

# Manpower export to Libya halted

Govt worried over turmoil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has suspended exporting manpower to Libya in the face of severe conflicts involving different forces in the North African country.

The decision was made as different groups are continuously carrying out attacks in the areas adjacent to the airports of Libya, Khondaker Showkat Hossain, secretary of the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Earlier on Thursday, in a press statement, the foreign ministry advised all Bangladeshi nationals not to travel to Libya until the situation in the trouble-torn country became The secretary, however, said the government would

resume the manpower export to Libya as soon as the situation improved there. Around 5000 Bangladeshis went to Libya in the first half of this year for work purpose, according to the Bureau of

Manpower Employment and Training. Currently, over 45,000 Bangladeshis are working in

various sectors of the country. But they are passing their days fearing assaults on them as Libya has recently become unsafe and volatile due to conflicts among different groups there.

At least six Bangladeshi workers were killed in such conflicts between February 1 and June 22. Most of them died in SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



Anyone might wonder if this is really a river. It was not long ago that this channel of the Buriganga was navigable. Goods-laden boats being rowed was quite a familiar view for people using the bridge. But now, due to continuous waste dumping and grabbing, the life has been choked out of the river -- the lifeline of Dhaka. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

### Pabna Jubo League leader shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

US city runs

out of safe

drinking

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Up to half a million resi-

dents of one of the largest

cities in Ohio are without

safe drinking water after a

dangerous toxin was dis-

been declared in Toledo,

Ohio's fourth largest city,

and its surrounding sub-

urbs after the contamina-

tion was discovered late on

local zoo have been forced

crisis, thought to be caused

by a "harmful algal bloom"

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to close as a result of the

at the water's source in

Restaurants and even the

A state of emergency has

covered in the supply.

water

Friday.

Unidentified miscreants hacked and later shot a local Jubo League leader dead after attacking his house at Ratanpur village in Pabna last night. The deceased was identified as Md

Baki Billah, 45, president of ward 8 of Vulbaria union unit of the youth body of the ruling Awami League. The attack on Baki was carried out

around 1:00am at his house, leaving him dead on the spot, said Md Faizul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ataikula Police

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AWARD FOR FOREIGN FRIENDS

## Govt to launch further probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to run further investigations into alleged irregularities in procuring subpar crests awarded to the nation's foreign friends and organisations for their contributions to the country's Liberation War of 1971.

Hedayetullah Al Mamun, senior secretary at the commerce ministry, will lead the three-member probe committee, which has been asked to submit its report "as early as possible", Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, senior secretary at the public administration ministry, told The Daily Star last night.

Mosharraf Hossain and Foyez Ahmed, joint secretaries of the agriculture and forest and environment ministries, are the other members of the committee, he said, adding that a circular in this regard had been issued yesterday. The public administration ministry took the decision after a synopsis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Managing Director (MD) of South African budget

in 2 months

Biman to get

new chief

carrier Fastjet, Kyle Haywood, is going to be the next MD and chief executive officer (CEO) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

The Board of Directors of the national flag carrier in a meeting recently approved a proposal of the selection committee to appoint the South-Africanborn British citizen.

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**Kyle Haywood** 

CAR SMASHED BY TRAIN

## 2 sued for carrying Nur Hossain's pistol

The police yesterday sued Nur-e-Alam Khan and AR Rahman Ansar for carrying a pistol licensed to Narayanganj seven-murder accused Nur Hossain in their car that a train smashed on the Malibagh level crossing on Friday.

The pistol with 12 bullets and another eight bullets presumably for a rifle had been recovered from the wreckage of the car.

Three men, including Hossain's brother-in-law Nur-e-Alam and associate Ansar, sustained injuries in the accident but went missing immediately. Two other car passengers -- a woman and a child -- escaped the collision unhurt.

Sub-inspector of Dhaka Railway Police Station Rafigul Islam filed an arms case against Khan, who is on the run, and Ansar, who is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Dhaka under police guard.

Meanwhile, Railway Deputy Assistant Engineer Abdul Matin Bhuiyan SEE PAGE 13 COL 6



Kalpana Biswas, holding on tight to a photo of her daughter Trishna, cries her heart out at her residence in Jhenidah yesterday. Trishna was one of 11 people killed when a train rammed the bus they were travelling in at a level crossing on Friday. PHOTO: STAR

PTI, New York

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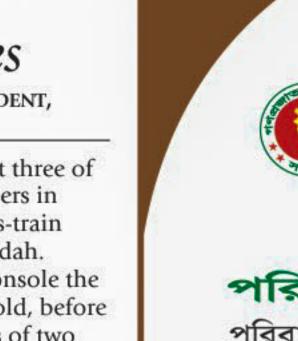
#### Only tearstained memories

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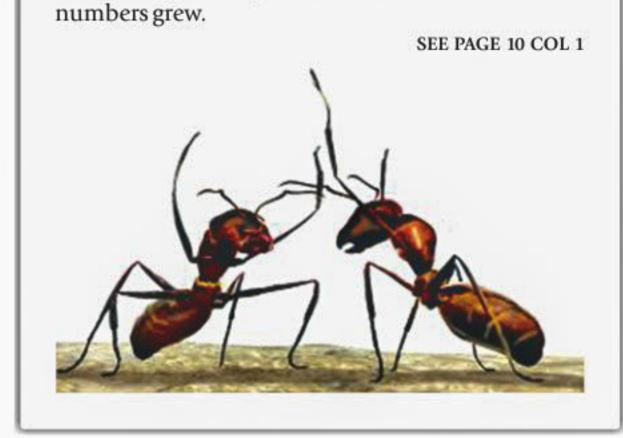
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ihenidah

Parula Biswas lost three of her family members in Friday's tragic bus-train collision in Jhenidah. Nothing could console the grieving 70-year-old, before whom the bodies of two grandchildren and a daughter-in-law were being carried to a crematorium for last rites.

She spoke not a word. Only tears rolled down her weary wrinkled cheeks as this correspondent visited







Ants help cool

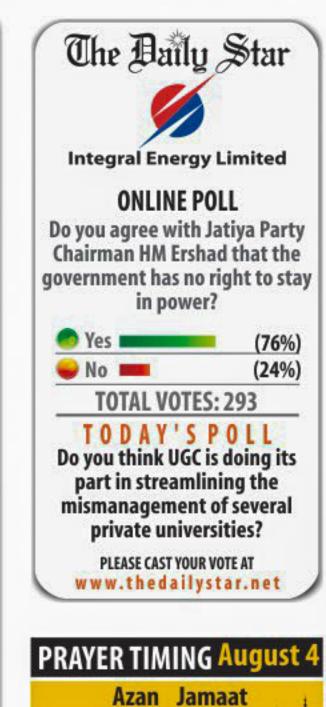
Earth's climate

Ants may be cooling the Earth by helping trap car-

bon dioxide from the environment, a new study has

on soil suggests they cooled Earth's climate as their

A long-term experiment tracking the ants' effects



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