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# Up to a big ambition

Auto mechanic committed to manufacture chopper

HABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Thirty-year-old Al-Amin, a self-taught automobile mechanic in Pirojpur, has endeavoured to do something extraordinary.

Drawing inspiration from a documentary on the National Geographic Channel, he has been trying to build a fully developed helicopter.

Nearly a month back, he had built a dummy helicopter which he could fly more than two feet for a while. And he is now making a bigger and controllable one at his automobile workshop in Pirojpur municipality.

"I must fly in the sky one day with my helicopter. I want to do something great so that my country is proud of me," said Al-Amin, who has studied only up to class VI.

He started working as a driver of rented motorbikes and locally-made passenger vans to help his parents run the five-member family after he left school.

Al-Amin, son of Rustom Ali Akon, a rickshaw-puller, opened the automobile workshop three and a half years ago and has showed his talent in automobile manufacturing.

He dreamt of making a helicopter after watching a

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With an engine of a 100cc motorbike, and metal bars and sheets, Al-Amin, a mechanic in Pirojpur, is working to make a helicopter. *Inset*, curious people gather before Al-Amin's workshop to have a look at the helicopter.

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## SC VERDICT Quader Mollah to seek stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah will appeal to the Supreme Court, seeking a stay order on the execution of a death sentence handed down to him for committing offences during the 1971 Liberation War.

His counsels said this yesterday a day after the SC sentenced the assistant secretary general of the Jamaat-e-Islami to death overruling the judgement of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) that had awarded him life imprisonment.

"We will move the stay petition on behalf of Quader Mollah before the chamber judge of the Supreme Court after receiving the certified copy of the short order," defence counsel Tajul Islam said.

While talking to The Daily Star, Tajul and another defence counsel Shishir

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## Syria tense despite chemical arms deal

Syria, Russia against punitive UN resolution plan as big powers trade blame game

AFP, Damascus

Damascus and key ally Moscow yesterday joined forces in a bid to thwart plans for a Western-backed UN resolution on Syria's chemical weapons that allows the use of force.

Russia came out swinging, saying the Syrian regime had handed over new evidence implicating the rebels in an August 21 sarin gas attack near Damascus that killed hundreds, while slamming a UN report into the incident as "biased".

Syria, boosted by a visit to Damascus by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, thanked Moscow for its support and said it was confident the UN would not adopt a Chapter VII resolution that would allow the use of force.

The twin-pronged diplomatic counter-offensive came as UN chemical weapons inspectors confirmed they would be returning to Syria for additional investigations into the use of the deadly weapons in the country's conflict.

Russia and the United States continued to trade accusations about who was to blame for the sarin attack that the chemical weapons inspectors

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## Bravo, Mr minister

TNN, Bangalore

At a time when politicians are a vilified lot, a 61-year-old Karnataka minister became a hero on Tuesday morning by jumping into a cold lake along with his guards and saving a family of six trapped in a sinking car.

Primary and secondary education minister Kimmene Ratnakar was travelling in his official Innova to Bangalore from his native town of Thirthahalli when

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## Mueen had links with Jamaat

Investigator tells war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A war crimes investigator yesterday said Chowdhury Mueen Uddin, alleged leader of Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army during the Liberation War, had links with the then high command of Jamaat-e-Islami, which opposed the birth of Bangladesh.

Ataur Rahman, one of the two investigation officers of the case against Mueen and Ashrafuzzaman Khan, told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Mueen was active in Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat in 1969 to 1971.

Ataur, also the 25th and last prosecution witness in the case, made the comments when state-appointed defence counsel Salma Hai Tuny cross-examined him.

The three-member tribunal recorded Ataur's cross-examination before adjourning the case proceedings until today, when he faces further cross-examination.

The tribunal is led by Justice Obaidul Hassan, while the other members are Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Shahinur Islam.

Mueen and Ashraf are facing 11 charges for alleged involvement in the abduction and killing of 18 intellectuals in the last week of the nine-month-long war.

