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WHEN AN MP FIRES AT PEOPLE

AL lawmaker in Gafargaon claims he opened fire in self-defence as a mob attacked his vehicle

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It will skip 3G auction if floor price is \$30m/Mhz

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The Chinese dissident who was at the centre of a row between Beijing and Washington, flies to the US

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EYE ON ELECTIONS

ADP size gets 34pc bigger

Tk 3,000 crore earmarked for Padma bridge

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

The government yesterday boosted its development spending by 34 percent to Tk 55,000 crore for the next fiscal year from this year's revised outlay, following pressure from ministers for more allocations for construction and repair of roads.

In the Annual Development Programme for fiscal 2012-13, Tk 3,000 crore has been set aside for the Padma bridge project that hit a snag after World Bank's suspension of funding over corruption allegations. The government will

arrange the fund from its own sources.

The National Economic Council approved the ADP yesterday at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Ten projects have been included in the ADP under public-private partnership (PPP), and the second Padma bridge at Paturia-Daulatdia point tops the list.

The planning ministry at the meeting proposed a Tk 54,300 crore ADP. The amount was finally increased by Tk 700 crore.

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Nishat Majumder on top of the world. She is the third Bangladeshi to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

PHOTO: COURTESY

FIRST BANGLADESHI woman on Everest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nishat Majumder has become the first Bangladeshi woman to scale Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain.

She reached the summit at 9:39am Bangladesh time yesterday, Enam Ul Haque, president of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club, told The Daily Star.

Three Sherpas -- Lakpa Sherpa, Premba Dorje Sherpa and Mingmaa Sherpa -- assisted Nishat in conquering the Everest, said the club president, while Bangladeshi mountaineer MA Muhit accompanied her.

"Pemba Dorje Sherpa has informed me of Nishat's reaching the summit of the Everest through mobile phone around 10:30am." They

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VC APPOINTMENT JU teachers urge president to reconsider decision

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (Juta) yesterday urged President Zillur Rahman to reconsider the appointment of Dhaka University's biochemistry professor Anwar Hossain as JU vice-chancellor and appoint a "capable JU teacher" to the post.

Prof Anwar is set to assume office today.

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Khaleda to lead hunger agitation

Opposition hopes over 20,000 to be present at Gulistan today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance will observe a mass hunger strike today in the capital to press home its demand for tracing disappeared BNP leader M Ilias Ali and release of recently detained top opposition leaders.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will lead the seven-hour-long hunger strike scheduled to begin at 10:00am at Mohanagar Natya Mancha in Gulistan, party's standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan said yesterday at a rally.

The programme was announced on

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Diplomatic circles concerned again

Wants major parties to talk, end hostile politics

REZAUUL KARIM

With the sharp deterioration in the political situation, the international community fears Bangladesh is again heading into confrontational politics.

The dispute over how the forthcoming general elections will be held in a free and fair manner is one of the root causes of the present political crisis. Such are the views of a number of foreign diplomats in Dhaka, especially from the major development partners, who suggest dialogues between the main political parties as a way of reaching a consensus on the issue.

They said they were worried over the recent incidents of violent political demonstrations, arrests of important opposition leaders, disappearances of opposition figures and deterioration of governance and law and order, which had sent a negative message to the international community.

Many of the diplomats had expected that the political situation would improve with some high profile visits in the first week of this month, notably those of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Indian Finance Minister Pranab

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OF RIVER GYPSIES



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Three small snakes in the grasp of a Bede snake charmer at the Porabari snake market of Savar on the outskirts of Dhaka. See City in Frame page 12.

ANISUR RAHMAN, from Savar

One day in 1427, a group of curiously dressed people arrived at the gates of Paris. They claimed to be from Egypt; they actually claimed themselves as dukes of little Egypt. They had been cursed and had been wandering around for 1,400 years because they wanted to purge themselves of their sin of not giving shelter to Mary. It was Egypt from which they took their name. They became Gypsies.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Exhausted in the heat and humidity, a rickshaw puller takes a nap on a pavement near Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University under a tree. He knows how important his livelihood is. Even in his sleep he would not let go of the rickshaw, lest it get stolen.

Rogues make the most of journalists' divide

Says Justice Habibur Rahman

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, a former chief justice and chief adviser of a caretaker government, yesterday said that the country's journalists were now divided into two factions and that social and political rogues were deriving clear advantage from such a divide.

He said that the newspaper industry was now a

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Pabna journo's arm chopped

He links it with his report on Edward College irregularities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Unidentified assailants hacked the right arm of a journalist on Govt Edward College campus here yesterday allegedly for reporting an obscene dance performance on the campus.

The victim, ABM Fazlur Rahman, 48, staff reporter of The Daily Samakal, has been undergoing treatment at Pabna Medical College Hospital.

The attack on the newsman came only four days after

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ABM Fazlur Rahman

Chelsea overcome Bayern to win final

AFP, Munich, Germany

Didier Drogha was the hero as Chelsea shattered Bayern Munich's Champions League dream here Saturday with victory in a nail-biting penalty shoot-out at the Allianz Arena.

Drogha stepped up to rifle home the winning penalty for Chelsea after earlier saving his side with an equalising goal two minutes from time to cancel out what looked like a winner from Thomas Mueller as the match finished at 1-1.

It was an agonising defeat for Bayern, who saw



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ILIAS' HOUSE Mysterious raid raises eyebrows

Police set up CC cameras

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Strangers' attempt to force their way into the Banani residence of missing BNP leader Ilias Ali early Friday remains a mystery, causing panic among family members and raising the eyebrows of many.

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জয়েন্ট ওনারশীপ ভিত্তিতে

মালিকানা

+ বছরে ৩দিন ২রাত থাকবে

+ মুনাফা

মাত্র ১ লাখ টাকায়

কল্পবাজারে হোটেল রুম ভাড়া নিয়ে থাকা, কিংবা একক মালিকানায় সুইট ক্রয়ের বিকল্প হিসাবে ওয়েসিস নিয়ে এলো আকর্ষণীয় সুযোগ। যেটুকু সময় কল্পবাজারে থাকার প্রয়োজন, জয়েন্ট ওনারশীপ ভিত্তিতে শুধুমাত্র সেটুকুর মালিকানা গ্রহণ করুন। সাফ কবলা রেজিস্ট্রেশনের মাধ্যমে এই মালিকানা সহজ, চিরস্থায়ী এবং লাভজনক।

প্রকৃত মূল্য - ১,৪০,০০০/- উদ্বোধনী মূল্য - ১,০০,০০০/- সীমিত সময়ের জন্য ৩০% উদ্বোধনী ছাড়ে 'ব দক্ষণ' এই অফার পড়ে আজই আসুন পাবুপথ, মহাখালী এবং চট্টগ্রাম অফিস, (সকাল ৯টা থেকে রাত ৯টা পর্যন্ত)

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