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# 10-TRUCK ARMS CASE

## Cop tells of NSI link

*Says NSI men tried to bar him from seizing consignment*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A former deputy commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (port zone) yesterday implicated the already accused NSI high-ups and two top officials of CUFL in the smuggling of 10 truck-loads of arms and ammunition in 2004.

Abdullahel Baki, the then port zone DC, told a Chittagong court that Maj Liakat and a few other staff of National Security Intelligence (NSI) tried to resist him from seizing the consignment at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) in the early hours of April 2, 2004.

Baki was presented before the court yesterday as the 10th prosecution witness in the case.

In his deposition, he also said the then state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar asked him not to give inter-view to the media on the seizure.

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This is how workers clean the storm-water drainage lines of the capital. With no safety gear, they climb down into the inhospitable environment every year ahead of the rainy season. There were several instances in the past where workers died by drowning or by inhaling toxic air inside the line. The photo was taken from English Road in the capital.

PHOTO:  
SK ENAMUL HAQ

## US foils new terror plot

CNN, Washington

US and other intelligence agencies recently broke up a plot to bomb an airliner and seized an explosive device that is similar to ones previously used by al-Qaeda, officials said Monday.

The plot was discovered before it threatened any Americans, and no airliners are at risk, one US counter terrorism official said. A nonmetallic explosive device like the one used in the failed

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## SSC RESULTS

# Urban students outshine rural ones

WASIM BIN HABIB

The results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations this year show the gap between the standard of education in urban and rural areas with the urban institutions dominating the list of top ones under each education board.

Authorities say although the institutions in rural areas are gradually doing better in terms of pass rate and achieving the highest grade, urban institutions,

particularly in the metropolitan cities, continue to be the best over the last one decade.

Pass rate hit an all time record 86.37 percent in the SSC and equivalent examinations under the 10 education boards, published on Monday. Of the 14, 12, 379 students who took the examinations, 82,212 secured the highest grade GPA-5.

The lists of top-20 institutions under each board, prepared by the education ministry on the basis of results of the

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Anti-tobacco campaigners bring out an innovative procession in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday morning where five skeletons carry a coffin. During a rally held there, speakers asked the government to curb tobacco use, plug the loopholes in the tobacco consumption law and impose high tax on tobacco products.

## BNP pushes for dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reiterating party's stance on holding a dialogue to resolve the country's political crisis, BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday urged the government to create consensus by leaving the path of confrontation.

Referring to recent visits of Hillary Clinton and Pranab Mukherjee to Dhaka, he said both of them echoed the views of the opposition. "Foreign delegates suggested the

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## DC-led bodies to check river pillars

UNB, Dhaka

The government will form four committees to take steps for installing boundary pillars on the banks of four rivers around Dhaka, aiming to put an end to river encroachment.

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# They beg but don't like to be called beggars

## Title of rehabilitation programme to be changed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beggars in the capital who are being rehabilitated by the government under a social safety net programme will not be identified as beggars.

Finance minister AMA Muhith at a meeting yesterday asked the social welfare ministry to change the title of the programme -- formerly referred to as the Beggar Rehabilitation Programme - to save beggars from embarrassment.

Muhith also said that some new programmes will be included in the safety net programme for underprivileged people in the society as eunuchs and nomadic communities.

The meeting on social safety net programmes was held at the finance ministry conference room.

At the meeting Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haque Mostafa Shaheed told the finance minister that beggars who took part in the survey objected to being described as beggars or paupers.

The beggars had said that even though they beg in the streets of Dhaka, when they go back to their villages they tell people they work in garments factories or else, to save face.

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## 'Bionic' woman completes Marathon

BBC ONLINE

A paralysed British woman yesterday became the first person to complete a marathon in a "bionic" suit.

The £43,000 device allows Claire Lomas to walk by detecting shifts in her balance.

Lomas, from Eye Kettleby near Melton Mowbray, was paralysed from the chest down when she broke her back in a horse-riding

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## 'FIRE OF HELL' Madrasa teacher held for torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a female madrasa teacher who eight days earlier seared legs of 14 minor girls with a hot spatula to demonstrate 'pain from fire in hell' for not performing prayers regularly.

Acting on a tip off, the arrest was made from a village in Nawabganj upazila around 2:30am, said Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kadamtali Police Station.

Arrested Jesmin Akter, 38, was a teacher of Talimul Quran Mahila Madrasa at Namashyampur in the capital's Kadamtali area.



