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BAN FOR LEGAL DRONE

UN chief Ban Ki-moon in Pakistan insists drone use must follow int'l law

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7 charged with fixing in BPL

2 others accused of failing to report corruption

BISHWAJIT ROY

On a cloudy day at a posh city hotel, a little light was shed on one of the darkest chapters of the country's sporting history yesterday. David Richardson, the ICC CEO, announced that nine individuals, including three foreigners, had been charged with corruption in the second edition of the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL).

But Richardson, who said seven had been charged for their alleged involvement in match-fixing or spot-fixing and two others charged for failing to report against corrupt approaches, refrained from mentioning any name, including crest-fallen former

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BPL SCANDAL

ACSU finds 9 including 3 foreigners involved

Accused given 14 days to plead guilty or defend

Retired SC judge to head 3-member tribunal

POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT

For fixing: 5yrs to lifetime ban

For failing to report: 1-year to 5-year ban

ACCUSED BANGLADESHIS
 Mohammad Ashraf
 Mohammad Rafique
 Mosharraf Hossain
 Mahbubul Alam
 Selim Chowdhury
 Shihab Chowdhury



Sand traders have encroached upon the river Shitalakkhya in Narayanganj and piled up sand in the filled-up portion. The photo was taken at Kanchpur bridge yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

31 held in Barguna sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Barguna court yesterday sent to jail the 31 alleged militants of Ansarullah Bangla Team, also known as Ansarullah Bahini, who were arrested on Monday.

Police sought 10 days' remand for the group of suspects, but the court of senior judicial magistrate fixed August 21 for remand hearing.

A team of police led by Additional Superintendent (ASP) Jahangir Alam had arrested the alleged militants, including Ansarullah Bahini's spiritual leader Mufi Jasimuddin Rahmani, 43, at a house in South Khajurtala of

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ANSARULLA BANGLA TEAM

Preaching militancy, building network

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Suspected militant leader Muhammad Jasimuddin Rahmani, inspired by Anwar al-Awlaki, "spiritual leader" of al-Qaeda in the Arabian peninsula, has been building radical Islamist network in the country at least for the last five years, investigators say.

The investigators, who have been following his speeches and activities since 2007-08, found that Jasimuddin was not a follower of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Rather, he preferred to follow Awlaki, a US-born Yemeni who was killed in Yemen



Jasimuddin Rahmani

in an American drone attack on September 30, 2011.

Though Jasimuddin, 43, who studied in madrasas at home and abroad, was preaching radicalism to his disciples, he was yet to form any organisation, investigators said.

But he and his followers used to share their views on a website named "Ansarulla Bangla Team". Investigators consider them as members of Ansarulla group. They found that the hosting server of this website was in Pakistan.

A source said the investigators do not have a clear picture of the total strength of

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Progressive force its prime target

TAMANNA KHAN and SUBIR DAS

It is through its websites, blogs and publications that the militant group Ansarullah Bangla Team instigated the killing of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider on February 15. But more chillingly, the group, popularly known as Ansarullah Bahini, uses the internet to promote making bombs with easily available local materials.

One posting titled, "Make a bomb in your mother's kitchen", on the Ansarullah Bangla Team website lists bomb-making ingredients and details how to make one within a day to kill at least 10 people.

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Shutdown makes people suffer for lack of transport

Jamaat curtails hartal in the evening, retracts at night; man killed as jeep crashes after being chased by pickets; hartal ends at 6am tomorrow

STAR REPORT

Panic-stricken Eid holidaymakers had to endure sufferings on their return to the capital due to the Jamaat-e-Islami's 48-hour shutdown that began yesterday morning.

The Jamaat, a key component of the BNP-led 18-party alliance, called the hartal on August 1, protesting the High-Court's verdict that cancelled the party's registration

with the Election Commission. The hartal will end at 6:00am tomorrow.

There had been confusion over the curtailment of hartal hours following two contradictory statements by Jamaat.

In a press release sent at 7:10pm yesterday, Jamaat said the shutdown would end at 6:00pm today, instead of 6:00am tomorrow.

When contacted, Jamaat central leader

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FELANI MURDER BSF man faces trial

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Trial of an Indian Border Security Force (BSF) trooper began yesterday in connection with the killing of a Bangladeshi teenage girl along the border in 2011.

The paramilitary force had set up a special court in Cooch Behar town of West Bengal to try the accused guard, Amiya Ghosh, said BD Sharma, a spokesman for BSF.

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POLLS-TIME GOVT AL won't take talks initiative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League will welcome an initiative from friendly countries, including the US, towards facilitating a dialogue between the AL and the BNP over a polls-time government.

However, the AL has no immediate plans to initiate a dialogue with the BNP over the issue of such a government, a major source of contention between the two political

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Vehicles operate on the Gabtoli-Babubazar link road, which has long been damaged, muddy and potholed. Its condition gets worse even after a light rain. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

EC halts elections to 3 municipalities

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

In a bizarre move, the Election Commission yesterday postponed the September 8 polls to three municipalities as desired by the LGRD ministry.

The EC on July 31 had announced the schedule for holding polls to Sreepur Municipality of Gazipur, Dupchanchia of Bogra and Nawhata of Rajshahi.

But in the meantime, the local government and rural development (LGRD) ministry requested the EC to postpone the polls to enable it to redraw the boundaries of the

municipalities, said an EC notification.

Yesterday was the last day for filing of nomination papers for the polls.

A senior official at the EC secretariat said he could not recollect any such recent incident of the postponement of scheduled municipality polls in line with a request by the LGRD ministry.

The EC had declared the polls schedule after confirming that there were no complications in the holding of the municipality polls, he added.

Former election commissioner

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Rony denied bail again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Awami League lawmaker Golam Maula Rony's bail in connection with an attempted murder case has been denied again.

The case was filed against the Patuakhali-3 lawmaker on July 20 hours after he beat up Independent TV reporter

Imtiaz Momin and cameraperson Mohsin Mukul at his Topkhana Road office in the capital.

Judge (in-charge) Md Akhtaruzzaman of the Metropolitan Sessions

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Cancel Hall-Mark chairman's bail

ACC appeals to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday appealed to the High Court to cancel a lower court order that had granted bail to Hall-Mark Group Chairman Jasmine Islam in a loan scam case.

On August 4, a Dhaka court granted her bail in all the 11 cases filed by the ACC after she pledged to pay back in monthly instalments Tk 2,600 crore, which her company had swindled out of Sonali Bank.

The commission filed a petition for the cancellation in one of the 11 cases, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.



Jasmine Islam

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Adilur Rahman Khan Odhikar secy sent to jail

STAR REPORT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan to jail after he was produced before it following a High Court order.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mostafa Shahriar Khan passed the order after DB Inspector Ashraf Islam, who is the investigation officer of the case, produced him in court.

Adilur's lawyer also submitted a petition praying to the court for providing him with first class division in jail custody. But the court rejected the plea.

The High Court on Monday stayed the five-day remand granted by a lower court on Sunday for interrogation of the Odhikar secretary.

It asked the authorities concerned to send Adilur to

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