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The National Institute for Conducting Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Investigation in Mohakhali floats in dirty, stinky water in the absence of a drainage system. The entrance to the institute has been waterlogged for over a month. Patients have to wade across the pool of water to go inside the compound. The photos were taken yesterday.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



David Frost no more

British broadcasting great David Frost has died of a heart attack, his family said in a statement yesterday. He was 74.

Frost, celebrated for his revealing interviews with former US president Richard Nixon, died Saturday after falling ill on board the Queen Elizabeth cruise liner. "His family are devastated and ask for privacy at this difficult time," the statement said.

"A family funeral will be held in the near future and details of a memorial service will be announced in due course."

Frost's list of interviewees, from presidents and prime ministers to royalty and show-business celebrities, was expansive.

On the surface, Frost's interviewing style could come across as soft, but the friendly veneer allowed him to extract intriguing information with more blunt questions.

Frost's lengthy 1977

KL CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL WORKERS
37 Bangladeshis among detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 37 Bangladeshis are among those detained in Malaysia during a nationwide crackdown on illegal immigrants yesterday, reports Malaysian state news agency Bernama.

Saravana Kumar, a deputy director at the Immigration Department of Malaysia, said around 1,000 migrant workers were detained from different provinces of the country during the crackdown.

The security personnel detained 403

foreigners from Melaka, 130 from Sungai Petani, 101 from Johor Baharu and 12 from Kampar for entering Malaysia without valid documents and overstaying, the news agency said.

A local man was also detained for harbouring the illegals.

Malaysian English daily The Star said in a report the crackdown launched by the immigration department, police, armed forces, civil defence and national registration department is the biggest ever drive against

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RAMU ATTACKS
5 charge sheets submitted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Police yesterday pressed charges in five cases filed for the attacks and looting of Buddhist temples and houses in Ramu and Ukha of Cox's Bazar in September last year.

Of the five charge sheets, one was submitted by Ramu Police Station and two each by Ukha and Cox's Bazar police stations.

Teknaf Police Station would submit two more charge sheets to a court today, said Azad Miah,

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Mueen, Ashraf were killers of intellectuals

Prof Anisuzzaman testifies at war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent educationist Prof Anisuzzaman yesterday testified that the plot to kill the intellectuals was hatched in August and was executed by infamous Al-Badr force in December 1971 in an attempt to cripple the soon-to-be-independent Bangladesh.

Chowdhury Mueen Uddin, operation-in-charge of Al-Badr, and Ashrafuzzaman Khan, chief executor of the Pakistani auxiliary force, were involved in the execution of the plan, the 76-year-old professor told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

The Professor Emeritus of Dhaka

University, also 20th prosecution witness in the case against alleged Al-Badr leaders Mueen and Ashraf, cited victims' family members and newspaper reports to substantiate his testimony.

Mueen and Ashraf, now abroad, are facing 11 charges for their alleged involvement in the killings of 18 intellectuals in the last week of the nine-month-long Liberation War.

During his 50-minuter testimony, Anisuzzaman said he had worked at the Bangla department at Chittagong University in 1971 and after the crackdown

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A banner at Shankhari Bazar in Old Dhaka reads in Bangla: "Today is hartal at Shankhari Bazar", the shops remaining shut. An organisation of land owners observed the hartal yesterday after Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) declared the area a heritage site.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

UZ chairman killed as AL factions clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

An upazila chairman was killed and 10 others were injured in an intra-party clash in Dhubaura upazila of Mymensingh yesterday.

The deceased, Forkan Uddin Mridha alias Pahari Selim, 40, was chairman of Dhubaura upazila and secretary of the upazila unit Awami League.

It all started following a programme organised to mark the upgrading of the 30-bed Dhubaura Upazila Health Complex to a 50-bed one. When the secretary of Gamaritala union AL, Azizul Haque Khan, tried to enter a venue at Panchanandapur where "VIP guests" were having lunch around 2:00pm, Mridha and his cohorts obstructed him, said local sources. At one stage, Mridha's brother Majnu beat up Azizul Haque.

