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# TENSION AT JU, AGAIN VC election move faces opposition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Despite opposition by a section of teachers, the Jahangirnagar University authorities are firm on holding a special senate session on July 20 to elect a three-member panel of probable vice chancellors.

"I am determined to hold the election on schedule and I believe the ongoing crisis can be resolved through restoring the democratic process," said JU VC Prof Anwar Hossain while exchanging views with journalists on the campus yesterday.

Prof Anwar said the July 20 event was crucial because there had been no election to the highest post of the



Anwar Hossain



Law enforcers are playing a game of chess at Daulatdia ferry terminal on the second day of the transport strike, which had severed road communication among 21 districts, including Dhaka. Last night, transport owners and workers of 10 districts in Khulna called off their indefinite strike after a meeting with the Rajbari deputy commissioner. The photo was shot yesterday.

PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA



## Population growing by 1.37pc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's population is around 15.25 crore with an annual growth rate of 1.37 percent, according to the final results of Population and Housing Census, 2011.

The previous count in 2001 was 12.43 crore with

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## Up to 70 Hindus killed in one day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A witness to the genocide committed during the Liberation War in his description of wartime brutality yesterday said he had seen bodies of two pregnant women with their half-born babies.

Abbas Uddin Ahmed, seventh prosecu-

tion witness in a case against BNP lawmaker and war crimes accused Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 how brutally the Pakistani occupation force unleashed terror on the Hindus of Unsotturpara village in 1971.

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## 30min power-cut

*Adviser skips frequency of load-shedding in his Ramadan forecast*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will limit power cuts to half an hour at a time during the Ramadan to ease public suffering, the energy adviser to the prime minister said yesterday.

Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, however, did not mention the frequency of power cuts at that time.

He was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a meeting

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## JU STUDENT MURDER ACCUSED

## 4 sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent four Bangladesh Chhatra League activists to jail after their surrender before it in connection with the murder of Jahangirnagar University student Zubair Ahmed.

The four -- Najmul Hossain Plabon, Kamruzzaman Sohag, Mazharul Islam and Mahamudul Hasan Masud --

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## Beware TV kids

The longer they watch, the larger their waistlines become

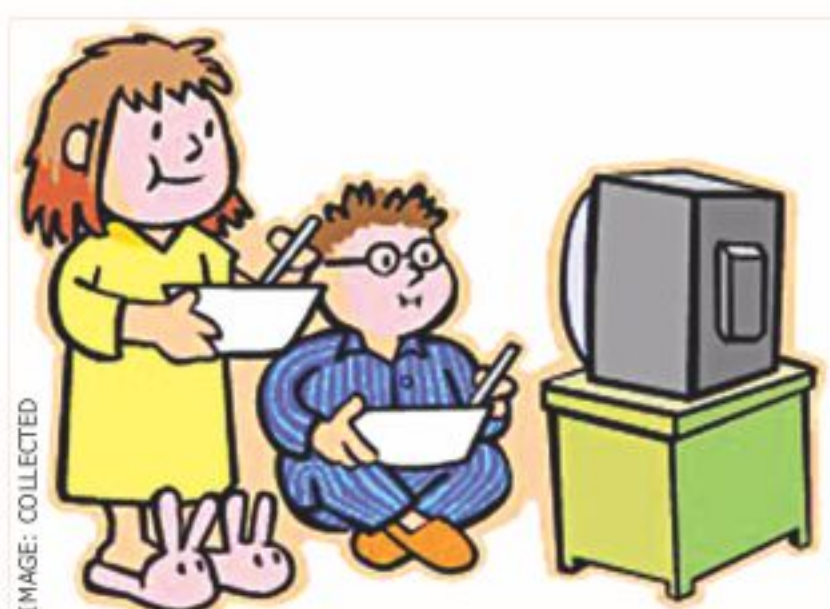
BBC ONLINE

Children who increase the number of hours of weekly television they watch between the ages of two and four years risk larger waistlines by age 10.

A Canadian study found that every extra weekly hour watched could add half a millimetre to their waist circumference and reduce muscle fitness.

The study, in a BioMed Central journal, tracked the TV habits of 1,314 children.

Experts say children should not watch more than two hours of TV a day.



Researchers found that the average amount of television watched by the children at the start of the study was

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## Oil tanker train derails

A CORRESPONDENT,  
Chandpur

Around Tk 53.46 lakh worth of oil spilled near Chitoshi Railway Station in Chandpur after an oil tanker train derailed on Sunday.

Over 80,000 litres of oil of the state-owned Jamuna Oil Company Ltd was spilled after four oil tanks of the train skidded off the track around 5:10pm.

There was no report of casualties in the incident. The train was coming

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## CNG TRANSPORT ANOMALIES

## Govt, owners, drivers meet; trade blames

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tripartite meeting of government officials, CNG-run auto-rickshaw owners and workers yesterday went nowhere as they blamed one another throughout the deliberations instead of focusing on checking irregularities in the sector.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader convened the meeting at the Rail

Bhaban in Dhaka following a four-day strike enforced by auto-rickshaw workers from July 11 to press home their 10-point demand.

One major factor workers have been trying to draw the authority's attention to is that they are being overcharged by the vehicle owners.

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's allegation that the BNP-led opposition is hatching conspiracies to destroy democracy is justified?

Yes (9.5%)

No (88.5%)

No Comments (2.0%)

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Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45

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