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Vote for AL to keep dev going

PM urges Ctg people

ARUN BIKASH DEY, from Rangunia, Chittagong

Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged people of Chittagong to vote for her party in the next general election for continuation of the present pace of development.

She was addressing a public meeting organised by Rangunia upazila unit AL at Rangunia Pilot High School ground.

Thousands of people from across Chittagong thronged the venue.

The premier said the aim of her government is

Back home with heart broken

Female worker returns empty-handed from Lebanon after being cheated by manpower touts 15 months back

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

It was a double blow for Taslima Begum.

A housewife from Faridpur, she went to Lebanon with high hopes of building her children a better future.

Her decision to go abroad proved a costly one. Without much consideration, she gave all her savings and those of her day-labourer husband to some middlemen before flying to Lebanon in October 2011.

Now she returned to Bangladesh almost empty-handed.

During her stay in Lebanon, she went



Taslima Begum

through ordeals that shattered her hopes.

"I spent Tk 95,000 to go to Lebanon," Taslima said while talking to reporters at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Friday. "Besides, I had to pay extra to other brokers in Lebanon as they managed a job for me there."

The brokers had promised her a job that would pay £200 a month but she was offered a £125 job.

Other than this, she faced no problem during her first 37 days in Lebanon, which led her to believe her dreams would come

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MUNSHIGANJ MURDERS Cops clueless yet about 3 bodies

STAR REPORT

Three days have elapsed since the recovery of three bullet-hit bodies in Munshiganj, but the motives behind the murders still remain a mystery with police making no headway into the investigations.

Bodies of Md Ibrahim,

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6 died so far of Nipah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six of the eight people infected with Nipah virus this month have died so far, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) confirmed on Friday.

The dead are from Dhaka, Rajbari, Jhenidah, Naogaon, Natore and Gaibandha.

Yesterday, a man was in a critical condition at a private hospital in the capital.

On January 11, eight of his family drank raw date juice brought from Bhaluka, Mymensingh.

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POLLS-TIME GOVT Ershad would support 1/11-like govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said he would support if a 1/11 like government takes over on expiry of the present government's tenure.

Pointing to the standoff between Awami League and BNP over the polls-time government, he

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Enemies within

3 RMG factory staff join hands with criminals to loot Tk 1.8cr in guise of Rab team

KAILASH SARKAR

Unhappy with poor wages, three employees of a garment factory in collaboration with a gang of robbers had looted their colleagues' monthly salary in pursuit of fast money.

They decided to help the robbers on condition that they must be given 30 per cent share of the loot.

All they needed to do was to inform the robbers of the times and places of mone-

tary transactions of different factories, including that of their own factory Z-3 Composite Knitwear Ltd that is located at Jamgorah in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital.

This story came to light yesterday after the Detective Branch (DB) of Police had arrested eight members of the gang, including the three garment workers, in a series of drives between January 24 and early yesterday.

