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**Clue to male baldness discovered**

BBC ONLINE

A biological clue to male baldness has been discovered, raising the prospect of a treatment to stop or even reverse thinning hair.

In studies of bald men and laboratory mice, US scientists pinpointed a protein that triggers hair loss.

Drugs that target the pathway are already in development, they report in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

The research could lead to a cream to treat baldness.

Most men start to go bald in middle age, with about 80 percent

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Awami League activist with horn speakers on a boat on the Karnaphuli publicise for party President Sheikh Hasina's March 28 rally in Chittagong.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

**PM visits Ctg on March 28**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) has sought 1,000 additional police personnel from the headquarters to ensure security during the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the port city on March 28.

CMP Commissioner Abul Kashem sent a letter to the police headquarters on March 19 seeking the additional force to be deployed on March 27 and March 28, said sources in the CMP.

Shafiqul Islam, CMP additional commissioner, said the request was made as part of the CMP's tight security plan for that day. If it is approved, he said, the additional force would report in Chittagong on March 26 evening.

The prime minister is likely to attend several programmes in the port city -- inauguration of a

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**Family, goons vandalise PS, beat up 4 in city**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman with her son and daughter and flanked by a number of musclemen yesterday vandalised a police station after assaulting a motorbike rider, a police sergeant and two newsmen on Crescent Lake Road in the capital.

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police arrested six people: Keya Chowdhury, her daughter Bristy Chowdhury, 25, son Raj Chowdhury, 17, and three men who work for the family. Two cars used by the family were also seized.

The series of incidents started around 3:30pm

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**Water crisis may lead to wars**

**Warn world leaders**

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Water wars could be a real prospect in coming years as states struggle with the effects of climate change, growing demand for water and declining resources, world leaders warned on Thursday.

In Washington, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned of the risk of terrorism, political instability and possible wars over water disputes.

She highlighted such risks that were outlined in the unclassified version of a report on global water security -- which she had requested -- that was released Thursday by the National Intelligence Council.

"I think it's fair to say the intelligence community's findings are sobering," she said about the report that focuses on the

potential water problems between now and 2040.

A summary of the report said North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia "will face major challenges coping with water problems," particularly as a result of population growth and increased economic demand.

Climate change is a third factor likely to be more strongly pronounced in the later decades.

Hillary underscored concerns in the report that terrorists could attack dams and other infrastructure ensuring supplies of water to people, agriculture or industry. Or water could be used as a "political tool," she said.

"These difficulties will all increase the risk of instability within and between states," she said.

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**Acid thrown on 15-yr-old girl 2nd time in 2 months**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

For the second time in two months, Api Khatun of Shaikupa upazila in Jhenidah came under acid attack on Thursday night allegedly by her former husband and co-wife.

This time, her face was severely burnt, doctors say. She was first rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital. As her condition deteriorated, the hospital authority yesterday referred her to the burns unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

She hails from Bhagabannagar village under Shaikupa.

Mother of the victim,

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WB PRESIDENCY  
**Obama picks Jim Yong Kim**

BBC ONLINE

President Obama yesterday nominated Korean-born US academic Jim Yong Kim to be the next president of the World Bank.

The nomination of the Dartmouth College President, a doctor and former director of the HIV/Aids department at the World Health Organization, is a surprise.

Three African countries have endorsed the nomination of Nigerian Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

A US citizen has led the Bank since it was founded in 1944, but developing nations say it is time for change.

**INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Amidst this growing pressure, President Obama stressed Dr Kim's international experience in his statement announcing the nomination.

"It is time for a development professional to lead the world's leading development agency," he said.

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Jim Yong Kim

**Cricket fan dies of heart attack**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Bangladeshi cricket fan died of heart attack in Panchagarh after Pakistan defeated the hosts by two runs in the Asian Cup final Thursday night.

The deceased, betel leaf shopkeeper Azizul Islam, 48, was a resident of Jalashipara village under Sadar upazila in Panchagarh.

Family and locals said Azizul was watching the final match on television with neighbours in his shop adjacent to his house.

He suffered a severe heart attack soon after the Tigers' two-run defeat in the thrilling match, they said.

Azizul died on the way to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital.

**Magic mosquito net**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World's leading chemical company BASF and Grameen Healthcare Trust yesterday launched specially treated mosquito nets in Bangladesh.

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and BASF President for Asia

Pacific Saori Dubourg jointly inaugurated the nets at the Social Business Industrial Park in Kashipur upazila of Gazipur district.

Effective up to 20 washes, depending on local conditions, the fendozin-rich net would kill mosquitoes and other

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Nobel peace prize winner Prof Muhammad Yunus at a factory in Gazipur yesterday looks at the mosquito net that kills the pests when they come into its contact. These new nets are expected to revolutionise mosquito and disease control in the country.

**JCD activist murdered in Sylhet**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist was hacked to death in Shahjalal Upashahar area of Sylhet Thursday night.

The deceased was identified as Mahmud Hossain Shaokat, 28, son of Tojommul Hossain of Badam Bagicha area in the city.

According to family sources, Shaokat and his friend Rony went to Upashahar around 10:00pm after receiving a call from Iftekhar Ahmed Dinar, assistant general secretary of JCD district unit.

He was then taken to

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**Limon still waits for justice**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A year after being shot and crippled allegedly by Rapid Action Battalion personnel in Jhalakathi, college student Limon Hossain still waits for justice.

He lost his leg when his Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations were just a fortnight away. Against all odds, Limon is preparing to sit for this year's HSC examinations, scheduled to begin on April 1, from Kawkhali PGS School and College.

He wants to pass the exams so that he could get a job and support his poor parents financially.

His dream, however, seems to be a distant one due to the fact that he has not received justice and that he still has to deal with two "false cases" the law enforcers

had filed against him.

Rab filed the cases against him on March 23, 2011, the very day he was shot and maimed near his village home in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi. In one case he is accused of "preventing law enforcers from discharging their duties" while the other case was filed under the Arms Act.

According to Limon, on March 23, 2011, Rab personnel took him to a place near his home and shot him in the leg on purpose, accusing him of being a cohort of a local criminal.

He knows it would be very difficult to find employment with a leg missing and two criminal cases lodged against him.

"I appeal to the government to withdraw

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that the complexity over the Padma Bridge issue will be resolved soon?

Yes  (10.4%)  
No  (87.4%)  
No Comments  (2.2%)

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**TODAY'S POLL**

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Asr	4-45	5-00
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Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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