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7 children hurt in bomb explosion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Seven children, including two girls, were injured as an abandoned homemade crude bomb went off at Namo Neemgachhi of Chapainawabganj municipal area yesterday.

The Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-charge Bazlur Rashid said some children were playing football near a mosque in the area around 10:30am. They found the crude bomb in a nearby paddy field, as they went looking for the ball. They brought the bomb back out of curiosity and to show it to the others. It had exploded at that point and injured five boys and two girls.

Abdul Alim, 6, Mohammad Hasan, 7, two nine year old girls Rabeya Khatun and Misty, and

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Daughter of Language Movement veteran Abul Hossain cooks using natural gas at her home in Rajshahi. Her home is the first to receive natural gas supply in the city. Inset, inauguration of the city's gas line being held in Seroil yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



Wal-Mart faces more criticism

THE FINANCIAL TIMES

Wal-Mart faced renewed criticism over factory safety in Bangladesh and alleged corruption in Mexico at its shareholder meeting on Friday as it said it would buy back another \$ 15 billion of its own shares.

Investor representatives demanded better governance, citing Wal-Mart's unwillingness to join a sector accord on factory safety and unresolved Mexican bribery allegations, but their reform proposals did not win enough votes to succeed.

The meeting is also a rally-cum-concert for Wal-Mart employees and was hosted by actor Hugh Jackman. Tom Cruise appeared too, repeating Wal-Mart's messages on

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Girl raped after kidnap

Forcefully converted to Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet to arrest the five people accused of kidnapping, raping and forcefully converting a 13-year-old girl to Islam in Tongi, even though two months have gone by since the abduction.

Following a phone call the girl was able to make to her mother whilst in

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Rajshahi homes get gas supply

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited (PGCL) started providing gas connections to consumers in the city yesterday, bringing to an end the wait of almost two decades by the locals.

Petrobangla Chairman Hossain Mansur formally opened the gas connection by lighting a burner before the house of language movement veteran Abul Hossain in the city's Seroil area at

11:00am.

On the first day, the authorities connected 33 consumers, including government offices, to the gas network.

"This gas will reach to all households in Rajshahi on a first-come, first-served basis," said Mansur.

He hoped the gas connection would enrich the lifestyle of local people.

The Petrobangla chief offered apology for the delayed supply of gas in the

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Net users under watch

US tapping Facebook, Google, other internet firms

THE WASHINGTON POST

The National Security Agency and the FBI are tapping directly into the central servers of nine leading US Internet companies, extracting audio and video chats, photographs, e-mails, documents, and connection logs that enable analysts to track foreign targets, according to a top-secret document obtained by The Washington Post.

The programme, code-named PRISM, has not been made public until now.

facebook Google

The NSA prides itself on stealing secrets and breaking codes, and it is accustomed to corporate partnerships that help it divert data traffic or side-step barriers. But there has never been a Google or Facebook before, and it is unlikely that there are richer troves of valuable intelligence than the ones in Silicon Valley.

Equally unusual is the way the NSA

extracts what it wants, according to the document: "Collection directly from the servers of these US Service Providers: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple."

PRISM was launched from the ashes of President George W. Bush's secret programme of warrantless domestic surveillance in 2007, after news media disclosures, lawsuits and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court forced the president to look for new authority.

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A bus goes over the central reservation in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday after it was rear-ended by another bus.

PHOTO: STAR

TARIQUE'S ARREST WARRANT

London asked to take steps on court order

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh High Commission in London has requested the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office to take measures regarding the outstanding warrant of arrest against BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman.

A Dhaka court on May 26 issued an arrest warrant for Tarique, elder son of BNP chief Khaleda Zia, in connection with a money laundering case after the Anti-Corruption Commission had sought permission to bring him back with the help of Interpol.

Talking to The Daily Star, Minister (press) Rashed Chowdhury said the Bangladesh High Commission had officially informed the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on May 31 that Tarique was a fugitive and requested taking

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

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