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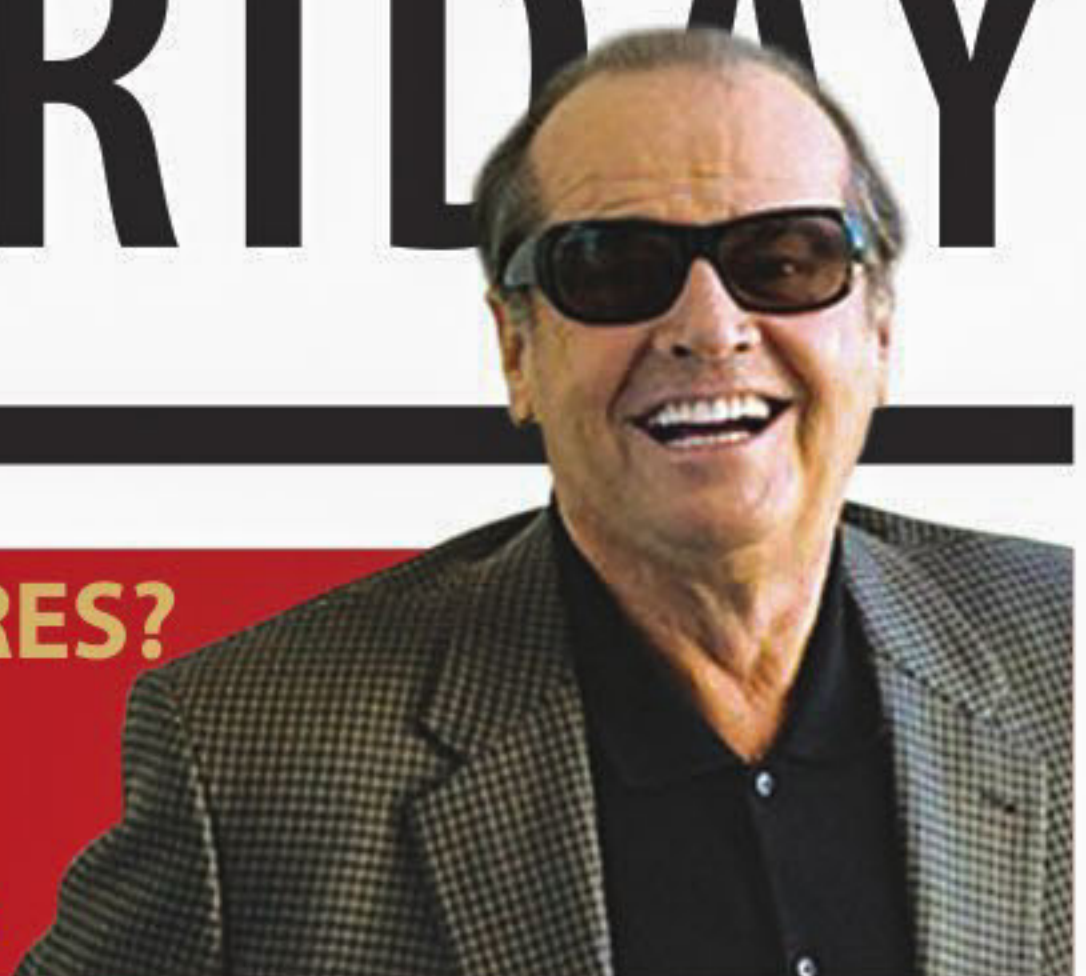
Writer Sushmita Banerjee is shot to death in Afghanistan

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JACK NICHOLSON RETIRES?

The actor is refusing scripts as he "cannot remember the lines"

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Quasem indicted

He faces 14 war crimes charges; trial starts Sept 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday indicted Jamaat-e-Islami leader Mir Quasem Ali on 14 charges, including murder, torture, abduction and confinement of people and complicity in crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

A member of Jamaat's executive council, Quasem, 60, pleaded not guilty by saying, "Honourable tribunal, I am completely innocent."

The tribunal also fixed September 30 for the opening statement of the prosecution and the commencement of the trial.

Born in Munsidangi Satalori of Manikganj on December 31, 1952, Quasem became the general secretary of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, on November 7, 1971.

Chhatra Sangha members formed the Al-Badr force to collaborate with the Pakistani military to commit genocide and mass killing during the war, according to historical records and earlier tribunal verdicts. The charges say that Quasem had led members of the Al-Badr of Chittagong in 1971.

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A student of Barisal University, hacked by her unwelcome suitor, being brought to Dhaka yesterday on a helicopter. She breathed her last at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the afternoon.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Rejected, he killed her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For Saoda, the story is this: She was loved and killed by the same man.

The 18-year-old succumbed to the mortal injuries she suffered in an attack by her former lover yesterday.

But that was just yesterday. Before that the boy, Russell Mia, 20, had been in love with her for at least one year, or so sources at Barisal University where the two studied say.

Their relationship turned sour about a month ago when Russell proposed to the girl, upon which her parents rebuked him, said Prof Harunur Rashid, vice-chancellor of the university.

Following this, the girl had been trying to avoid him over the past one month. Infuriated, Russell hacked her with a knife in the back and neck around 8:30am on

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Rescued by real cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday chased down two criminals who had been posing as detectives. The men were trying to abduct two private firm employees in a microbus with the motive of snatching Tk 5.3 lakh from them.

The incident happened at Mirajnagar in the capital's Kadamtali. The law enforcers arrested the impostors -- Zahirul Islam, 30, and Abul Kalam, 40.

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BIBIYANA-1 POWER PROJECT

Summit contract cancelled

SHARIER KHAN

The government has decided to end the deadlock over the Bibiyana phase one power project by terminating the contract with Summit Power and encashing its \$3 million bid bond.

The power ministry on Monday asked the project's implementer Power Cell to take action on the ground that Summit could not close its finances for the 341 megawatt gas-fired power plant by its final deadline

of February 12, 2013.

The power producer is currently implementing Bibiyana gas-fired phase two and Meghnaghat dual fuel power projects of similar sizes. It won all the three contracts in late 2010 through open tenders by quoting lowest prices.

But soon after signing the contracts in 2011, Summit faced problems with arranging finances. The company faulted the government for not being able to help it obtain a \$200 million

Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) from the World Bank. The PRG is the gateway to obtain loans from international financiers.

Due to the WB's stand on Padma bridge corruption, it refrained from cooperating in the private power sector, claimed Summit. The government, though, argued that Summit had not applied to the WB for the PRG.

Amid such dissonance between the

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7 parties behind Hefajat mayhem

Claim police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday claimed to have proof that seven political parties, including Jamaat-e-Islami, had backed Hefajat-e-Islam, which struck terror in the capital's Motijheel area on May 5.

Jamaat and Muslim League supported the Islamist group indirectly while Nezame Islam, Khelafat Majlish, Khelafat Andolon, Jamiat e Olama e Islam and Islami Oikya Jote backed it directly, AKM Shahidul Hoque, additional

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