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# Rivers officially made thinner

## Faulty demarcation encourages encroachers; ministerial recommendations for pillar relocation ignored

**TAWFIQUE ALI**

The rivers of Dhaka are destined to remain narrow as the shipping ministry has expressed its inability to fully rectify the faulty demarcation of the streams despite a High Court order and subsequent ministerial decision.

An extensive visit revealed that relevant district administrations and officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) had demarcated the Turag, Balu and Buriganga rivers, leaving out the foreshores at many places.

As a result, land grabbers have embarked on massive river filling, cashing in on the foreshore exclusion at Sinnirtek, Amin Bazar and from Mirpur embankment to Ashulia along the Buriganga.

Shipping minister Shajahan Khan, who leads the national taskforce on river conservation, in reply to a question after a taskforce meeting on August 1 said the authorities had relocated most of the wrongly placed pillars along the Turag River.

"But we could not reclaim all the foreshores, as we had to give them up in many cases due to various reasons," he

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The red lines drawn in the photo mark the faulty demarcation pillars on the river Balu at Rugganj in Narayanganj. *Inset*, demarcation pillars on the river Buriganga to the west of Mirpur Beribadh. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# Extrajudicial killings decline

## Claims home minister

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Newly appointed Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir has said he neither supports extrajudicial killing nor considers the loss of lives at the hands of law enforcers as extrajudicial murder.

"We do not support any extrajudicial killing. But if it has really happened, we will probe how it happened

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# Padma work by May

*Says Muhith; Mashiur says he is on leave, gets dropped from Ecnec, economic affairs committee too*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government plans to begin the construction of the much-talked about Padma bridge in April-May next year, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

"Now we should float the tender; it will be done next month," he told reporters at his ministry in the capital.

The minister said the government would lay the foundation stone for the country's biggest infrastructure project over the river Padma in April-

May next year.

"This is our plan. We have already informed the World Bank and other lenders about the plan."

Meanwhile, Mashiur Rahman, economic adviser to the prime minister, confirmed to a television channel in New York that he had gone on leave.

The former bureaucrat said the government disagreement with the WB on various issues had been settled.

"Its [WB's] mission will visit Bangladesh and will examine ways to start the implementation of the project as early as possible."

"It's good news," he told ATN Bangla.

His statement clears up the confusion on whether the government had sent the adviser on leave to meet the condition of the World Bank for reviving its \$1.2 billion credit cancelled in June.

In another development, Mashiur has been dropped from the Executive Committee of the National

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# Santos leaving

*Gas crisis in Ctg to get worse; govt refusal to let it explore Kutubdia field seen as reason*

**SHARIER KHAN**

Australian oil company Santos is withdrawing from Bangladesh as its operation in the offshore Sangu field is becoming uneconomic while the government rejected its proposal to allow it to produce gas from a decades-old untapped Kutubdia gas field.

The exit of Santos threatens gas supply to energy-starved Chittagong region for at least the next several years. Sangu was the main source of gas for Chittagong for years while Kutubdia could be the next

one. There are no major fields around Chittagong region.

Given the present situation, awarding the job of gas production from Kutubdia field to Santos is the only quick solution to the problem of supplying gas to Chittagong, said an official.

Santos yesterday served a notice on Petrobangla about withdrawing its operation from Block-15 where Sangu field is located. The field is currently producing 25 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) of gas, Petrobangla sources said.

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# Violence after road accidents

*Woman killed, student hurt, 2 buses torched*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A woman was killed and a university student was injured in two road accidents, sparking violent protests in the capital's Dhanmondi and Moghbazar areas yesterday.

The protests left traffic in a mess for hours, causing sufferings to commuters.

The dead is Morjina Begum, 45, a cleaner at Grand Plaza shopping mall in Moghbazar, and the injured is Shawkatul Alam Shimul, 19, a student of Stamford University in Dhanmondi.

At least 15 people were injured when agitated students of the university went on a rampage protesting the accident. They vandalised around 20 vehicles on Satmasjid Road.

They fought pitched battles with the law enforcers, bringing traffic on the road to a halt for about three hours from 10:00am.

Incensed at the accident in Moghbazar, a mob torched two buses and damaged several others. It also put up barricades on Shahid Sangbadik Selina Parveen Sarak, halting traffic for over an hour from 3:20pm.

Witnesses said a bus bound for Dhupkhola hit and injured LLB first semester student Shimul when he was about to alight from a rickshaw in front of his campus near Anam Rang Plaza around 10:00am.

As a rumour spread about Shimul's death, students from three nearby campuses of Stanford University went on a rampage on the road.

When the law enforcers tried to resist them, the protestors pelted police with brickbats. The law enforcers retaliated by lobbing a few teargas canisters.

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Clockwise from top left, a bus set afire by locals angered by the killing of a woman in a road accident at the capital's Moghbazar yesterday. Shimul, a Stamford University student who was injured on being hit by a speeding bus, is admitted to Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital yesterday. Panic-hit people run for cover in Dhanmondi area as law enforcers lob teargas shells during a clash with students, who flew into a rage following the accident injuring Shimul.

PHOTO: STAR

# Rangamati calm

*Ban on gatherings lifted; peace procession today*

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**

All they want is peace in the town.

From administrative officials to owners of roadside tea stalls, everyone in Rangamati vows to keep communal harmony after a clash left 20 people injured on Saturday.

"The miscreants are few in number; they always try to create chaos for their vested interests," Shah Alam, a shop-keeper of Rangamati Government College area, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We want to live in peace alongside the indigenous people."

Rebati Chakma, a resident of Banarupa area of the town, said there are some people

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# Do or die for Tigers

**BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy**

Bangladesh will take on 2009 champions Pakistan in their last Group match of the ICC World Twenty20 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium today needing to win the match by an unlikely margin if they are to qualify for the Super Eights stage.

The match will start at 4pm Bangladesh Standard Time.

It would be a great achievement for Bangladesh cricket if Mushfiqur Rahim's

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