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A train carrying furnace oil derailed in Foudjarhat, Sitakunda in Chittagong spilling oil into a canal nearby. Locals scoop up the oil in their buckets to get some money by selling it.

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ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Oil-laden train derails in Ctg

Bay under threat of spillage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A freight train carrying furnace oil from Patenga derailed at Sitakunda in Chittagong yesterday morning and leaked around 21,255 gallons of crude, most of which spilled into a canal.

The accidental spill from three tank wagons of the freight train poses serious threat to aquatic creatures in the canal water that flows toward the Bay.

The engine and six oil-laden tankers of the Dohazari Peaking Power Plant-bound train slipped off the track at Uttar Chhalimpur near Faujdarhat Railway Station around 6:30am.

"The derailment happened as the loco master violated the signal," said

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## CONTINENTAL SHELF Dhaka prepares for legal battle

REZAUL KARIM

The verdict of a tribunal on Tuesday ended the maritime dispute between Bangladesh and India, but Bangladesh will face legal battles with India and Myanmar over the limits of the continental shelf in the Bay.

Bangladesh claimed 400-460 nautical miles from the coast to establish its right over the undersea natural resources within the area. It objected to India's and Myanmar's claims on the continental shelf.

Dhaka will have to prove that its claim is genuine, and counter India's and

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## Long wait for verdict

Hearing ended 3 months ago; SC yet to deliver verdict on appeals in Sayedee's case

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court has yet to deliver a verdict on the appeals filed over sentencing of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee for his crimes against humanity in 1971, although it has finished hearing around three months ago.

Sayedee on March 28 last year appealed to the court for his acquittal while the government sought his punishment in all the eight charges filed against him.

Neither the attorney general nor the defence could say when the Appellate Division of the SC would announce the judgement.

They said the matter was in the custody of the SC judges, who were not supposed to disclose anything before announcing the verdict in the open court.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam on June 22 told The Daily Star only the judges know when they would announce the verdict in the appeals.

"I am also eagerly waiting for the verdict like others," he said.

Sayedee's counsel SM Shahjahan told The Daily Star that he had no idea when the court might announce the verdict.

After hearing arguments on the appeals, a

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## FACTIONAL CLASH OVER LAND

## 11 AL men hurt in Ctg gunfight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 11 people suffered bullet injuries when two factions of Awami League clashed over a piece of land in Lohagara upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

There has been a longstanding dispute between the groups led by local Awami League leaders Nurul Absar and Salauddin Hiru over a piece of land at Petrol Pump Sishutol area, said locals and police.

Absar is the deputy publication secretary of AL Chittagong unit while Hiru is the general secretary of the party's Lohagara unit.

The clash ensued around 7:00am when Absar's men allegedly attacked Hiru supporters who were trying to build a fence around the piece of land, Md Shahjahan, officer-in-charge of Lohagara Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday.

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## Environment ministry to restore image

Minister tells of corruption by officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The environment and forest ministry is trying to regain its image lost because of allegations of ministry officials' involvement in illegal logging, clearing forest and gobbling up project money, said Anawar Hossain Manju who holds the portfolio.

The minister, who took office six months ago, also admitted that the allegations about the mismanagement of climate fund have grounds.

"Not all the allegations of misusing climate fund are wrong. We have found a project in which money was allocated but we do not know the current status of the project," the minister said at a seminar yesterday organised by Transparency International Bangladesh

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13	12	3-48	6-53

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	Azan	Jamaat
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Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-53	7-03
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Israel intensifies Gaza airstrikes

AFP, Gaza City

Israeli warplanes pounded Gaza yesterday, killing 22 people in a major new confrontation with Palestinian militants, as Hamas flexed its firepower and sent thousands running for shelters across the country.

As the death toll from Israel's two-day Operation

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