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220 killed in Syria

Claim opposition sources; Kofi Annan shocked

REUTERS, Amman/beirut

About 220 Syrians, mostly civilians, were killed in a village in the rebellious Hama region when it was bombed by helicopter gunships and tanks then stormed by militiamen who slaughtered some families, opposition sources said yesterday.

UN special envoy Kofi Annan said he was "shocked and appalled" by news of "intense fighting, significant casualties, and the confirmed use of heavy weaponry such as artillery, tanks and helicopters" in the village of Tremseh.

"I condemn these atrocities in the strongest possible terms," Annan said in a statement.

There were no independent accounts of the number of dead or how they were killed. UN monitors in Syria are

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WHO'S FOOTING THE BILL?

The Bangabandhu International Conference Centre remains lit up like a Christmas tree for the last few days. With a price tag of Tk 5 lakh a day, the Hall of Fame of the centre is usually leased for posh and grand events. The Awami Swechchhasebak League used the place a few days ago and the Jubo League, a pro-ruling party youth organisation, is to have its congress there today. Jubo League also placed placards, banners and posters across the capital distorting the city's beauty. Inset: Bijoy Sarani intersection.



PHOTO: STAR

India tests 700km range missile

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday successfully test-fired its indigenously-developed nuclear-capable Agni-I ballistic missile which has a strike range of 700km.

The test fire of the surface-to-surface missile was done from a mobile launcher at about 1010 hrs

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Veggies too costly

Prices spiral up to 40pc for 2-day truck strike

SUMAN SAHA

The prices of vegetables in the city markets soared in the last two days, in some cases up to 40 percent, due to a 48-hour countrywide strike enforced by the truck and covered-van owners.

The strike that ended yesterday morning has created a supply crunch at the city's wholesale kitchen markets since most of the vehicles refrained from transporting goods to the capital.

The prices of green chilli, bitter gourd, ladies finger and cucumber shot up yesterday besides a slight increase in prices of sugar and soybean oil.

"Today I bought 5kg bitter gourd at Tk 120, which was Tk 100 a day ago at Shyambazar," said Ismail Hawlader, a vegetable vendor at Wari of Old Dhaka.

"So I am selling each kg bitter gourd at Tk 30 to make a reasonable profit," he said. The prices of cucumber and ladies finger also went up

yesterday due to supply shortage, he added.

Retailers at Karwan Bazar kitchen market were charging Tk 25 for a kg of ladies finger instead of Tk 20 two days ago.

"The prices of vegetables are too high for the ordinary people," said Md Abdul Majid, a retired government official, who was buying goods from a roadside kitchen market near the Azimpur Chhapra Mosque.

"I bought one kg green chilli at Tk

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Vegetables, especially bitter gourd, and green chillies have become dearer as truckers' strike, torrential rain, and the upcoming month of Ramadan drives the prices soaring. The photo was taken from Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

No love marriage in Indian village

BBC ONLINE

A village in India's Uttar Pradesh state has banned love marriages and imposed a series of restrictions on women, reports say.

Council leaders in Asara village have reportedly barred women under

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Drugs, booze on picnic launch

Arrest of 18 prompts Kamrangirchar BNP to call hartal in the locality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested 18 local BNP leaders in possession of drugs and alcohol while out on a picnic aboard a launch at city's Kamrangirchar area yesterday.

In protest the local unit of BNP has called for a day long hartal today demanding immediate release of those arrested.

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Pileup in Banani kills 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed and 11 others were injured in a three-vehicle pileup on Airport Road near Banani in the capital early today.

The deceased, Abul Kashem, 55, hailed from Naria of Shariatpur.

Injured Shafiqul Islam

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PRAYER TIMING July 14

Fajr	4:10	4:45
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:55	7:00
Esha	8:17	8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

CNG auto-rickshaw strike to go on

Truckers end agitation against extortion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers and workers in the capital yesterday vowed to go on with the indefinite strike until their demands were met.

Even though it was not a working day, many city dwellers suffered with only a few auto-rickshaws plying the streets yesterday -- the third day of the strike.

Meanwhile, leaders of the agitating organisations claimed that police yesterday detained at least 20 demonstrators in different areas of the city.

The Daily Star contacted at least six police stations to verify the claims, which the law enforcers refuted.

Earlier on Thursday, police detained 11 auto-rickshaw drivers and workers in the city on charge of attempting to vandalise vehicles.

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'People for Padma bridge with own funds'

PM keeps receiving 'huge' response over phone

UNB, Dhaka

People from all walks of life, including expatriate Bangladeshis, have urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to go ahead with her plan to construct the Padma bridge with own funds.

Over mobile phone and in emails to the prime minister, they have

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Produce items that KL needs

Says Malaysian minister at Bangladesh fair

UNB, Kuala Lumpur

Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur should have an "equal aggressive role" to minimise the chronic trade gap between the two nations, ministers of both countries said at the inaugural session of Showcase Bangladesh'12 in Malaysia yesterday.

They also pointed out some structural issues that need to be addressed urgently to boost trade between the two countries and narrow the trade gap that is heavily in favour of Malaysia right now.

In 2010-2011, Bangladesh exported products worth \$43.87 million to Malaysia while imported \$1759.60 million.

Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, international trade and industry minister of Malaysia, told the function, "There are some structural issues that need to be addressed... there is a trade gap and we wish to narrow it." "You [Bangladesh] need to produce the products that we need. Be more aggressive to promote your products in Malaysia," he said.

On the proposed free trade agreement with

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