Weavers bring the jamdani

saris they make to the

Narayanganj every

Rupganj BSCIC ground in

Thursday to sell to traders.

Each of the two or three

Tk 3,000 and Tk 60,000.

saris a weaver makes in a

week is auctioned between

Their product may be pricy

and in high demand ahead

Tk 2,000 a week in wages.

Weavers say high prices of

traders affect their earnings.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

of Eid but they only get

yarn and a syndicate of



TRAIN FLIES OFF TRACK

80 killed in Spain

AFP, Santiago de Compostela

Tarique plans

BNP Senior Vice-Chairman

Wednesday revealed the

"future BNP-led govern-

ment's" five-year plan for

traffic, ICT, and industries,

Addressing an iftar party

at a hotel in London, he also

and activists to prepare for a

caretaker government system,

Party insiders considered

including garment, and

called upon party leaders

movement to restore the

instead of readying them-

selves for the next election.

the future plans to be the

outlines of BNP's election

manifesto revealed by the

person most likely to lead

the party after his mother

BNP Chairperson Khaleda

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education, agriculture,

Tarique Rahman on

STAR REPORT

tourism.

Zia.

A train flew off the tracks as it reportedly tore at twice the speed limit around a bend in northwestern Spain, killing at least 80 passengers and injuring more than 140 in the nation's deadliest rail disaster since 1944.

Carriages piled into each other and overturned in Wednesday's crash, smoke billowing from the wreckage of mangled steel and smashed windows as bodies were laid out under blankets along the tracks.

State railway company Renfe said it was too early to determine the cause but several media outlets said the train carrying 218 passengers and four crew was speeding.

It came off the tracks on a curve at 8:42 pm (1842 GMT) on Wednesday as it was about to enter Santiago de Compostela station in the northwestern region of Galicia.

One of the drivers who became trapped in the cab after the accident told railway officials by radio shortly after the crash that the train had taken the bend at 190 kilometres (118 miles) an hour, unidentified investigation sources told El Pais newspaper.

The speed limit on that section of track is 80 kilometres an hour.

"I hope no one died because it will weigh on my conscience," he said, according to the paper's online edition.

The eight carriages derailed on a stretch of high-speed track about four kilometres from the station in the city, the destination of the famous El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage which has been followed by Christians since the Middle Ages.

The train was the Alvia model which is able to adapt between highspeed and normal tracks.

It had left Madrid and was heading for the coastal shipbuilding town of

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS for future govt

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Find the surviving

Poster campaign launched in Germany

HUFFINGTON POST, UK

A poster campaign urging the public to help track down the last surviving Nazi war criminals has been launched in Germany.

The Operation Last Chance II project

is offering cash rewards for information which leads to prosecutions.

The posters, of which 2,000 have been put up in Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne, say: "Late, but not too late.

"Millions of innocents were murdered SEE PAGE 2 COL 2



MIR QUASEM ALI Initial submission made

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday prayed for framing charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali for his alleged crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

> Reading out 14 war SEE PAGE 17 COL 4



AZHARUL IN WAR CRIMES DOCK 6 charges accepted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

· The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday accepted six war crimes charges pressed by the prosecution against Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General ATM Azharul · Islam.

Hearing on charge framing would begin on August 18, said Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, chairman of the tribunal, after · taking the charges into cognisance.

The three-member tribunal also directed the prosecution to provide the defence with the formal charges, documents, ' witnesses' list and names without mentioning full particu-Azharul, 61, was a student of Rangpur Carmichael

College and president of Rangpur district unit Islami · Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat during the · Liberation War in 1971, according to the prosecution. The tribunal on July 18 fixed July 24 to decide about charge-sheet acceptance after the prosecution had pressed six charges against Azharul. The charges included mass

The tribunal however adjourned the proceeding until July 25 as it was occupied with other cases.

According to the probe report, Azharul was allegedly involved in a massacre in Rangpur where

: murder, rape, torture and looting committed during the



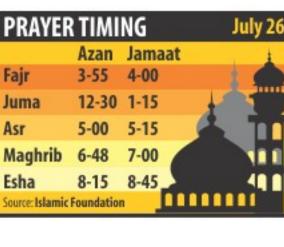
ONLINE POLL Do you think there is any necessity for the government to form a separate police wing to

assist deputy commissioners in conducting mobile courts?

TOTAL VOTES: 148 TODAY'S POLL Do you think that the LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam has

the authority to say whether or not to deploy army for holding the next general elections? PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT

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