



PHOTO: BSS Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the taxicab service of Trust Transport Services at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. Story on page 3

SECURITY DIALOGUE

US to help enhance anti-terror capacity

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Washington yesterday assured Dhaka of continuing its support to enhance Bangladesh's capacity of anti-terrorism, counterterrorism as well as maritime and border security.

States and all countries of the world that true maritime security is established in the Bay of Bengal, added Kelly, who led a 26-member US delegation to the dialogue.

some military equipment from the USA to enhance its security capability, he added.

He was speaking at a joint press conference on conclusion of the Third Bangladesh-USA Dialogue on Security Issues at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in the capital.

Free navigation in the waterways is the fundamental interest of the USA and it is one of the motivating factors of the US foreign policy to ensure safe navigation throughout the world, he mentioned.

Among the members of the US delegation were US Ambassador in Dhaka Dan Mozena, Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Atul Keshap and senior civil and defence officials.

Drought dampens

FROM PAGE 1 increase the production cost. But we're still optimistic about a good Boro harvest," said Abdul Mannan, field service wing director of the DAE.

crops during hailstorms or flash floods, they have started reaping Boro early, he said.

they sent out teams to inspect it. According to her, excessive rain in some haor regions during Boro planting had some impacts on the crop.

Sister defends Mir Quasem

FROM PAGE 2 was giving "false" testimony to "defend" her brother. She, however, denied it.

Nurul Islam, investigation officer and last prosecution witness in the case, Quasem was a first-year honours student at Chittagong Government College in 1971 and was the president of the college and Chittagong city unit Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat.

unit of Chhatra Sangha, presided over a citizen rally at Muslim Institute in Chittagong.

No action till Sunday

FROM PAGE 16 Assistant Attorney General Titus Hillol Rema prayed to the court to adjourn the hearing, saying that Attorney General Mahbubey Alam would place arguments on the petition.

legality of a Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) notice requesting Sheikh Jamal Dhanmodi Club to take approval for constructing structures on the playground.

them of creating chaos near the "private property." The green activists also face charges of entering Dhanmodi playground illegally and hampering construction work.

Patients' woes mount further

FROM PAGE 16 He added that interns had promised him to join their duties within 4:00pm. But they had not returned to their work stations till the filing of this report at 10:00pm yesterday.

journalists -- Assaduzzaman Asad of Amar Desh and Mahfuzur Rahman Rubel of ATN News -- filed two cases with Rajpara Police Station.

Rajshahi city yesterday, protesting the interns' attack on journalists.

Shazneen

FROM PAGE 16 conclusion of the judicial process and dispensation of justice as the case is waiting to be heard at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Shazneen was a class IX student of Scholastica School when she was murdered on the night of April 23, 1998. People from every walk of life were dumbfounded by the brutality of the event.

Shazneen's father Latifur Rahman, Chairman of Transcom Group, and mother Shahnaz Rahman have requested all relatives, friends and well-wishers to attend the milad mehfil.

Scientists 'edit'

FROM PAGE 16 technology to cure adult laboratory mice of an inherited liver disease by correcting a single "letter" of the genetic alphabet which had been mutated in a vital gene involved in liver metabolism.

The success is the latest achievement in the field of genome editing. This has been transformed by the discovery of Crispr, a technology that allows scientists to make almost any DNA changes at precisely defined points on the chromosomes of animals or plants.

Doctors see rise

FROM PAGE 5 survey in NIDCH to gather information about the people with OSA-related conditions in 2011, and it would be concluded by 2016.

OSA is characterised by the repeated cessation of breathing during sleep, he explained. For the condition, airflow may be blocked for 10 seconds or more, says a UK-based health website.

Dr Muhammad Murtaza Khair, pulmonology consultant at Square Hospital, said most Bangladeshi doctors were unaware of the disease, and most OSA cases went undiagnosed.

Secretary sued for corruption

FROM PAGE 1 Showkat got the size of his plot increased to five katha from three katha in 2005 when he was a deputy secretary. The three plots were first allotted between 1995 and 2005 to the trio in Rajuk's Purbachal and Uttara projects in the capital.

On the ACC's approval, its Deputy Director Jatan Kumar Roy filed the cases with Motijheel Police Station, said ACC Public Relations Officer Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

The ACC retrieved Zakia's application in the probe by ACC Deputy Director Roy, it was found that the Rajuk officials concerned tampered with the date on Rajuk documents of the three-katha plot allotted to Showkat's mother Zakia Amjad for re-allotting her a five-katha plot.

to the Rajuk for altering her plot size to five katha from three katha, and found that Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda put a remark on the application "Reference -- Secretary (Showkat) ... consider the matter ..."

Similarly, Showkat's wife Aysha Begum got re-allotment of a 12-katha plot in 2010, instead of a 7.5 katha-plot allotted to her in 2005.

Despite repeated attempts, Huda could not be reached over the phone.

Modi wants to change strategy

FROM PAGE 16 "Petty statements by those claiming to be BJP's well wishers are deviating the campaign from the issues of development & good governance," Modi, the biggest campaigner for the party, said in a Twitter post.

A couple of days later, television channels showed a video in which Praveen Togadia, a firebrand member of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, a sister organisation of the BJP, was seen offering advice on how to prevent Muslims from buying property in Hindu-dominated areas.

Modi himself is tainted by accusations that he encouraged or turned a blind eye to Hindu-Muslim riots in 2002 in Gujarat, the state he has governed for 13 years. More than 1,000 people, most of them Muslims, were killed in the violence.

Stepping up its campaign against Narendra Modi, the Congress yesterday released video clips of alleged "hate speeches" by several BJP, VHP and Shiv Sena leaders and demanded their arrest, PTI reported.

While opinion polls are predicting Modi's BJP-led alliance will win the biggest chunk of the 543 parliamentary seats being contested in the election, that ends on May 12, most of them show he will need allies after the polls for a majority.

But some of Modi's colleagues remain defiant. BJP leader Singh, who is contesting the election in Bihar, said he stood by his statement. "I have said what I felt. I will give my explanation."

US for improving worker safety

FROM PAGE 16 They said there have been some improvements in workplace safety measures and cited an increased number of inspectors and inspections.

During a meeting on April 28 in Dhaka, US officials will attempt to verify the number of inspectors that have been hired and press Bangladesh to ensure workers have the freedom of association and the right to bargain collectively.

In July 2013, the United States Trade Representative provided Bangladesh with an action plan on worker rights and safety that, if implemented, could provide a basis

for the president to consider the reinstatement of GSP trade benefits

Washington and Dhaka on November 25 signed the US-Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa), and meetings under the forum will take place in Dhaka on April 28.

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