Jesmin Akter

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তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানি লিঃ

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)

১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫

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**জরুরি গ্যাস শাট ডাউন বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

কাজের নাম : শীর্ষবাড়ী মোড় হতে জয়দেবপুর সিজিএস পর্যন্ত ২০"ØX১৪০ পিএসআইজিX১.৫ কি.মি. লিংক লাইনের টাই-ইন কাজের টাই-ইন কার্যক্রম সম্পাদন প্রসঙ্গে।

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KAMARUZZAMAN'S TRIAL

**ICT hears charges**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution for the second time read out the formal charges against Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman before an International Crimes Tribunal.

Meanwhile, counsels for Jamaat leader Abdul

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**PRAYER TIMING**

May 9

Azan

4-15

4-50

Fajr

12-45

1-15

Zohr

5-00

5-15

Asr

6-34

6-38

Maghrib

8-00

8-30

Esha

8-00

8-30

Sources:

Islamic Foundation

**ONLINE POLL**

Do you believe India is sincere about implementing all deals signed with Bangladesh?

Yes

(6.9%)

No

(92.0%)

No Comments

(1.2%)

TOTAL VOTES: 598

**The Daily Star**

**Integral Energy Limited**

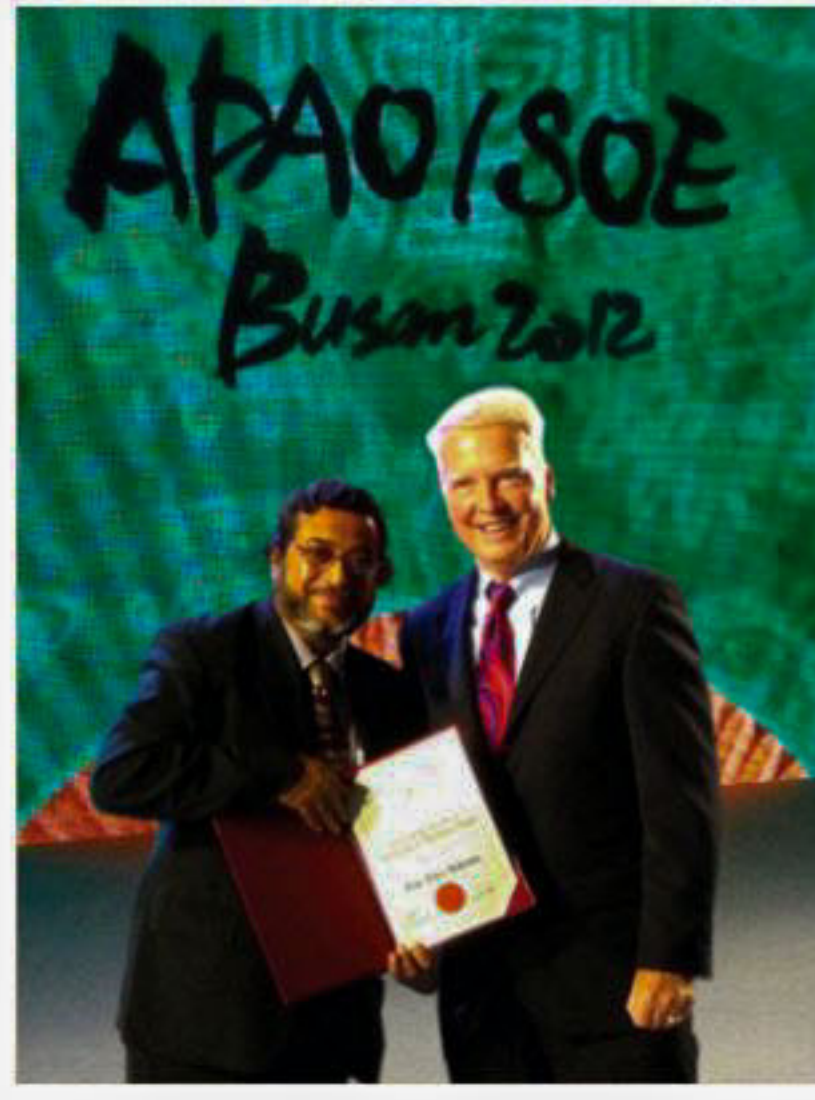
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The Managing-Director of Bangladesh Eye Hospital Ltd. Dr. Niaz Abdur-Rahman has been awarded; 'Outstanding Service in Prevention of Blindness' by the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology; for his contribution to ophthalmic development and introducing the sub-specialty of Vitreo-Retina in Bangladesh. The award has been presented at the APAO Congress, Bussan, South Korea, April, 2012.

Congratulations! to Dr. Niaz Abdur-Rahman. Bangladesh Eye Hospital Ltd. family is extremely proud of his success.

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