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WAR CRIMES

Concern over execution of verdicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes trial campaigners yesterday expressed concern that the execution of death penalties awarded to war criminals by the international crimes tribunals might not happen during the tenure of this government.

They said legal complexities, provision for presidential pardon and time running out for the current administration were the reasons why it might not happen soon.

Addressing a discussion on "Immediate implementation of the verdicts of tribunals and what are the impediments in trying mass killers-Jamaat" at the capital's WVA auditorium, they said the 90-year imprisonment for war crimes mastermind Ghulam Azam was too little a punishment.

They asked the state to appeal before the Appellate Division for his capital punishment.

The discussion was held in memory of five people who sacrificed their lives on July 26, 1994, to resist a public meeting of former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam in Chittagong.

Shahriar Kabir, acting president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, a platform formed in 1992 by Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam to raise voice for the trial of

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This photo, taken around 11:00am yesterday, shows heavily congested New Market area with city dwellers out Eid shopping in the weekend.

PHOTO: STAR

OPINION POLL

Most Indian voters trust Bangladesh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh ranks the highest among the countries Indian voters trust while Pakistan ranks the lowest, according to an opinion poll jointly conducted by CNN-IBN TV channel and The Hindu newspaper. Asked which countries should India either trust a 'great deal' or 'somewhat', 48 percent chose

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Morsi now detained on murder suspicion

Authorities suspect his link with Palestinians in murdering cops, staging prison breaks

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's authorities yesterday formally detained Mohamed Morsi on suspicion of collaborating with Palestinian militants in murdering policemen and staging prison breaks, as tens of thousands of the deposed president's supporters and opponents staged rival rallies.

Morsi's detention, under a court order, for a renewable 15 days further ramped up tension as those applauding the decision



and those angrily demanding the Islamist leader's reinstatement flooded various parts of Cairo.

The Arab world's most populous country has been convulsed by violence for the past three weeks, with some 200 people killed since Morsi's ouster by the army on July 3, many in clashes between his Islamist supporters and his opponents.

Clashes broke out in Cairo's Shubra neighbourhood in the early afternoon,

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Banks' IT experts helped fraudsters

Arrestee on remand tells police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arrested debit and credit card forgery gang members told detectives that information technology experts of different banks helped them in the crime.

One of the arrestees, Md Selim, the ring-leader, himself set up around 900 ATM booths of different banks while working as an IT expert at Amra Technologies and other IT firms. With the help of other IT experts of different banks, he stole customers' information, said Mashiur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Detectives on Tuesday night arrested four members of the group. They are Selim, 42,

Arif Hossain Khan, 38, manager of Advanced Data Network, Manzurul Haque, 30, and Asadul Islam, 30. Manzurul and Asadul are IT experts of Mutual Trust Bank.

A Dhaka Court placed them on a three-day remand on Wednesday.

Mashiur said Selim, who received a state award in 2001 as an emerging scientist, took up card forgery as his profession after he was terminated from his job.

Most ATM booths are equipped with modern machines. But Brac Bank still has some old machines at some booths from where the fraudsters can easily steal information using false interfaces, said Mashiur, quoting the arrestees.

Tall women 'face higher cancer risk'

AFP, Washington

Taller women may face a higher risk of many cancers than their shorter counterparts, revealed a US study.

Researchers looked at a sample of nearly 145,000 postmenopausal women aged 50 to 79 for the analysis published on Thursday in the US journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

They found that each additional 10 centimeters (four inches) of height was

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A sudden rush of water intrudes into Uttar Nizampur village of Patuakhali on Wednesday. Salty water has submerged at least 10 villages due to breaches in an embankment. Inset, people marooned by the flash flood waded through water to move their belongings to dry land.

PHOTO: STAR

SNOWDEN

US won't seek death penalty

AFP, Washington

The United States will not seek the death penalty for fugitive intelligence leaker Edward Snowden, according to a letter from Attorney General Eric Holder obtained by AFP yesterday.

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ONLINE POLL

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

Yes (06%)
No (94%)

TOTAL VOTES: 207

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TODAY'S POLL
Do you think that Bangladesh's latest diplomatic efforts will expedite Teesta water sharing agreement with India?

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ACTION PLAN ON WORKER RIGHTS, SAFETY

Dhaka, Washington agree to launch talks

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Washington have agreed to initiate discussions on an action plan for worker rights and safety in Bangladesh, nearly three months after the Rana Plaza collapse claimed 1,132 lives.

An agreement to this effect was reached following a meeting in

Washington on July 25 between United States Trade Representative (USTR) Michael Froman and Bangladesh Ambassador to the US Akramul Qader, according to a press statement of USTR office.

"No workers should have to sacrifice their safety or their basic rights in order to secure a livelihood for themselves and their families," said Froman

after the meeting.

"We look forward to renewed and sustained engagement with the Government of Bangladesh and other stakeholders to strengthen worker rights and safety through implementation of the Action Plan and through our coordinated efforts with the European Union and the International

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
17	27		6-48
18	28	3-58	6-47
19	29	3-59	6-47

PRAYER TIMING July 27

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	3-58	4-03
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-48	7-00
Esha	8-15	8-45

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