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About 300 missing as S Korea ferry goes down

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RIZWANA'S HUSBAND ABDUCTED

Environment culprits linked?

PM asks law enforcers for quick rescue

STAR REPORT

Armed miscreants yesterday abducted the husband of Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), in Narayanganj.

The incident happened in the city's Fatulla around 2:30pm, when Abu Bakar Siddique was coming to Dhaka by his car.

He is the managing director of Hamid Fashion, a Narayanganj-based garment factory owned by Awami League lawmaker and State Minister for Power Nasrul Hamid Bipu. Recently, Siddique also set up his own garment factory there.

The motive for the abduction remains unclear, but Rizwana said some real estate and ship-breaking companies might have links with it as she filed several cases against

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Abu Bakar Siddique

TWO YEARS ON

No trace yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have failed to trace BNP leader M Ilias Ali even two years after he went missing from Banani in the capital.

Ilias, former lawmaker and organising secretary of BNP's Sylhet Division, and his driver Ansar Ali have been missing

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M Ilias Ali



KILLING A RIVER

The two-tone water of the Shitalakkhya tells how nearby factories have been dumping dye and other toxic chemicals into the river. While industries pollute the water, sand traders are busy occupying the river and gradually narrowing it down in the name of unloading sand from vessels and loading trucks. The photo was taken from Kanchpur in Narayanganj recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Violence would have occurred

CEC plays down his long absence during upazila polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad has defended his leave of over a month, saying violence would have occurred in the upazila elections even if he had been in the country during the polls.

"The upazila elections witnessed some stray incidents of violence. It would have

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SAYEDEE'S APPEAL

SC judgment any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court could any day set a date for delivering the verdict on the appeals regarding the sentencing of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee by the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

Yesterday, the apex court kept the appeals of the war crimes case waiting for verdict delivery rejecting two petitions, one filed by Sayedee and the other



Sabbir, inset, had the walls of his room covered with photographs he had taken over the years. PHOTO: STAR

TRAGEDY AT ST MARTIN'S ISLAND

Empty in his absence

Family of Sabbir waits for his news; 2 more bodies found; death toll now 4

STAR REPORT

The walls of his small room says all about his fondness and passion for photography. They were covered with impressive photos he had taken over the years.

The room was of Sabbir Hasan, one of the two students of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, who is yet to be recovered two days after he went missing at St Martin's Island whilst swimming in the Bay.

One of the photographs was of his family. He had taken the photo putting the camera on its self-timer. The family members have been clutching on to these photos as they wait for the news of the only son of the family.

Meanwhile, the bodies of Shahriar Rahman Noman and SM Golam Rahim were recovered yesterday morning, raising the death toll of the tragedy to four.

Along with Sabbir, Uday Mahmood is still missing.

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