



MURDER IN CUSTODY

# 4 arrested, case filed

Probe body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two days after the brutal murder of Mamun Bhuiyan in police custody in Gazipur, a case has been filed in this connection Thursday night.

Mamun's brother Nazmul Bhuiyan lodged the case against nine named and another eight to 10 unnamed people. The accused include Shariful Islam, chairman of Moktarpur union parishad in Kaliganj upazila.

Police so far arrested four people: the chairman's brothers Shakhawat Hossain Iran and Iman Hossain Kawsar, and Shyamal Chandra Sarkar and Sri Cinibas Mondol.

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sant rain. Heavy rain accompanied by thunderbolt and strong water current from hills create suitable atmosphere for mother fishes to release spawns in the river between April and June. Inset, some fish eggs collected on an arum leaf. Story on page 19. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

BCL leader

shot dead

in Comilla

stabbed to death by his

The deceased was identi-

Balarampur in Sadar

Dakkhin upazila on

fied as Sohel, 25, joint

secretary of Comilla

Polytechnic Institute BCL

Thursday night.

UNB, Comilla

rival faction at

#### Nishat, Mohit accorded reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nishat Majumder and her fellow mountaineer MA Mohit were accorded a reception at Kathmandu yesterday for their successful ascent of Mount Everest.

The Nepal chapter of Plan International hosted the reception around 11:00am at a convention centre in the Nepali capi-

The duo, however, could not finalise till last night their schedule to return to Dhaka as they were yet to receive

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### Drug peddlers kill protester

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A youth was hacked to death allegedly by a gang of drug peddlers for protesting illegal drugs selling in Machhimpur area under Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj early yester-

The victim was identified as Selim Ahmed Babul, 25, son of Jalal Ahmed and a grocer of the area.

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GOVT OFFICES OWE TK 120CR TO PDB

# Dues pile up in Ctg

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY, Ctg

The Power Development Board (PDB) in Chittagong zone has been struggling to collect dues from different government offices which have not been paying electric bills for vears.

The unpaid dues have piled up to Tk 120 crore with surcharges until December last year.

According to a document of the PDB obtained by The Daily Star, the

unpaid bills of different agencies under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD); the Ministry of Textiles and Jute; and the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management of the region have exceeded the double digit mark in crores of taka.

Of the defaulters, the LGRD ministry tops the list with dues of about Tk 70 crore including about Tk 57 crore of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).

With dues about Tk 15 crore

A Chhatra League leader including about Tk 12 crore of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation of Comilla Polytechnic (BJMC), the textile and jute ministry Institute was shot and is in the second position.

About Tk 13 crore have remained unpaid by different offices of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management.

Preferring anonymity, officials at the PDB in Chittagong zone said despite several initiatives including sending formal letters and making SEE PAGE 6 COL 6 SPELLING BEE

## Ehsan reaches grand finale

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Ehsan Rezwan, a class X student of Cantonment English School & College (Chittagong), became the second speller to reach the grand finale of The Daily Star Spelling Bee.

"It feels brilliant to have come all this way. Highlight of my life so far," said an ecstatic Ehsan.

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## Clash of the titans

Milky Way to hit Andromeda in 4b years

AFP, Washington

**Integral Energy Limited** 

**ONLINE POLL** 

What do you think of Home

Minister Shahara Khatun's

claim that police are now "far

better" than anytime in the

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that newspapers misquoted Shamsul Haque Tuku's advice to

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**PRAYER TIMING** 

Maghrib 6-45 6-50

(93.8%)

(6.2%)

Ridiculous

True True

Our galaxy is on a collision course with its nearest neighbour, Andromeda, and the head-on crash is expected in four billion years, the US space agency Nasa said on Thursday.

