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RUNNING INTO DANGER: People buy and sell goods at the kitchen market on the rail lines in Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday as a train whizzes by at speed. The railway has installed signboards, top, telling people to keep at least 20 feet away from the lines and that failing to do so was a punishable offence. But nobody seems to care.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



REMARKS AFTER SQ CHY VERDICT

I didn't threaten war tribunal

Mahbub now claims upon contempt of court notice



Khandaker Mahbub

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday asked BNP chairperson's adviser Khandaker Mahbub Hossain to explain by October 21 why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against him for his recent comments on war crimes trial.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, however, exempted Mahbub, vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council, from personal appearance before it, "considering his status", and fixed October 21 for further order in this regard.

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Happy you could say, 'Thank you'

Leader of Bogra battle, honoured by Bangladesh, speaks to Star



Lachman Singh Lehl

AKRAM HOSEN

When the Pakistani occupation forces officially surrendered to the joint forces of Bangladesh and India in Dhaka on December 16, 1971, a Pak brigade in Bogra refused to give in and fought for two more days.

It was in fact in Bogra where the Liberation War saw the fiercest of

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HALL-MARK CHAIRMAN

HC bench to see legality of bail

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain has assigned a High Court bench to see to the legality of the conditional bail granted to Hall-Mark Group Chairman Jasmine Islam in connection with 11 loan scam cases.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka lower court yesterday extended her bail until November 4, even though Jasmine had not paid back any money to Sonali Bank.

In order to get bail, Jasmine in August pledged to pay Tk 100 crore every month to return the Tk 2,600 crore Hall-Mark Group owed

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Jasmine Islam



President Abdul Hamid, second from right, and Finance Minister AMA Muhith, third from left, with copies of the book "Great masters of Bangladesh: Zainul Abedin" which was unveiled yesterday at the Radisson Hotel.

PHOTO: PID

BSF invites BGB to patrol on Indian side

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's Border Security Force (BSF) has decided to introduce a fresh lot of non-lethal weapons as part of its new measures to bring down civilian casualties.

It has also invited BGB to do patrolling in Indian territory along the border to see for themselves the "facts on the ground" about illegal movement of people and cattle smuggling.

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ICT LAW VIOLATORS

Cops can arrest without warrant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The House yesterday passed the controversial bill bringing changes in the information and communication technology (ICT) act to empower law enforcers to arrest anybody without a warrant for violating this law.

In one of the changes, the maximum punishment has been raised to 14 from 10 years.

Another bill was passed in parliament to amend the electoral roll law to bar convicted war criminals from being registered as voters.

As per the ICT act enacted by the previous BNP-Jamaat-led government, police had to seek permission from the authorities concerned to file a case against any person and arrest him for being involved in crimes covered by the law.

After the passage of the amendments, destroying computer data with malicious intent, transferring data without proper authorisation, and hacking and releasing vulgar and defaming information in

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DRAFT VERDICT LEAK
Detectives find 'vital documents'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday collected some "important evidence" from the International Crimes Tribunal office regarding the leak of the draft verdict against BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury.

They also interrogated several officials at the tribunal and got some information important for the investigation into the leak, said Krishna Pada Roy, deputy commissioner of Detective Branch (south), Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

He, however, did not elaborate.

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Do you agree with Prof Anu Mohammad that the government has tricked people by hastily unveiling the foundation plaque of the Rampal power plant?

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