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Nizami was seen in Pak army pickup

Witness testifies on killings in Pabna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday told a war crimes court that he saw Jamaat Chief Motiur Rahman Nizami with Pakistani soldiers on a pickup carrying the headmaster of a Pabna school and two others shortly before they were killed on June 10, 1971.

"Two pickups came and stopped at Madhpur intersection [in Pabna]. I saw Nizami sitting beside a [Pakistani] major in the first pickup," said Yusuf Ali Biswas, the 21st prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Nizami.

He told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that he saw three people, blindfolded, in the back of the vehicle.

Yusuf, a freedom fighter who is now 68, was at Madhpur Bazar on that morning to have a cup of tea.

"I saw Nizami signal the Pakistani soldiers towards Sathia and the pickups drove off in that direction. About 15-20 minutes later, we heard gunshots from the bank of the Ichhamati," Yusuf said, adding that he and two others hid inside a nearby house.

The pickups returned to the intersection and moved towards Pabna town after another 10-15 minutes, with Nizami still sitting in the truck, Yusuf recalled.

"I went to the spot [the river bank] and saw three bullet-ridden bodies in a hole, their blood coursing to the river. I

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

With no work, stone collectors in Jafalong leave their boats anchored. As the river swells in the monsoon, they find it difficult and risky to reach the riverbed for stones. In winter, every stone-hunting group, comprised of three to four workers, gets about two boatloads of stones a day. They sell one boat-full of stones at Tk 1,500 maximum.

No polls under Hasina-led govt: Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has reiterated that no election will be allowed in the country under a government led by Sheikh Hasina.

"We want to state clearly that holding of a lopsided election will not be allowed keeping [prime minister] Sheikh Hasina in power. The next general election must be

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AL'S CITY POLLS DEBACLE

Hasina blames it on 'propaganda'

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday blamed the opposition parties' "false propaganda" for the defeat of the Awami League-backed candidates in all city corporation elections.

She came up with the view when the newly elected office bearers of Barisal District Lawyers' Association met her at her office.

Association president KBS Ahmed Kabir and general secretary Mohammad Golam Kabir Badal led the delegation. The PM's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters after the meeting.

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DELHI GANG-RAPE

Four accused found guilty

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian court yesterday convicted four men of the gang rape and "cold-blooded" murder of a student on a New Delhi bus in a crime that sickened the nation and led to new laws to tackle endemic sex crime.

Judge Yogesh Khanna said the men, who could now face the death penalty, were guilty of murdering a "helpless victim" last December, as he announced that

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UN study reveals rape crisis in Asia-Pacific

One in every four persons admits rape

AFP, Bangkok

Nearly a quarter of men surveyed in six Asia-Pacific countries admit to committing rape, often against their own partners, according to a UN report published yesterday that exposes widespread violence against women.

Based on anonymous interviews with more than 10,000 men aged between 18 and 49-years-old in Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea, the study is the first of its scale in the region.

"Violence against women is a harsh reality for many," Roberta Clarke, regional director of UN Women, said at the launch of the report in Bangkok.

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Inu escapes attack in London

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths attempted to attack Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu in London on Monday night.

The minister escaped unhurt and was safe and sound now, said an information ministry press release.

The youths insisted on taking photographs with

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PRAYER TIMING September 11		
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-35	5-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-14	6-17
Esha	7-45	8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation		



Although a signboard clearly asks people to follow traffic rules and not to jaywalk, two pedestrians walk across Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday without using the nearby footbridge or underpass.

PHOTO: STAR

Rony gets HC bail in 3 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to Awami League lawmaker Golam Maula Rony in three cases filed on charges of beating up journalists in Dhaka, and extortion and vandalism in Patuakhali.

There is no legal bar to Rony's release from jail following the court order, his lawyer Ruhul Quddus Kazal told The Daily Star.

The court granted him ad-interim bail and also issued three separate rules upon the government to explain in four weeks why he should not be granted regular bail in the cases. The bail will remain in force till disposal of the rules.

Earlier, the accused lawmaker was denied bail thrice by the lower courts.

The authorities of Independent Television on July 20 filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station against Rony, a member of parliament from Patuakhali-3 constituency,



PHOTO: STAR

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Ants use house guests as 'mercenaries'

MAIL ONLINE

Unwelcome lodgers can prove a social burden in many situations that make use of resources before moving on.

But fungus-farming ants use their house

guests as a useful standing army to protect their colony against dangerous threats, scientists claim.

Danish researchers studied ant warfare between three parties to discover

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BGB-BSF meet begins Sept 14

Border killing, arms smuggling top agenda

M RAHMAN

Border Guard Bangladesh will raise the issues of arms and phensedyl smuggling into the country and unauthorised construction by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) within 150 yards of the international boundary, in talks with the BSF beginning September 14.

The director general-level meeting will be held over five days in Dhaka.

The lingering issue of the kidnapping and killing of Bangladeshis at the border by BSF men and Indian miscreants will also be on the agenda of the government, said a source in the home ministry.

On the other hand, the BSF will broach the deportation of a leader of the Indian separatist group United Liberation Front of Asom, Anup Chetia, now in detention in a

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