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## CTG-Cox's BAZAR HIGHWAY 18 killed in bus crash

ARUN BIKASH DEY, back from Chakaria, Cox's Bazar

At least 18 people were killed and 25 others injured as a bus fell on the bank of the river Matamuhuri from a bridge on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway in Chakaria upazila early yesterday.

The bus was carrying around 46 passengers, who after attending an urs [religious congregation] at Maizbhandar shrine in Fatikchhari, Chittagong decided to have a picnic on the beach in Cox's Bazar.

The passengers were all from Noagaon and Harinala areas of Gazipur municipality and were in Chittagong to attend the congregation, said Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ruhul Amin.

Sixteen of the passengers died on the spot while two succumbed to their injuries in Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) and Chakaria upazila health complex, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Jainal Abdin of Chakaria, adding that a total of 12 males and six females died in the accident.

Of the deceased, three had been identified as Abul Kashem, Abdur Rashid, 50, and Rajib, 26, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Khaleduzzaman of Cox's Bazar (Sadar circle).

Our Gazipur correspondent reports: Five family members of Lal Miah of Noagaon also died in the accident. They are: Lal Miah's wives Joynab Begum, 65, and Mofiza Akhter, 45, his daughter Sheuli Akhter, 14, brother Abdur Rashid, 50 and brother-in-law Abdul Jalil, 55.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

A crowd looks on as the wreckage of a bus, which plunged from a bridge at Chakaria upazila in Cox's Bazar, is being towed away. The crash left 18 dead.

## JS body for new law on contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on law ministry yesterday recommended that the House pass the bill to enact a new law on contempt of court with provisions for protection of government officials from the charge while on official duty.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed on June 14, 2011

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## Kamaruzzaman was held in '71 as Al-Badr

*Says investigator testifying about genocide in Sherpur*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An investigator yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman was listed as an arrested Al-Badr collaborator after independence in 1971.

Abdur Razzaque Khan, investigation officer of the case against the war crimes accused Jamaat assistant

secretary general, said he had information that with the help of the Pakistani army, Kamaruzzaman led Razakars into the killing of at least 187 people in Sohagpur of Sherpur in 1971.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam,

completed recording testimony of Razzaque before adjourning the proceeding until today.

The defence would cross-examine the investigation officer in the case against Kamaruzzaman today.

As many as 18 prosecution witnesses including Razzaque have testified in the case, while the

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## Robbers loot Tk 83 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals snatched a trunk containing over Tk 83 lakh in cash from the staff of a security company at Green Road-Panthapath intersection in the capital in the wee hours yesterday.

Around 12 robbers attacked the employees of Ornate Logistics, a cash carrying company, when they were coming out of an ATM booth after loading the ATM with money.

The robbers around 1:40am arrived on a microbus and snatched a trunk from them containing Tk 83,04,500 before fleeing the scene.

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## SAGAR-RUNI KILLING Journalists' 24-hr strike on March 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists across the country will abstain from work on March 11 for 24 hours to realise their three-point demand including immediate arrest and trial of the killers of all journalists including Sagar and Runi.

On that day, the work abstention will start at

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## Jewellery shop 'looted' in Mymensingh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified gang has looted a jewellery shop at Ganginarpar in Mymensingh town, police and locals say.

A group of around five stormed Alim Jewellers at Imperial Super Market around 8:00pm yesterday.

Before looting gold ornaments, the criminals exploded some 10 cock-tails, said Shaheen,

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**Dhaka Gladiators' Mohammad Ashrafal spreads his arms on reaching his maiden T20 century in the BPL match against Khulna Royal Bengals at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Story on page 16.**

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Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-57	6-01
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



## Supervolcano in 200m years time

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

At least two "piles" of rock the size of continents are crashing together as they shift at the bottom of Earth's mantle, 1,800 miles beneath the Pacific Ocean.

In doing so they are creating a well of partially molten rock the

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The Daily Star

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you think the arrest of Enamul would help investigators uncover the mystery behind journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder?

Yes (19%)  
No (78%)  
No Comments (3%)  
TOTAL VOTES: 386

**TODAY'S POLL**  
Do you agree with Bangladesh Mahila Parishad's demand that the government should ensure one-third of the parliamentary seats for women through direct elections?

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