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With the Biman schedule chaos yet to be sorted out, Ekhlashur Rahman, a despondent migrant worker, anxiously waits at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday. His flight to Malaysia has been delayed by a week, which is enough cause for him to worry about his job there.

## Jobs at stake, for Biman

*Worried to death, 2 workers leave for KL a week after schedule; 1,000 hajj pilgrims also stuck*

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Ekhlashur Rahman and Nasir Hossain, two young migrant workers, yesterday left Dhaka with job worries as their departure was delayed by a week due to the flight disorder of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

They had first come to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on September 17 to catch a flight to Malaysia.

While the duo waited at the airport yesterday, about 1,000 hajj pilgrims were stranded in the city as three flights of National Air Services were delayed.

Ekhlashur, 27, and Nasir, 28, came to Bangladesh on a month's vacation after spending four years in Malacca City in Malaysia. They work in the same section of a textile company and share a room in that country.

The duo had told Biman officials that they must catch a flight that day so that they did not face any trouble at their workplace.

"But the officials were not convinced. They first rescheduled our flight to September 18 and then again to September 25 the following day," Ekhlashur told The Daily Star at the airport.

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## Blocking YouTube, Many Google services disrupted in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government's blocking of video streaming website YouTube is disrupting many popular Google services in Bangladesh.

Most Internet users in Bangladesh are unable to access Google services like Google+ (Google's social network), Google Maps, Google Drive (cloud storage of Google), Google News, Google sync and Google Play (application store of Google).

There have been reports that even Gmail, the free email service of Google, has also been disrupted.

YouTube, owned by Google, was blocked in Bangladesh on September

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## FRAUDS IN MALAYSIA Govt alerts job seekers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has warned job seekers willing to work overseas about frauds who try to wangle money and passports by promising jobs in Malaysia.

We request jobseekers not to give money and passports to anyone," Shamsun Nahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET), on Sunday told The Daily Star.

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## Most Razakar, Al-Badr men were from Jamaat

*Muntassir Mamoon tells war crimes tribunal*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most members of the Shanti Committee, the Razakars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams were from the Jamaat-e-Islami, said eminent historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon at International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

Prosecution witness Muntassir said this during cross-examination in the war crimes case against former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam, when a defence counsel suggested that the Razakar and

Al-Badr were not separate forces.

"It's new information because, according to my knowledge, though Razakar, Shanti Committee, Al-Badr and Al-Shams were counted separately, the lion's share of the members of these forces were Jamaat men," said Muntassir.

Defence counsel Mizanul Islam suggested that Muntassir had no idea about the total number of members of the Shanti Committee, Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams men and therefore his

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## GAZIPUR BY-POLLS

## Candidates happy with CEC warning

RASHIDUL HASAN from Kapasia, Gazipur

The election atmosphere in Kapasia has changed rapidly after the chief election commissioner threatened to take a tough stance against the violation of the electoral code of conduct during period of the by-polls at Gazipur-4.

Afsaruddin Ahmad, an independent candidate, and Bangladesher Communist Party-backed Asadullah Badal, yesterday

expressed satisfaction over the present situation. The two had been raising allegations against their archrival, Awami League-backed Simeen Hussain Rimi, of harassing, beating and threatening their supporters.

All these dramatic changes were possible following the visit of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad to Kapasia on Monday, Asadullah told The Daily Star.

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## Bilawal Bhutto loves Hina!

*Zeenews runs report of Bangladeshi tabloid*

ZEENews, New Delhi/Islamabad

Pakistan is abuzz with reports of a steamy love affair between Bilawal Bhutto and foreign minister Hina Rabbani Khar, a Bangladeshi tabloid claimed.

Bilawal is said to be in deep love with Hina, who is 11 years older than him. Both of them have planned to leave Pakistan and settle in Switzerland post their union, the report said.

As per The Blitz, President Asif Ali Zardari is vehemently opposed to Bilawal's keenness to enter into marital relations with Khar, who is already married and is mother of two children. Zardari fears that such a move by

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Hina

Bilawal



Nuts and bolts of the temporary expansion joints at Meghna-Gumti bridge are seen protruding in a photo taken on Sunday. The authority has to monitor the bridge round the clock and readjust them every time it is required.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## MEGHNA BRIDGES

## Temporary repair makes little impact

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

The temporary expansion joints fixed to the Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges earlier this month have made little impact to keep the bridges fit for traffic as the nuts and bolts at the joints are falling off frequently.

Steel plates used as expansion joints have also dislocated at some places.

Visiting the bridges on Sunday, this correspondent saw army personnel and workers of Infertech Bangladesh busy in readjusting the plates,

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## Ex-MP Jalal shot dead in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Unidentified gunmen shot dead former Awami League lawmaker Jalaluddin Talukder at his Durgapur residence here early yesterday.

Jalaluddin, 65, was the president of AL's Durgapur upazila unit and

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PRAYER TIMING September 26	
Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-35	5-10
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-15	4-30
Maghrib 6-00	6-05
Esha 7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation	

## Everybody wants peace

## Thousands take part in procession in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The pall of gloom over the hill district of Rangamati has begun to fade away following a peace procession of hundreds of Bangalee settlers and indigenous people yesterday. Organised by the district administration, the procession started from Rangamati municipality office and ended at the deputy commissioner's office.

Over a thousand residents of the district took part in the rally and vowed to uproot all sorts of troublemakers from the hilly region.

On Saturday morning, a clash over a trivial matter between indigenous community and Bangalee settlers left at least 20 people injured in Rangamati town. The

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### ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir that the extra-judicial killings are less during this government's tenure than that before?

Yes (17%)

No (80%)

No Comments (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 251

### TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government will continue its inquiry to find out the real culprits behind the cancellation of the World Bank fund for the Padma bridge project in spite of the WB's declaration to get reengaged in project?

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