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## NIZAMI'S TRIAL Testimony of prosecution witnesses ends next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recording of deposition of prosecution witness in war crimes case against Motiur Rahman Nizami is going to end by next week, the prosecution told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

To date, the proceedings of the case against Nizami took the highest time in comparison to other cases that had already been disposed of by the war

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## No plan to use drones

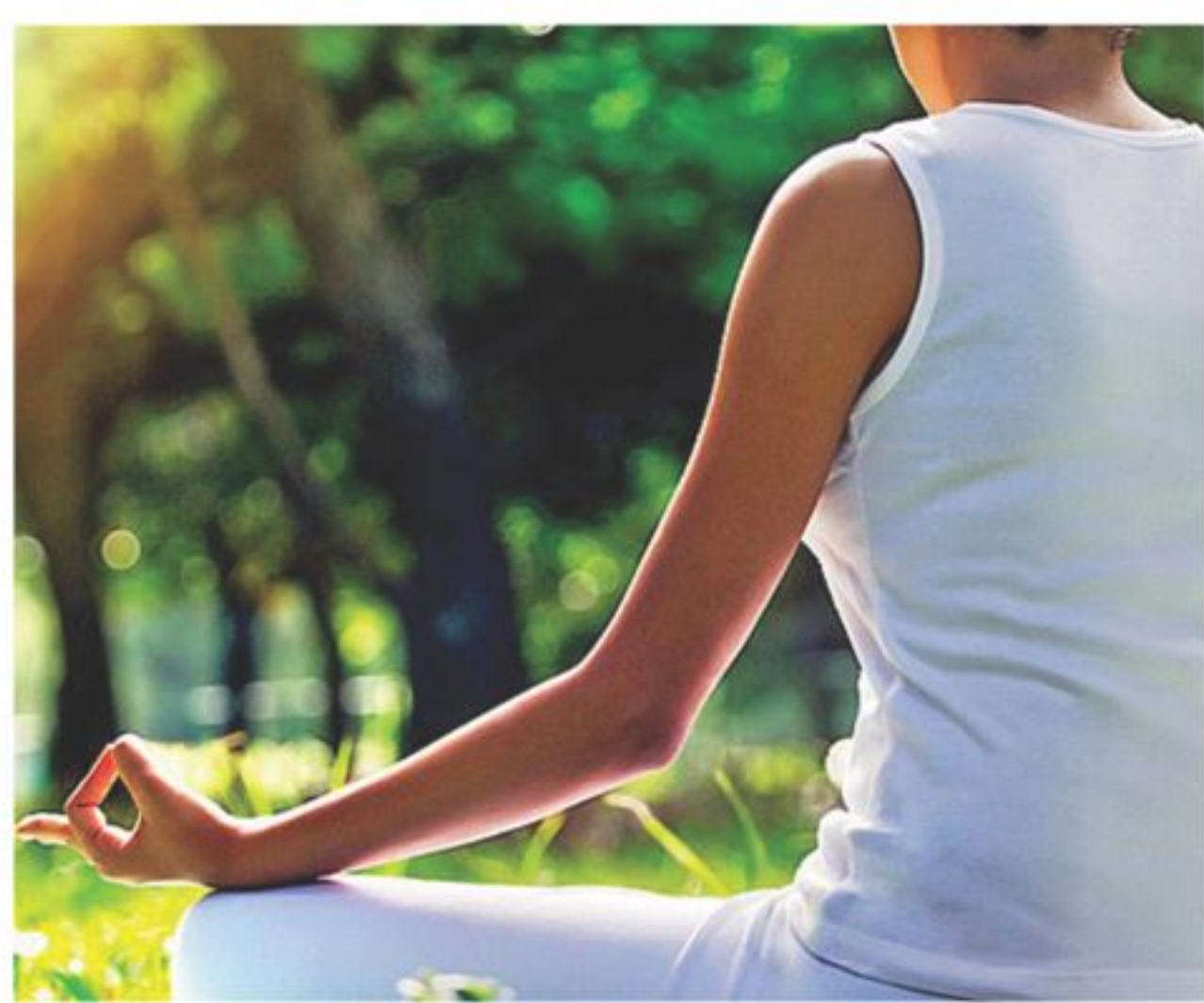
Says BSF chief on Bangladesh border

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India has no plan to deploy drones to patrol the bordering areas with Bangladesh, said the director general of the Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

"We have no plans. We neither had any plan, nor will we have any plan in future to deploy any drone

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## Health kick slows ageing process

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

Patients who adopted healthy diets, exercise regimes and "stress management" techniques such as meditation or yoga for five years

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## We Mourn



We mourn the sad demise of Mrs Shazeda Huq, wife of late Zahoorul Huq who passed away aged 89 on 17th September 2013 at 9.30pm. Innalillahe wa Inna Illaihi Razeun.

Her Qulkhwani will be held on Friday 20th September 2013 after Asar prayers, at House 6, Road 59, Gulshan-2.

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