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.







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

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 statements." history, said the prime minister.

SEE PAGE 17 COL 5 | 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

Her speech was an oblique refer-In her concluding speech for the ence to BNP Senior Vice-Chairman SEE PAGE 17 COL 5 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. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



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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 embas-

sies 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

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.

Mexico, Brazil, Lebanon, Mauritius and Portugal, and a

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 SEE PAGE 7 COL 1



security

Users advised to reset passwords

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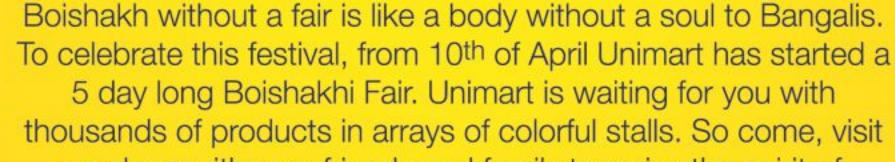
breach.

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

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