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Free Gulshan
Lake within
15 days

HC asks govt to
demolish illegal
structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to demolish buildings encroaching on Gulshan Lake in the capital within 15 days and to submit a compliance report to it by May 2.

The chairman of
Rajdhani Unnayan
Kartirpakkha (Rajuk) and
the managing director of
Bangladesh

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US assist secy
of state due
Wednesday

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Andrew J Shapiro will
arrive here on Wednesday
on a two-day official visit
to attend a security dia-
logue.

The first ever US-
Bangladesh Dialogue on
Security Issues is

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Scrap power project, save Sundarbans

5 organisations ask govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five prominent organisations yesterday demanded that the government scrap the proposed project of a coal-based thermal power plant at Rampal in Bagerhat as they said the plant, if built, would pose a threat to the Sundarbans.

At a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, speakers said the decision of setting up a power plant on the periphery of the Sundarbans, a wildlife sanctuary and the lone habitat of Bengal tigers, was "suicidal".

Transparency International Bangladesh, Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (Bela), ActionAid, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Save the Sundarbans placed the demand.

An agreement was signed on January 29 with India's state-run National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for setting up a 1,300-megawatt plant at Rampal, 14 km from the world's largest mangrove forest.

An environment impact assessment was done following the deal but the report did not identify the Sundarbans as a wildlife sanctuary, speakers said in the conference.

Coal-fired plants emit huge carbon dioxide and produce ashes, which lead to environment pollution, experts say. The wastes from a coal-based plant also contaminate nearby water bodies, thus damaging the ecosystem.

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7 fake doctors jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested seven fake doctors and sentenced them to different jail terms during separate drives in the capital's Mirpur and Uttara.

The law enforcers also sealed the institutions, where the doctor impersonators used to treat patients.

Executive magistrate HM Anwar Pasha in association with the officials

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6 hurt in explosion at salon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six persons, including two employees of a salon, in Old Dhaka's Sankhari Bazar area were injured in a blast Saturday night as a staff lit a match stick in the closed room.

Injured Dipak Chandra Deb alias Khokan, 24, and Mohammad Akkas, 20, are employees of Joy Hairdresser Salon. The four others were pedestrians Rafiqul Islam, Sanjay Dutta, Khokan Sarker and

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Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin, left, with the Prince of Wales at the Markfield Islamic Foundation, Leics on January 24, 2003.

PHOTO:
THE TELEGRAPH

WAR CRIMES TRIAL
3 cases may
go to 2nd
tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution has appealed to the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to transfer three cases it was dealing with to International Crimes Tribunal-2, following the recently introduced provision for case transfer.

Chief Prosecutor
Ghulam Arief Tipoo yesterday placed three petitions before the Tribunal-1 to move the cases

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Nizami
protested
Pak atrocity

Claims his counsel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami did not commit any crime against humanity during the Liberation War, rather strongly criticised the attacks of Pakistani army on the Bangalees, Nizami's counsel told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

"During the Liberation War in 1971, on many occasions, the petitioner [Nizami] strongly criticised the Pakistan army for their attacks on Bangalees," said Tajul Islam, one of the counsels for Nizami, while reading out a petition of the Jamaat chief.

"However, his speeches [delivered during the Liberation War] were

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War crimes probe targets 'butchers'

Charges to be pressed against Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin, Ashrafuzzaman in 2 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigations into suspected war criminals Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan are in the final stage, investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We have made substantial progress in the cases against them," said Mohammad Abdul Hannan Khan, chief investigator of the agency. "It could take a couple more months to move the charges [to the tribunal]."

The two are, however, living in the UK and the US.

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Ashrafuzzaman



seeing as they are so rarely worn. Because of the drop of interest in the market, innovation regarding Jamdani also slowed down. Instead of a fabric that holds a thousand potential applications, Jamdani became stuck with the stigma that it is only suitable for expensive saris. However, all is far from lost for Jamdani. The design motifs are still unique, and the fabric quality is still amazing. All Jamdani needs is for someone to breath new life into it with innovation and adaptability. Instead of confining Jamdani to the narrow role of expensive sari fabric, it can be applied to various fashion articles. It can be modernized to suit the tastes of trendy new fashion-enthusiasts. The international fashion market will surely get excited if they are reintroduced to such an exceptional vision of beauty.

Jamdani is full of promise. If the potentials of this great Bangladeshi treasure can be unlocked, it is sure to take the world by storm.

The Daily Star



ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Railway Minister Suranjit Sengupta that the Tk 70 lakh scam is a well orchestrated plan to ruin his political image?

Yes (13.6%)
 No (83.9%)
 No Comments (2.5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 1211

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the probe into Tk 70 lakh scam is on the right track?

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Azan Jamaat

Fajr 4:35 5:10

Zohr 12:45 1:15

Asr 4:45 5:00

Maghrib 6:24 6:28

Esha 7:45 8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation



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