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# Hasina's peace model goes to next UN session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's peace model will be presented at the next UN General Assembly session for endorsement in October this year, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said yesterday.

The model that speaks not only of economic development, but also of people's empowerment and "social inclusion of all segments of people" has been widely appreciated, she said.

Once adopted by the UN, it would be used as a global model for peace and sustainable development, Dipu Moni said at a press briefing on conclusion of a two-day international conference in Dhaka on "People's Empowerment and Development".

Representatives from the UN and 62 member-countries, and civil society members attended the conference organised by the foreign ministry, and held at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel.

Hasina had put forward the model at the UN General Assembly session last year. It addresses seven issues -- eradicating poverty and hunger; reducing inequality; mitigating deprivation; creating jobs for all; inclusion of excluded people; accelerating human development and fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Lauding the model at the global meet in Dhaka, Indian Minister for Rural Development, Drinking Water and Sanitation Jairam Ramesh said it is something that speaks of sustainable development.

It is "inclusive and applicable to all countries" whereas Millennium Development Goals that originated in the West is meant only for the developing countries, he said.

Ramesh called for distribution of economic benefits and incorporating all segments of people in the mainstream.

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Eid shoppers have iftar at Bashundhara City shopping complex in the capital in a festive mood. The photo was taken from level-8 of the mall where all the food shops are located.

PHOTO:  
AnISUR RAHMAN

## 17 arrested over temple land grab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have arrested 17 people in connection with Saturday's violence at Chirirbandar upazila of Dinajpur over temple land.

More than 50 people were injured on the day in clashes that ensued after a group of people tried to build a mosque on the land at Bolaihat in the upazila.

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# Alim ordered killing of 9

*Witness to Joypurhat war crimes tells tribunal*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former BNP lawmaker Abdul Alim had ordered the killing of nine Hindus in Khetlal upazila of Joypurhat during the Liberation War and their bodies were buried by the river, an eyewitness told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday.

Abdul Momen, a former student leader and the first prosecution witness in war crimes case against Alim, also told the tribunal how Alim in a meeting during the war asked his followers to loot the properties of

the Hindus.

The 71-year-old witness also said Alim, the then Convention Muslim League leader, formed and led the Shanti Committee (a collaboration force of the Pakistan army) in Joypurhat and he himself recruited Razakars (another collaboration force) at his home.

The three-member tribunal led by its Chairman Justice ATM Fazle



Kabir with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge Md Shahinur Islam also recorded the cross-examination of the witness yesterday before adjourning the case proceeding until August 27. The defence had filed a time petition.

The defence of Alim, a former minister of late president Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, yesterday submitted a list of 3,328 defence witnesses and documents

## INDIGENOUS DAY 2 ministers slam govt attitude

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two cabinet members and a number of ruling alliance lawmakers yesterday denounced the government's "negative attitude" towards the International Indigenous Day

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## Traffic gas disrupts heart beat

BBC ONLINE

The way that even low levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal, by disrupting the heart's rhythm, has been unravelled by researchers in Leeds.

They found that levels common in heavy traffic could affect the way the heart resets itself after every beat.

Their study in the American Journal of

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## CREATIVE METHOD

# Teachers lack skill, training

*Govt report reveals teachers of 30pc schools unable to prepare question papers*

WASIM BIN HABIB

Teachers of around 30 percent secondary schools of the country are unable to prepare question papers in creative method introduced at secondary level in 2009, revealed a government report.

Planning and Development Unit of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) prepared the report in March this year by monitoring 4,810 out of 18,404 institutions in nine regions under DSHE, namely Dhaka, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Chittagong, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Comilla.

The government has so far trained around 3.25 lakh teachers of different subjects in different phases in the creative method since its introduction in 2009.

The report showed that teachers of 1,443 out of 4,810 institutions cannot compose question papers in the creative method. These teachers buy question papers from different teachers' associations for their school exams, the report said.

Teachers of over 53 percent schools out of 274 schools in Rajshahi region collect question papers from external sources, while teachers of 251 out of 553 schools in

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**At the moment the visitors to Dhaka Zoo are barred from seeing these very young peafowl chicks, which need special care and are kept in controlled temperature. This year zoo officials have successfully had 29 peafowl chicks hatch and so far all of them are alive. Last year only 24 survived. The photo was taken recently from Dhaka Zoo.**

PHOTO:  
AnISUR RAHMAN

## POLLS UNDER POLITICAL GOVT BNP rejects EC roadmap

*Backs decision not to use EVM*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP as well as the people will not accept Election Commission's roadmap to the next parliamentary elections under a political government, said party's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday.

He, however, welcomed the EC's decision not to use

# Train ticket scalpers active ahead of Eid

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Hundreds of people have been desperately trying to buy a train ticket standing in long queues for hours when some are comfortably wangling it from black marketers.

Despite different measures taken by the authorities to stop irregularities, black marketers are still active at Kamalapur railway station. They are offering home-bound people tickets at a rate a few times

higher than the actual price.

Law enforcers yesterday arrested three persons red-handed while selling tickets on the station premises, the second day after Bangladesh Railway started selling advance tickets ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The arrestees are Anwar, 17, Tuhin, 15, and Samirul Islam, 25, said the law enforcers.

Anwar and Tuhin were selling four tickets of Dhaka-Chittagong route at Tk

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PRAYER TIMING August 7		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-09	4-14
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-41	6-51
Esha	8-15	8-45
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