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# Shibir men go on rampage

Smash vehicles, clash with cops in Ctg over arrest of fellows

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, vandalised some 10 vehicles on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway during a clash with police in Sitakunda upazila here yesterday.

They staged a demonstration against the arrest of their fellows, blocking the busy highway at Barabkunda around 10:00am, said Kamal Hossain, assistant sub-inspector of Sitakunda Police Station.

The clash erupted as police tried to disperse the agitating group to make way for hundreds of vehicles stranded on the highway following the blockade, said the police official.

Sources said police fired several rubber bullets and some tear gas shells to bring the situation under control, leaving 7-8 people injured. The injured were given first aid.

Vehicular movement resumed on the highway around 12:45pm, said SM Badiuzzaman, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Nobody was arrested from the spot during the demonstration, he added.

Police in an overnight raid in Muradpur union arrested 19 Shibir men in connection with different cases filed with the police station for conducting subversive activities in the area, said Kamal.

Contacted, Mojahidul Islam, president of Sitakunda upazila unit Shibir, said the party activists did not barricade the highway.

Police arrested innocent people of the area and ransacked their houses during the raid, he alleged.

So, the locals came on the road and put up the blockade, Mojahidul added.



A bus picks and drops passengers in the middle of Airport Road, increasing the risk of accident as well as adding to traffic congestion. The photo was taken a few days ago.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

# Bangladesh better place to live than India: survey

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is still a better place to live than India, the next door neighbour considered as one of the 21st-century superpowers, says a recent study.

According to the study, Legatum Prosperity Index 2013, Bangladesh fares better than India when it comes to the "joy of everyday life," and "the prospect of being able to build an even better life in future."

The study ranks Bangladesh 103rd out of 142 countries. India is ranked 106th and falling.

Many of the millions of garment workers take their lives into their hands when they show up for work at derelict factories, 95 percent of which are estimated to need structural repairs. Political strikes paralyse businesses in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka.

It is good news for a country still reeling from bad publicity after the Rana SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

# Man killed for protesting stalking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was killed at Tikatuli in the capital yesterday for protesting the harassment of his niece by a local thug, police said.

The dead is Nepal Das, 25, who used to work at a shop at RK Mission road.

Rajib Chowdhury, the suspected killer, forced into the shop around 4:30pm and hacked Nepal and then fled. The girl's father, who owns the shop, was present at the scene.

Nepal was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Rajib, who is on the run, used to harass Nepal's ninth grader niece on her way to and from the school, which Nepal had protested, said Tapan Chandra Saha,

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PRAYER TIMING November 2		
Azan	4:55	5:30
Fajr	12:45	1:15
Zohr	4:00	4:15
Asr	5:30	5:34
Maghrib	7:15	7:45
Esha		

Source: Islamic Foundation

## POLLS-TIME GOVT

# Shujan rolls out two options

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid political turmoil over polls-time government, Sushasoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) yesterday placed two alternative frameworks for a government to oversee the next general election.

The first alternative proposes an 11-member interim government consisting of five MPs each from the ruling 14-party alliance and the opposition 18-party alliance, and a nonpartisan individual to head the government.

A 15-member government has been

proposed in the second alternative. This government, Shujan said, would have five MPs each from the 14-party alliance and the 18-party alliance, and five nonpartisan persons. And one of the five nonpartisan individuals would be at the helm of the government.

Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary of Shujan, a civil society platform working for good governance, mooted the proposals at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

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## DEMO FOR TICKETS

# N'ganj cricket fans clash with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 25 people were injured as cricket fans clashed with police at Chashara in Narayanganj city yesterday after failing to get tickets for the final one-day international match between Bangladesh and New Zealand.

The match is scheduled to be held at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium tomorrow. Tigers have already clinched the three-match series 2-0.

Police said the crazy cricket lovers around 7:30am started

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# US spying went too far

Admits Kerry for first time as row spreads to Asia

AGENCIES

The United States has said in some cases its surveillance program has gone too far, an unprecedented admission in its tense row with Europe over US spying against allies.

After 10 days of scandal with key European allies, a statement Thursday by Secretary of State John Kerry was the first to explicitly acknowledge overstepping by US intelligence.

He said he will work with the president to prevent further inappropriate acts by the National Security Agency.

His comments come as Asian countries have protested at claims that

Australia was involved in a US-led spy network. China has demanded an explanation of the reports, while Indonesia has summoned the Australian ambassador to Jakarta.

In his comments, Kerry also defended the need for increased surveillance, saying it had thwarted terrorist attacks.

"We have actually prevented airplanes from going down, buildings from being blown up, and people from being assassinated because we've been able to learn ahead of time of the plans," Kerry told a conference in London via video link.

"I assure you, innocent people are

not being abused in this process, but there's an effort to try to gather information. And yes, in some cases, it has reached too far inappropriately.

"And the president, our president, is determined to try to clarify and make clear for people, and is now doing a thorough review in order that nobody will have the sense of abuse... we are going to make sure that does not happen in the future," he said.

Recent allegations and reports of widespread spying by the US National Security Agency have sparked a major rift in trans-Atlantic ties.

This week German Chancellor SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



# Artificial blood made from water, salt

MAIL ONLINE

Artificial blood that could one day be used in humans without side effects has been created by scientists in Romania.

The blood contains water and salts along with a protein known as hemerythrin which is extracted from sea worms.

Researchers from Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, hope it could help end blood supply shortages and prevent infections through donations.

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ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

আপনার নগর পরিচ্ছন্ন ও সুন্দর রাখুন সময়মত পৌরকর পরিশোধ করুন

২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বছর থেকে ২০১৭-২০১৮ অর্থ বছর ৫ (পাঁচ) বছর মেয়াদী সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়নের সময়সীমা বৃদ্ধিকরণ সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্মানিত ব্যবসায়ীদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০১৩-২০১৪ অর্থ বছর থেকে ২০১৭-২০১৮ অর্থ বছর ৫ (পাঁচ) বছর মেয়াদী ট্রেড লাইসেন্স সারচার্জ ব্যতীত নবায়নের সময়সীমা আগামী ৩০/১১/২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হলো।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with former election commissioner M Sakawat Hussain that it is not possible to ensure a level playing field only by bringing amendment to the electoral code of conduct?

Yes

(85%)

No

(15%)

TOTAL VOTES: 262

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the opposition leader will respond to the Prime Minister's call not to enforce any agitation programme that could harm students' academic life?

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