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## CATERING TO PALATE

Some loathe it and some cannot stop their mouth from watering at the thought of having *shutki* (fish jerky). Those with a taste for *shutki* know there are hundreds of people working to cater for them. On the south shore of the Karnaphuli river in Chittagong there are several villages that produce *shutki*. The villagers buy fish and dry them under the sun. The photos were taken from Dangar Char village.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



## HSC QUESTION LEAK

# Govt opens probe

*No headway in past investigations*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two separate probe committees were formed yesterday to investigate the question leak of English second paper test of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exam under Dhaka Education Board.

The education ministry formed a seven-member committee led by its Additional Secretary Sohrab Hossain. The committee was asked to submit its report in 15 working days, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid told reporters at his secretariat office.

Earlier yesterday, the Dhaka Education Board formed a five-member committee headed by its Secretary Abdus Salam Hawlader.

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## Bablu made JP secy general

*Ershad ousts Hawlader*

RASHIDUL HASAN

In a sudden move, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad last night removed Ruhul Amin Hawlader as the party's secretary general and appointed Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu as the new second-in-command.

In a media release, Ershad said JP Presidium Member Bablu has been

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## HISTORY DISTORTION

# PM asks people not to be misled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People who do not believe in the country's independence and want to cover up the 1971 atrocities by the Pakistani army are now creating confusion over the Liberation War history, said the prime minister.

In her concluding speech for the Sangsad session yesterday, Sheikh

Hasina said, "Those who did not want the liberation of the country and are subservient to the defeated forces will make different kinds of misleading statements. I urge the people not to be misled by their statements."

Her speech was an oblique reference to BNP Senior Vice-Chairman

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## UPAZILA POLLS

# BNP blasts role of EC, admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has stridently criticised the administration and the Election Commission (EC) for their "open bias" towards the candidates backed by the ruling party in the recently held upazila elections.

The standing committee of the party has also passed a resolution condemning their inactivity which, the BNP claims, has destroyed the country's polls process.

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Almost every night one or two trees are chopped down and all that is left in the morning are their stumps near the embankment in Kattali area of Chittagong city. The forest department's sign there warning people not to trespass and speaking of six months' to five years' jail for law violators seem to be of no use.

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Do you think that the government will take stern action against ship-breaking yards which are violating laws?

Yes (11%)  
No (89%)

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**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you agree with senior Jatiya Party leader Kazi Feroz Rashid that people do not consider JP as the main opposition party in the House?

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## 3 new missions in Europe soon

REZAUL KARIM

Dhaka will soon open three new fully-fledged diplomatic missions in Copenhagen, Vienna and Warsaw to further expand its export market within European economies.

Sources said the foreign ministry has completed all the formalities to open the new embassies in Denmark, Austria and Poland after getting the go-ahead from the finance and establishment ministries and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

The government has also decided to set up new embassies in Afghanistan, Sudan and Sierra Leone and upgrade the Agartala visa office in the Indian state of Tripura to a Deputy High Commission soon.

Last year, the government opened five new embassies in Mexico, Brazil, Lebanon, Mauritius and Portugal, and a Deputy High Commission in Mumbai, India.

"The opening of new missions is part of the Awami League government's plan to prioritise economic diplomacy in its foreign policy," said a senior foreign ministry official.

Justifying the government's decisions, he said it became necessary for Bangladesh to open more embassies to serve the growing number of expatriate Bangladeshis, raise export and trade and establish political link with countries around the globe.

According to an official estimate, about 7 million

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## New threat to internet security

*Users advised to reset passwords*

MAIL ONLINE

Internet users have been warned to change all their computer and phone passwords following what could be a 'catastrophic' security breach.

Major technology firms have urged the public to immediately update their online security.

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