On information, police rushed to the spot, and brought

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Threat to blow up Ctg court building 'if SQ Chy not freed'

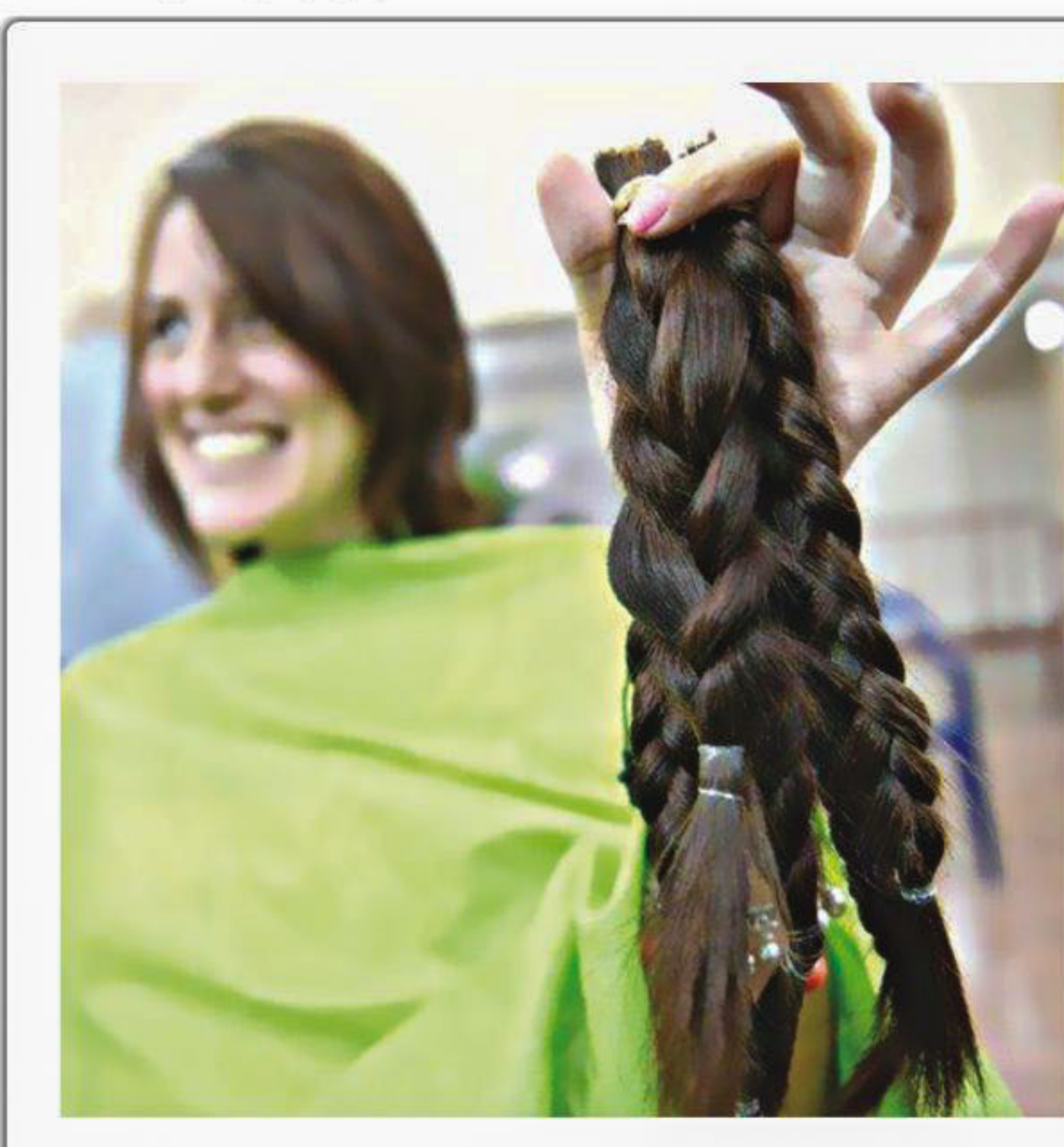
Magistrate gets letter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven people sent a letter to the chief judicial magistrate of Chittagang threatening to kill him, blow up the Chittagang court building and other government institutions if war crimes accused BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury was not released.

The letter sent to the Chief Judicial Magistrate Ruhul Amin around 5:00pm said if Salauddin was not released immediately, the body of the judge would be handed over to

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Watch your back, watch your hair

YAHOO NEWS ONLINE

They already endure staggering levels of street crime. Now, Venezuelans have something new to fear -- muggers who chop off their hair.

Members of the scissor-wielding street gangs are called piranas, after

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP leader Moudud Ahmed that the government is planning a new amendment to the constitution to prolong its stay in power?

Yes (77%)

No (23%)

TOTAL VOTES: 224

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Maghrib	6-33	6-36
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

New bank on cards

It will offer deposit services to members of 'one house, one farm' project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has moved to set up a specialised bank styled "Polli Shanchay Bank" for members of "Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar" project in order to give a permanent shape to the scheme for development of rural people.

The scheme was launched in 2009 aiming to set up a farm at every house to create income and livelihood for rural people by combining human resources with micro savings. As the first phase was completed in June, the government began the second

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