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Baby Zaman passes away



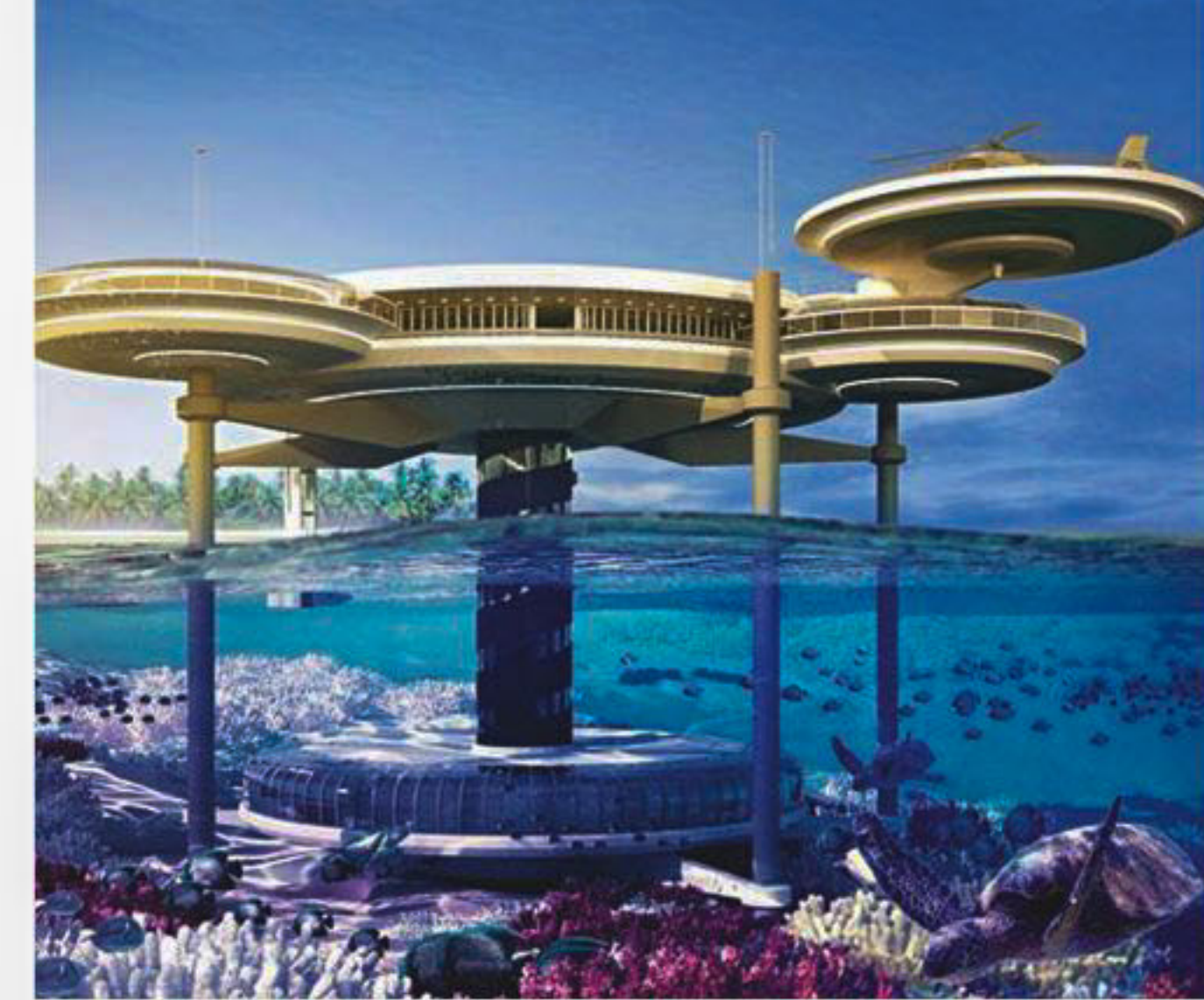
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Film actor Baby Zaman is no more.

The veteran artist had been suffering from complications related to kidney and liver for several years.

He was taken to Intensive Care Unit of Bangladesh Medical Hospital in the capital on January 4 as his condition deteriorated, his son Saiduzzaman Rozen told The Daily Star last night.

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Typical Dubai

Largest underwater hotel planned

THE INDEPENDENT ONLINE

Dubai is no stranger to breaking records. First, they built the world's largest mall, then they built the world's tallest

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Emotions run high in contest

MOYUKH MAHTAB

It was hard work pacifying a little kid from Sristy Central School, who could not stop crying when he realised he got the spelling wrong and was not moving



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Egypt rattled

Clashes over football verdicts kill 26; uprising anniversary sees nine others die

AFP, Port Said

Twenty-six people were killed in Port Said yesterday after 21 Egyptian football fans and club members were sentenced to death over a deadly post-match riot last year in the canal city.

The clashes erupted after a Cairo court handed down the death

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Two held for attempted rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths were arrested in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan on Friday night for attempting to rape a female garment worker.

The arrestees -- Imran Hossain, 24, and Anik

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with the main opposition BNP that the ruling Awami League is "patronising state terrorism" using the police force?

Yes (81%)

No (16%)

No Comments (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 540

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with GonoForum President Dr Kamal Hossain that the political standoff over the caretaker government issue can be resolved in 30 minutes if political parties are sincerely willing?

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Azan Jamaat

Fajr 5:35 6:10

Zohr 12:45 1:15

Asr 4:15 4:30

Maghrib 5:46 5:50

Esha 7:15 7:45

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