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UPROAR IN SHERPUR

Another death in cop custody

Body taken to Matia's rally for justice

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

A man was allegedly tortured to death in police custody at Nalitabari in Sherpur, prompting locals to protest with his body at a programme of Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday.

The victim, Azhar Uddin, 55, a resident of Sanyasivita in Nalitabari upazila, was reportedly given electric shocks at Nalitabari Police Station where he was kept.

His wife Saleha Begum alleged that policemen tortured her husband to death and demanded trial of those responsible.

Incensed, relatives and locals paraded the main roads of the municipality in a procession carrying Azhar's body and demanding justice.

At one stage, they entered the upazila parishad premises where Matia Chowdhury was distributing Vulnerable Group Feeding rice and relief. They sought justice from her.

Matia assured them of a probe and trial of the culprits.

Police claimed that Azhar was arrested on Wednesday in

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EARLY EID FOR SOME

People walk to a train about to leave the capital from Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday. City dwellers have started pouring out of Dhaka to enjoy the festivity several days ahead of the Eid.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



iPhone gets new rival

STAR REPORT

Following leaks of information, photos and intense web activity on rumours regarding the Moto X, Motorola on Thursday finally unveiled the smartphone which some touted as the iPhone killer.

The phone does not pack the processing power its rivals do but it goes around the issue with neat software tricks. It comes with almost bare Android, like Google intended.

Motorola has added a dedicated voice-processing core to the Moto X chipset, so it can do always-on voice commands without

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PRAYER TIMING August 3

Fajr	Azan Jamaat
4-02	4-05
Zohr	12-45
1-15	5-00
5-15	Asr
6-44	6-54
Maghrib	Esha
8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Stand by Grameen

Nobel hero Yunus urges all at a reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday reiterated his call on people to stand by Grameen Bank until the microcredit organisation overcomes its current nightmare.

"People will have to side with Grameen Bank so that no individual or party could destroy it out of vengeance," he said.

He was speaking at a public reception accorded to him at the auditorium of

Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

Over 40 non-political, social and cultural organisations honoured the founder of Grameen Bank for winning the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award of the United States, in recognition of his efforts towards combating global poverty in April this year.

The comments from Yunus came at a time when Grameen Bank has been fighting

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Eid vacation plan in chaos

Quader calls for hartal withdrawal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many people who had been planning to leave the capital for home during the Eid-ul-Fitr now feel unsure if they should go ahead with the plan, as a 48-hour countrywide hartal by Jamaat will begin immediately after the three-day vacation.

The vacation might end on August 11.

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ONLINE SPYING ON PEOPLE

NSA pays £100m for access in UK

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

The US government has paid at least £100m to the UK spy agency (Government Communications Headquarters) GCHQ over the last three years to secure access to and influence over Britain's intelligence gathering programmes.

The top secret payments are set out in documents which make clear that the Americans expect a return on the investment, and that GCHQ has to work hard to meet their demands. "GCHQ must pull its weight and be seen to pull its weight," a GCHQ strategy briefing said.

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The last kings of Africa

MAIL ONLINE

With their brightly coloured robes, ornate thrones and legions of flunkies attending every whim, they seem

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Ex-envoy to UAE jailed for graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has sentenced ATM Nazimullah Chowdhury, former Bangladesh ambassador to the UAE, to three years' imprisonment for embezzling state funds while in office.

It also ordered the former diplomat to surrender before the lower court in two weeks in connection with the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission during the last caretaker government.

The HC delivered the

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সোনালী ব্যাংক থেকে ঋণ গ্রহণে আগ্রহীদের জন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দেশের সর্ববৃহৎ বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর দেশব্যাপী বিস্তৃত ১২০০ শাখা আপনাদের দীর্ঘদিন যাবত সেবা দিয়ে আসছে এবং পূর্বের মত বর্তমানেও দ্রুত সেবা দিতে সঙ্গী প্রস্তুত।

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ONLINE POLL

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Yes (20%)

No (80%)

TOTAL VOTES: 289

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Sajeeb Wazed Joy that the Awami League is still in the leading position at national level despite AL-backed candidates' defeat in the five city corporation elections?

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	Aug	Sehri	Iftar
24	3		6-44
25	4	4-02	6-43
26	5	4-03	6-42

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