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## Syria on brink The Baily Star of civil war

Warn world leaders as peace deal tatters

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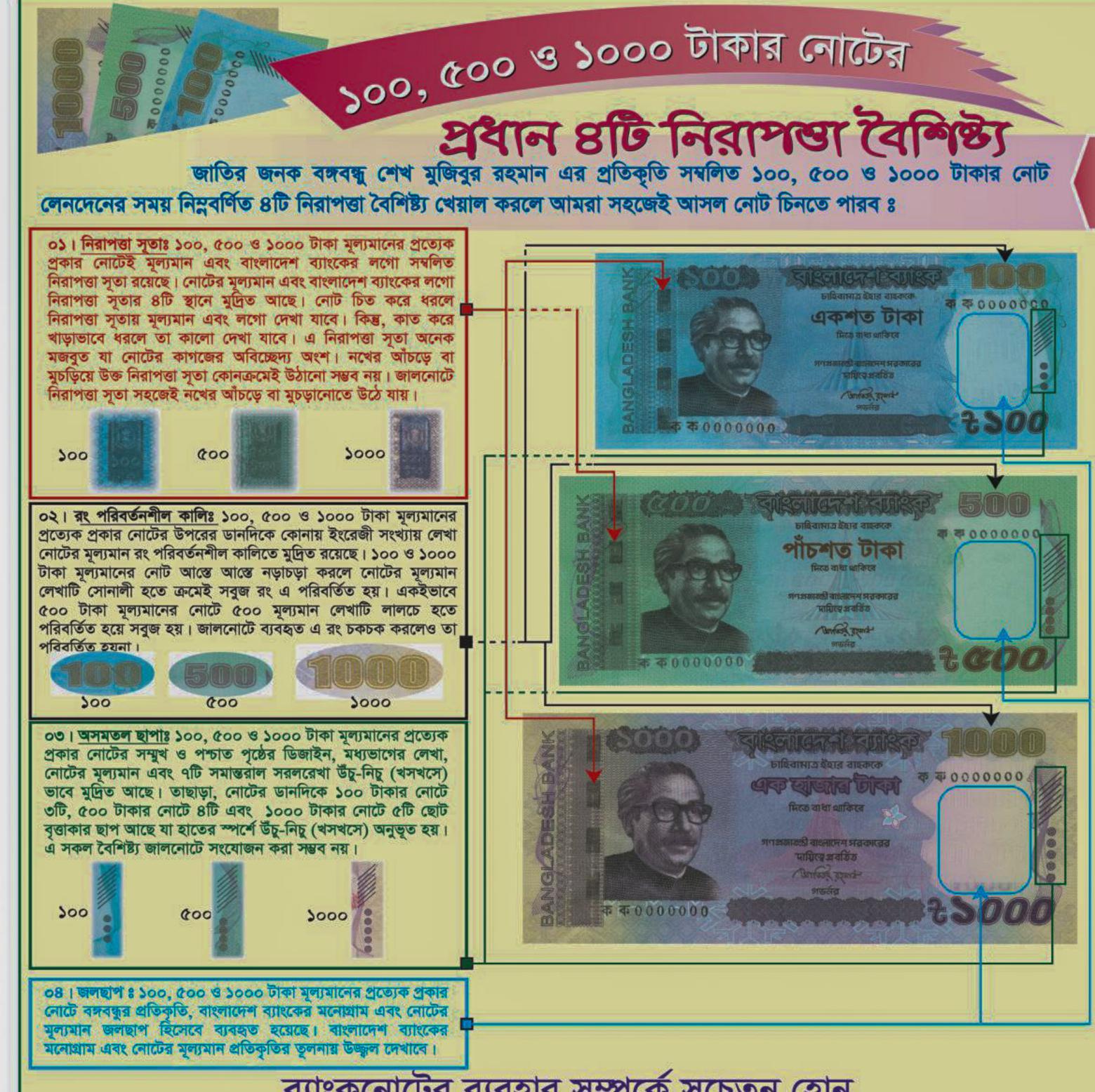
Syria is nearing full-blown sectarian civil war that would be catastrophic for the entire Middle East, Western nations said yesterday, urging Russia to end its support for President Bashar al-Assad and put pressure on him to stop the bloodshed.

The UN human rights chief yesterday said that the killing of 108 civilians by pro-government forces in Syria last week might constitute a "crime against humanity" as reports emerged of a new slaughter.

Syria and the entire region are in danger if a fullfledged conflict erupts in the country, Pillay said in a statement read to diplomats.

With anti-Assad rebels urging international envoy Kofi Annan to declare his peace plan dead, freeing them from any commitment to the tattered truce, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the prospect of spiraling violence presented "terrible" danger.

"A civil war in a country that would be driven by sectarian divides ... could then morph into a proxy war in the region because, remember, you have Iran deeply embedded in Syria," she said during a trip to Copenhagen where she urged Moscow to increase pres-



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