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# HC stays Buet agitation, strike

Asks police to ensure peace on campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued an injunction against the ongoing agitation and strike by Buet teachers, employees and students to help the engineering institution run its academic functions smoothly. It also directed the inspector general of police (IGP) and Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner to ensure that law and order was maintained on the campus of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet). Meanwhile, in a late-night development, Buet Teachers' Association called off their agitation. The injunction came after a hearing on a writ petition filed by Eunus Ali Akond, a lawyer of the Supreme Court. He filed the petition on Sunday as public interest litigation seeking directives on the Buet authorities to resume classes within 24 hours.

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# Man abducted, then 'converted' to Islam

Al-Badr guard testifies about Kamaruzzaman's war crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman had forced a Hindu youth to convert to Islam at an Al-Badr camp during the Liberation War, Monowar Hossain Khan, a guard of the camp, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday. "My sir [Kamaruzzaman] had converted Shushil to Islam at the camp [Al-Badr camp] at Surendra Saha's house and taken him to the Nayani Bari camp," said Monowar alias Mohan Munshi, second prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Kamaruzzaman, during his cross-examination. "I was present at the camp when Shushil was converted

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# Half of India without power

Blackout affects 22 states after 3 major grids fail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Half of India yesterday went without electricity as three power grids serving Northern, Eastern and North-Eastern regions failed, crippling normal life across 22 states. The blackout comes a day after a mass outage

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# Eyes on hydropower

1,000MW to be imported from Nepal

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

With an aim to import 1000 megawatt of electricity, Bangladesh has agreed to cooperate with Nepal in managing water resources and hydropower. The two countries also stressed the

need for a trilateral discussion with India, in this regard, soon.

At a foreign secretary level meeting yesterday, Bangladesh and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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PRAYER TIMING			August 1
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-05	4-10	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-45	6-55	
Esha	8-15	8-45	
Source: Islamic Foundation			



SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS			
RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
12	1 Aug		6.45 pm
13	2 Aug	4.01 am	6.44 pm

# ILLEGAL HOUSING TIB slates legalisation

UNB, Dhaka

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday condemned the government's decision to legalise some illegal housing schemes defying a High Court directive and ignoring environmental impacts. Expressing deep concern over the decision by an inter-ministerial body to "provisionally" approve

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# MINORITIES IN BANGLADESH Discrimination declines: US

STAR REPORT

Discrimination against religious and ethnic minorities in Bangladesh has declined, according to a report issued on Monday by the US State Department. There was no incident in 2011 of religious freedom being curtailed, as opposed to the scenario in the previous years, reads the International Religious Freedom Report, 2011. However, the report mentions scattered attacks on religious and ethnic minorities perpetrated by nongovernmental actors and holds responsible "the low

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# Couple murdered in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals killed an elderly couple at their house in the capital's Dakkhinkhan yesterday. The victims are Mahmuda Khatun, 60, and her husband Mohammad Nasir Uddin, 70, a retired warrant officer of Bangladesh army. Inspector Kaykobad Kazi of Dakkhinkhan

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