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## WAR TRIAL COMMENTS Contempt plea filed against Mahbub

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday prayed to the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to initiate contempt of court proceedings against BNP chairperson's adviser Khandker Mahbub Hossain for his recent comments on the war crimes trial.

After hearing the prosecution's petition filed earlier on the day, the tribunal fixed Sunday for giving its decision on whether it would serve a show-cause notice on Mahbub, also vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council.

On Tuesday, the tribunal awarded death penalty to BNP standing committee

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## ILLEGAL FOREIGN WORKERS KSA plans crackdown

*No more amnesty in Malaysia*

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOB

The Saudi Arabian government will start a massive crackdown on illegal foreign workers after the end of the amnesty that expires on November 4.

It warned that the migrants staying illegally in the kingdom would be fined and jailed for two years after the grace period.

"Over three lakh Bangladeshis have already received consular services under the amnesty. We hope the remaining ones will take the advantage before the amnesty period expires," Emdadul Haque, labour counsellor of Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh, told The Daily Star over the phone recently.

Urging the Bangladeshi workers to take the advantage within the stipulated timeframe, the labour counsellor said they would have to face punishment otherwise.

In early May this year, Saudi authorities set July 4 as the

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A worker takes a nap at Gabtali cattle market yesterday morning as trading of sacrificial animals is yet to get pace with nearly two weeks left to Eid-ul-Azha. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



## CORRUPTION Lalu jailed for 5 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
New Delhi

Powerful Indian politician Lalu Prasad Yadav, who heads Rashtriya Janata Dal, a constituent of ruling UPA, was sentenced by a special court to five years in jail for corruption yesterday in a case linked to the massive fodder scam and stands disqualified as a lawmaker.

The court in eastern

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| PRAYER TIMING October 4 |        |      |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
| Azan                    | Jamaat |      |
| Fajr                    | 4-45   | 5-20 |
| Juma                    | 12-30  | 1-15 |
| Asr                     | 4-15   | 4-30 |
| Maghrib                 | 5-53   | 5-56 |
| Esha                    | 7-30   | 8-00 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Gang of medicine smugglers busted

*Arrestees include 7 Chinese nationals; smuggled medicines used in producing narcotics abroad*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A criminal gang, under the guise of garment accessories exporters, smuggled local medicinal drugs abroad for the last four years to produce narcotics.

A team of Rapid Action Battalion-1

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busted the smugglers' den at the capital's Uttara early yesterday and detained 10 people, including seven Chinese.

"During primary interrogation, the detainees admitted that they have been smuggling tablets for the last four years in

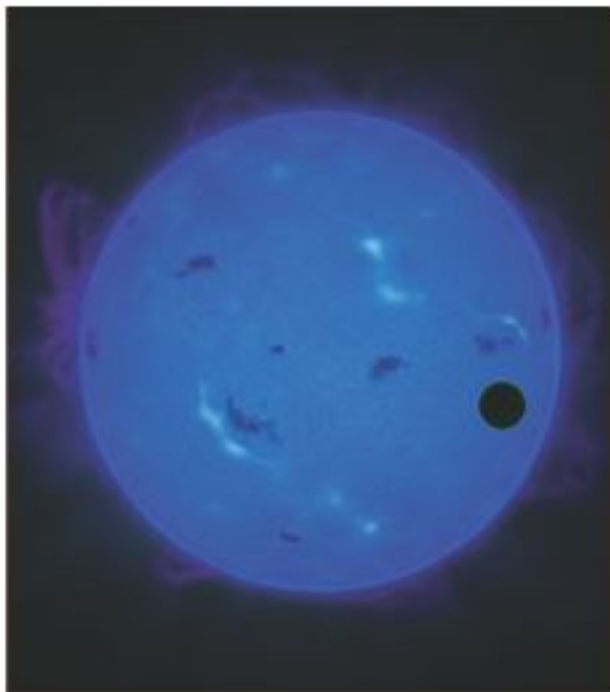
## Alien planet with 'plasma' water

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A nearby alien planet six times the size of the Earth is covered with a water-rich atmosphere that includes a strange "plasma form" of water, scientists say.

Astronomers have determined that the

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