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PADMA GRAFT Punish culprits

WB spurs govt

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

The World Bank (WB) has urged the government to punish those who were involved in corruption in the Padma bridge project. "The World Bank stands by its investigations, and we strongly urge the Bangladesh government to pursue its own investigation into these serious matters under its sovereign laws and hold wrongdoers accountable," Ellen Goldstein, country director of the bank, told

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Swine flu returns

31 student nurses come down with deadly influenza in Kurigram

M RAHMAN

Swine flu that killed at least eight people in Bangladesh since its first detection in 2009 has hit the country once again.

At least 31 students of Kurigram Nursing Training Institute were diagnosed with swine flu or Influenza A (H1N1) virus on Tuesday, said the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) yesterday.

The patients were gradually recovering after being treated with Oseltamivir, an anti-influenza drug, widely used world-

SWINE FLU

SYMPTOMS

Acute cough, fever and occasional vomiting.

CAUTIONS

Refraining people from coughing, sneezing in public places and keeping apart the infected persons from other persons.

CHRONOLOGY

First broke out in 2009 claiming lives of eight people, resurfaced in January, 2012.

wide for treating the highly infectious disease, said the IEDCR.

IEDCR Director Prof Mahmudur Rahman said the first case of swine flu was detected in Bangladesh on June 18, 2009. It resurfaced again in different parts in January after a one-year lull.

This time the deadly disease has hit in January, though usually it breaks out between April and September.

IEDCR Researcher Dr ASM Alamgir said 105 cases of swine flu were detected

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Ilias Ali, driver go missing

BNP calls hartal across country for Sunday, in Sylhet for today; claims agency men picked up its leader



A supporter of Ilias with a tear-gas launcher, snatched from the police, during protests in Sylhet.



PHOTO: STAR

violence on Dhaka-Sylhet highway yesterday as BNP activists barricaded the road for four and a half hours in protest. Vehicles were torched and around 20 people, including four policemen, were injured in clashes between police and BNP men.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former lawmaker and BNP Organising Secretary (Sylhet Division) M Ilias Ali along with his driver has been missing since Tuesday night while BNP claimed that government agencies have picked them up to make them disappear.

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Dada is clean

Suranjit's aide tells ACC; terms cash-in-car scandal a plot

KAILASH SARKAR

The sacked aide to former railway minister Suranjit Sengupta yesterday claimed his former boss was not involved in any corruption, and reiterated that the Tk 70 lakh found in his microbus was his.

"It was to tarnish Dada's (Suranjit) image that the driver of my car drove into the Border Guard Bangladesh



Omar Faruq

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Quader to run rail too

Pledges honesty in interim job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

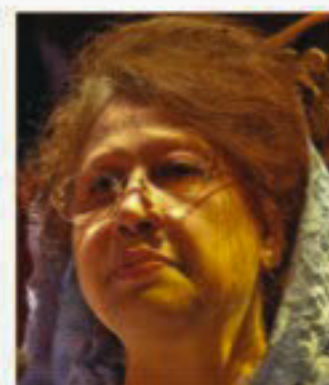
There will be fresh examinations if irregularities are found in recent recruitment of employees in the railway, said



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BNP ropes in 17 allies

Most of parties found to be name-only



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led four-party alliance yesterday expanded to an "18-party alliance" aimed at strengthening the movement for restoration of the caretaker government system and formation of a "patriotic government" to fulfil

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Rain brings relief amid sizzling heat 2 electrocuted in storm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After days of sweltering heat, yesterday's rain brought respite to the dwellers of the capital last night, though it disrupted the city life to some degree.

According to Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the highest temperature recorded in Dhaka yesterday was 35.4 degrees Celsius, while

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