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# TRAIN FLIES OFF TRACK

## 80 killed in Spain

AFP, Santiago de Compostela

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 high-speed and normal tracks.

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

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Weavers bring the jamdani saris they make to the Rugganj BSCIC ground in Narayanganj every Thursday to sell to traders. Each of the two or three saris a weaver makes in a week is auctioned between Tk 3,000 and Tk 60,000. Their product may be priced in high demand ahead of Eid but they only get Tk 2,000 a week in wages. Weavers say high prices of yarn and a syndicate of traders affect their earnings.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Tarique plans for future govt

STAR REPORT

BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman on Wednesday revealed the "future BNP-led government's" five-year plan for education, agriculture, traffic, ICT, and industries, including garment, and tourism.

Addressing an iftar party at a hotel in London, he also called upon party leaders and activists to prepare for a movement to restore the caretaker government system, instead of readying themselves for the next election.

Party insiders considered 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 Zia.

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## NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

# 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"

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## 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

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**SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS**

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
16	26		6-48
17	27	3-58	6-48
18	28	3-58	6-48

## 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 particulars.

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 murder, rape, torture and looting committed during the war.

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

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The Daily Star

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**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?

Yes (68%)

No (32%)

TOTAL VOTES: 148

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think that the LGRD Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam has the authority to say whether or not to deploy army for holding the next general elections?

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**PRAYER TIMING July 26**

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	3:55	4:00
Juma	12:30	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:48	7:00
Esha	8:15	8:45

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