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SHAHJALAL AIRPORT Taxiway to get fixed now

Work to take 21 months; operation to go on as usual

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aimed to improve the standards of Shahjalal International Airport, the much-awaited works to revamp its taxiway with Danish funds are going to start today.

The taxiway, which has long been in a state of disrepair, will now be wider. It will be a high-speed taxiway ensuring smooth and safe movement of aircraft between the runway, boarding bridge and parking area.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to initiate the works at 11:00am today.

Engineers of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) said the works will be completed in 21 months without hampering the normal operation of the airport.

Caab officials said once the renovation of the runway and taxiway is complete, the airport will meet the safety requirements set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

The taxiway and its lighting will be renovated at a cost

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Home Minister MK Alamgir and his Indian counterpart Sushilkumar Shinde exchange documents after signing agreements on extradition and revised travel arrangements in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

2 sentenced to death for blasts in Shariatpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

A Shariatpur court yesterday sentenced two activists of the banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh to death for their involvement in the 2005 series bomb blasts in the district.

As part of its country-wide terror campaign, the JMB on August 17 that year simultaneously blasted several bombs at the office of Shariatpur deputy commissioner, court premises, in front of Dak Bungalow and in Palong Bazar area of the district.

That day, the Islamist outfit exploded bombs in 63 districts out of 64.

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Bring back caretaker govt system by March

18-party issues ultimatum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18 party alliance last night gave the government until March to reinstate the caretaker government system. They warned of a tougher agitation if the demand is not

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AL-BADR IN MYMENSINGH

Kamaruzzaman was kingpin

War crimes tribunal told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Under the leadership of Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, the Islami Chhatra Sangha of Mymensingh in its entirety was incorporated into the collaborator force Al-Badr within just a month during the Liberation War, read a prosecution exhibit.

All the activists of Mymensingh Chhatra Sangha, then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, were also given weapons training.

Quoting a report of Bangla daily Sangram's issue of August 16, 1971, a book, the exhibit, says, Kamaruzzaman as the then "Chief of the Mymensingh district Islami Chhatra Sangha" presided over the programme organised by Al-Badr force at Mymensingh to mark the 25th Pakistan Independence Day.

Amena Khatun, a documentation officer of the Liberation War Museum, yesterday testified before the International Crimes Tribunal-2

as the second seizure-list witness in the war crimes case against the Jamaat-e-Islami assistant secretary general.

Amena, also the 17th prosecution witness, said Monowara Begum, a member of the investigation agency designated to probe war crimes cases, seized the book from the Liberation War Museum on March 3, 2011.

Amena yesterday mentioned the relevant parts of the book titled

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Violence in Egypt despite emergency

AP, Cairo

Riot police fired tear gas at rock-throwing protesters in central Cairo yesterday, a day after Egypt's president declared a state of emergency in three provinces hit hardest by political violence and vowed to deal "firmly and forcefully" with the unrest roiling the country.

The eruption of violence, which began around Friday's second anniversary of the uprising that toppled longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak, has plunged Egypt once

again into political turmoil and exposed the deep fault lines running through the country. More than 50 people have been killed in the unrest, which is fuelled by anger over the policies of the country's new Islamist leader and the slow pace of change.

President Mohammed Morsi, who has struggled to address the country's daunting social and economic problems since taking power in June, declared in a televised speech late Sunday a 30-day state of

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Chittagong's favourite son Tamim Iqbal delights the crowd at the MA Aziz Stadium in the port city, but as a Duronto Rajshahi batsman, during his 47-ball 66 in the BPL match against Barisal Burners yesterday. Story on page 16.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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India tests first under-sea nuke missile

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday successfully test-fired its first under-sea nuclear-capable ballistic missile off the coast of Bay of Bengal in southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

The 10-metre-high Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM), which can carry a one-tonne nuclear warhead, was test-fired successfully from an under-the-sea pontoon.

The missile rose to an altitude of 20 km and reached its full range of 700 km before splashing down in the waters, V K Saraswat of Defence

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14-year-old wonder chef

MAIL ONLINE

At the age of 14 you may expect burger and chips or pizza to be on the menu, but a teenage chef has wowed the food world so much with his experimental fine dining that he has been taken on by a

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Jubo League leader shot dead in Meherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Criminals shot dead a ward councillor of Meherpur municipality last night.

The deceased, Abdullah Al Mamun Bipul was the

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Audience growing bigger by the day

MOYUKH MAHTAB

The audience, which was cheering the participants on, just kept growing as more and more students came to witness the final rounds of the Spelling Bee in London Grace School yesterday. At

the other two schools in Dhaka visited by Champs21, the event was equally exciting.

In London Grace, the youngest participants seemed to be the best. The qualifiers were Sadat Mohiuddin (Class 7), Waahi Mostafa (Class 6) and Mariam Ahmed (Class 8).

From The British School, the qualifiers were Dewan Md Ranvir (Class 7), Afrida Hussain (Class 9) and Anadil Maisha (Class 8). From The City School International, Saif Rahman (Class 8), Adila Antara Ali (Class 6) and Kazi Sajid Kabir (Class 10) moved on to the divisional rounds.

In Chittagong, three schools were visited yesterday. From Nasirabad Govt High School (boys), Sheikh Abdullah, Sukanta Mazumder and Ommker Dutta Jay -- all students of Class 10 -- qualified.

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PRAYER TIMING January 29

Azan	5-35	6-10
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

Source: Islamic Foundation

The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the main opposition BNP to boycott the New Year session of the Jatiya Sangsad?

Yes (64%)
No (33%)
No Comments (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 338

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with President Zillur Rahman that the main opposition BNP had failed to discharge its constitutional and democratic obligation by refraining from regularly participating in parliament over the last four years?

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