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## ICT order today on witnesses' statements

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 will deliver an order today on the prosecution's prayer to accept the statements of its witnesses as depositions against Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee.

The tribunal, dealing with crimes against humanity during the Liberation War, yesterday fixed the date after hearing arguments from Sayedee's defence against the prosecution prayer.

Abdur Razzaq, chief defence counsel for Sayedee, and his colleague

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Firefighters try to douse the flames in a warehouse of Rangs Group in Tejgaon industrial area yesterday afternoon. Three firemen were injured trying to put out the accidental fire that gutted spare parts of Mercedes and Mitsubishi vehicles.



PHOTO: STAR

## Accidental fire at city warehouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out at a warehouse of Rangs Group in the city's Tejgaon industrial area yesterday, damaging a huge quantity of spare parts of Mercedes Benz and Mitsubishi cars.

Five fire fighting units from Tejgaon Fire Station brought the accidental fire under control around 4:20pm, about two hours after it originated.

Three of the firefighters suffered burns trying to put out the fire, said Mizanur Rahman, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence.

What caused the fire could not be ascertained.

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## Model kills himself

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A male model allegedly committed suicide at his house in West Malibagh early yesterday.

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# \$14b aid left unused

Donors, govt move to find out reasons, suggest action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government and development partners will set up a joint team to assess progress in foreign-aided projects and find ways to spend \$14 billion in unused donor funds.

The team will identify bottlenecks in the projects and make an action plan to quicken the spending of foreign aid that has piled up over the years.

The decisions came at a meeting between the government and development partners at the Economic Relations Division office in the capital yesterday.

Local representatives of development partners stressed the need for efficient and transparent use of their taxpayers' money.

"The donors have already committed it to Bangladesh. It is already yours.

All you have to do is spend it. That is why this is so critical," World Bank Country Director Ellen Goldstein told reporters after a plenary meeting of Local Consultative Group.

"Those donors are even more concerned that every dollar and every pound they allocate for aid to Bangladesh is spent for the intended purpose."

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## TRADE DEAL WITH INDIA Renewal with no amendment

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladesh and India yesterday agreed to renew the bilateral trade agreement, which expires on March 31 this year, for three years without any amendment, said sources.

The two countries are also expected to extend by two years the agreement to use each other's inland waterways for trade, which too expires on March 31.

The decisions were taken at a two-day meeting

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## TIPAIMUKH PROJECT Indian civil society groups oppose

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The North East Dialogue Forum, a joint forum of more than 50 civil society groups, yesterday vowed to oppose the government's decision to build the Tipaimukh hydropower project in

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People thronged the Polo Ground in Chittagong yesterday for the Awami League rally addressed by party president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# Nobody can protect war criminals

Asserts Hasina at Ctg rally; opens three 100MW power plants

UNB, Chittagong

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said those who want to protect the war criminals will have no place to stay in Bangladesh, and the opposition leader will not be able to protect them.

She alleged that BNP Chief Khaleda Zia has been threatening to launch movement against the government to save Razakars and Al-Badars, who committed genocide, rape, arson and looting during the Liberation War.

The premier was addressing a public meeting at the Polo Ground in the port city.

"She [Khaleda] does not believe in independence and people's welfare...Insha-Allah, the war criminals will be

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ONLINE POLL

How do you look at the claim of Rab director general Mokhlesur Rahman that the Rab deserves credit for protecting human rights?

Logical (21.6%)

Ridiculous (78.4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 366

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at an intelligence agency's interference to foil the book launching programme that was supposed to be attended by Khaleda Zia?

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Azan Jamaat

Fajr 4-45 5-20

Zohr 12-45 1-15

Asr 4-45 5-00

Maghrib 6-20 6-25

Esha 7-45 8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Leopard beaten to death

5 hurt while netting the rare animal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

