri Ashrafi, town planner of RDA, issued the notice against the lawmaker from Rajshahi-4 (Bagmara) constituency asking him to re-excavate the pond on some 30 bighas of land within 10 working days following receipt of the notice.

The fresh notice was issued as the lawmaker did not respond to two previous warnings, including a notice by the RDA in this regard.

Ashrafi told The Daily Star that the RDA had on January 26 on an information slip warned Enamul that filling up of the pond would be illegal. It then served him

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A pond in Rajshahi is being filled up for the construction of a multi-storied building, despite a court ruling and Rajshahi Development Authority's warning. The photos were snapped yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

JOURNO COUPLE MURDER

Major progress any moment

Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine days into the killing of a journalist couple, Home Minister Shahara Khatun yesterday said the murder investigation could have major progress "at any moment".

Asked whether the government was thinking about seeking help from international investigation agencies, she said investigation officers concerned will decide what they need to do.

"I have nothing to say about this. They are working independently."

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ROOPPUR NUKE POWER PLANT

Dhaka eyes soft loan

High-level team to visit Russia this month

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

A high-level government delegation will visit Moscow this month to seek a Russian soft loan for setting up a 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plant at Rooppur in Pabna.

The team led by State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman is also expected to sign a crucial deal on nuclear radiation safety, officials at science and technology ministry said.

Under the pact, the nuclear state will extend full support to form a radiation control authority in Bangladesh that would control all kinds of probable hazards.

Russia will finance the country's first-ever atomic power plant estimated at between Tk 1,200 crore and Tk 1,500 crore, Yeafesh told The Daily Star on Monday.

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BPL foreign players must pay taxes

Warns NBR

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign cricketers, who are joining the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T-20 tournament, would not be allowed to leave the country without tax clearance papers of the NBR.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) yesterday issued a letter to the immigration authorities, requesting them not to allow any foreign cricketer to leave the country without the clearance.

"No foreign cricketers of the first ever BPL T-20

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Target was to annihilate AL

Prosecution tells tribunal about forming Razakar, Al Badr forces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Collaborationist forces were formed with Jamaat-e-Islami men and its front organisations during the Liberation War to annihilate the Awami League and unarmed pro-liberation people of Bangladesh, the prosecution told the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday.

Prosecutor Nurjahan Begum Mukta said this while reading out the formal charges against former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Ghulam Azam at the tribunal yesterday.

Ghulam Azam, 89, is facing charges on 62 specific crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 war. He is one of the front men who actively helped the

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CENTRAL SHAHEED MINAR

Govt given a year to set up museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday gave the government nearly a year to set up a museum along with a library on the western side of the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka.

During the hearing of a contempt of court rule, the court yesterday directed the secretaries to the ministries of cultural affairs, and housing and public works to complete the task by January 31, 2013.

Earlier in an August

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Manarat School students participate in the Spelling Bee contest yesterday.

SPELLING BEE

Manarat, HURDCO fight hard

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Students of the city's Manarat and HURDCO schools yesterday turned up with great enthusiasm for The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest.

HURDCO International School had four intense knockout rounds before Faisal Kamal and Haseen Hasnain of class six qualified for the second phase. Faisal spelt "derision" and Haseen "anarchy" correctly to make it through the first phase hurdle.

Other spellers were knocked down in the

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NEW FROG SIGHTED



PHOTO COURTESY: SMA RASHID

A new frog species named Pierre's cricket frog (*Fejervary Perieras*) has been located in the country, the research organisation CARINAM says. The researchers are yet to disclose its location as they wish to study it further. Missing from the wildlife checklist of Bangladesh, this nocturnal creature inhabits lowland forests, grasslands and open areas like paddy fields and small burrows across South and Southeast Asia and South China.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think prime minister's allegation that BNP chief's 'Dhaka Cholo' programme is designed to protect the war criminals is justified?

Yes (19.7%)
No (76.7%)
No Comments (3.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 476

TODAY'S POLL

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Digital tools 'to save languages'

BBC ONLINE

Facebook, YouTube and even texting will be the salvation of many of the world's endangered languages, scientists believe.

Of the 7,000 or so languages spoken on Earth today, about half are expected to be extinct by the century's end.

Globalisation is usually blamed, but some elements of the "modern world", especially digital technology, are pushing back against the tide.

North American tribes use social media to re-engage their young, for example.

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Tuvan, an indigenous tongue spoken by nomadic peoples in Siberia and Mongolia, even has an iPhone app to teach the pronunciation of words to new students.

"Small languages are using social media, YouTube, text messaging and various technologies to expand their voice and expand their presence," said K David Harrison, an associate professor of linguistics at Swarthmore College and a National Geographic Fellow.

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Govt wants to stay in power by any means

Says Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling party has adopted different strategies to stay in power by any means, BNP

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PRAYER TIMING February 20		
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-03	6-07
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		