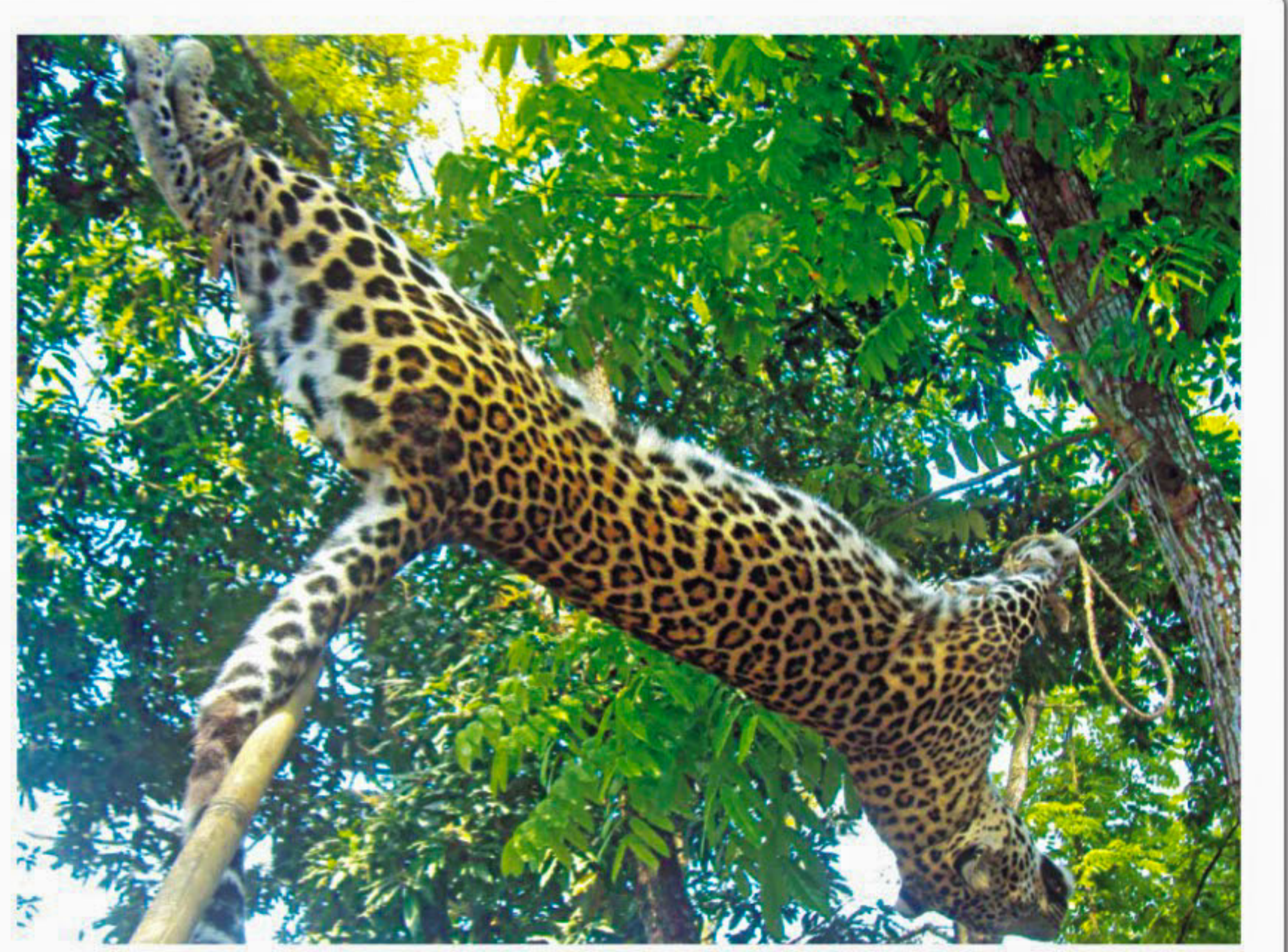
Villagers beat a leopard to death at the border village of Daluapara under Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday.

Police and local people said the animal appeared in a wheat field around 9:00 am. Hearing the news, thousands of villagers gathered to encircle the leopard.

Wildlife experts say leopards, one of the rare carnivore, are already facing extinction in Bangladesh.

"There might be a very few living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts," Ali Kabir, Divisional Forest Officer of Dinajpur, told

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Villagers of Daluapara of Boda upazila in Panchagarh beat this leopard to death yesterday and hung it on a tree for all to see. Under the existing law, a person could be jailed for up to six months for killing such wild animals.

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Established in the shadow of Hindu-Muslim riots in colonial Bengal with the aim of burying unclaimed Muslim corpses, Anjuman Mufidul Islam has bloomed into an organisation one of its kind. Our cover story this week focuses on the faces behind one of the largest philanthropic organisations in the country. In a special feature, the Star also analyses the different factors that helped Bangladesh cricket finally come of age.

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