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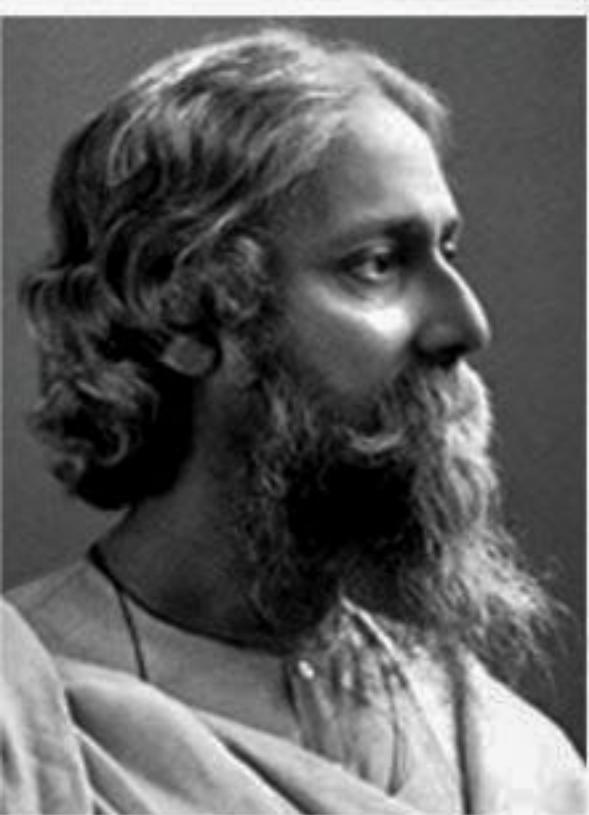
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Rapp opposes organisation's war crimes trial

Rules out defence suggestion for trial in third country

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice Stephen J Rapp yesterday opposed the trial of any political party or organisation for crimes against humanity, and called for focusing on individuals who committed those crimes.

The focus on individuals instead of political party or organisation will help ensure reconciliation and peace in the society, he added.

Stephen Rapp, now in Dhaka on his 5th visit since 2011, also said the defence counsels' proposal for holding of these trials in a third country under UN supervision would not be realistic.

The US envoy came here in January, May and November 2011 and in May 2013 and discussed about International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 and the ongoing trial of war criminals.

"You can convict individuals...it allows reconciliation and allows other people to rejoin the societies. Focusing on individuals helps rebuild society," he said while addressing a press conference at the American Centre yesterday.

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A Tuba Group worker cries in agony as she is hurt in police action during a demonstration in front of the office of garment makers' platform BGMEA yesterday. The workers of five Tuba factories have been agitating since the day before Eid-ul-Fitr for three months' arrears and festival bonus.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

VANDALISM, BOMB BLASTS

Fakhrul, Moudud, 39 others charged

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Detectives pressed charges against 41 BNP leaders including its acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Standing Committee member Moudud Ahmed in a case filed for vandalism and blasting bombs on March 2 last year.

Dipak Kumar Das, a sub-inspector of the Detective Branch of police and also the investigating officer (IO) of the case, submitted two separate charge sheets to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday.

The IO claimed that he found "evidences of the charges" against the accused BNP men and prayed for bringing them under trial.

One of the charge sheets accuses the BNP leaders of assaulting police, torching vehicles and preventing them from discharging their duties and the other for hurling cock-tails at the police on March 2 last year.

Police filed the case against the 41 BNP men and 1,200 unknown persons accusing them of obstructing law enforcers from discharging their duties, attempting to kill them and hurling crude bombs to create

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FEUD IN DHAKA CITY BNP

Khaleda issues stern warning

RASHIDUL HASAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night made it clear that there would be no change in the newly formed convening committee of the party's Dhaka city unit.

She warned that tough action would be taken if any party member creates obstacles to the activities of the BNP's crucial chapter.

"We have formed the new committee with hopes of strengthening the party and preparing it for anti-government agitation," a BNP leader quoted Khaleda as saying at the meeting of the new committee at Khaleda's Gulshan office in the capital.

Khaleda's warning comes in the wake of growing rift

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India lashes out at WTO over failed deal

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday defended its decision to scuttle a landmark worldwide trade deal, saying it needed to take a tough stand at the WTO to ensure the survival of its impoverished farmers.

Trade Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also lashed out at the World Trade Organization, accusing it of foot-dragging on negotiations to give the green light to India's stockpiling of food.

India's new right-wing government last week refused to ratify the long-sought global deal on streamlining customs rules, despite WTO members agreeing to the terms of the accord at a meeting in Bali last year.

The deal, the first global reform of trade

in years which needs the agreement of the WTO's 160 members, would add \$1 trillion and 21 million jobs to the world economy, according to some estimates.

But India insists that the deal should be concluded as a "package" alongside a permanent agreement on stockpiling food to feed its millions of poor people.

"India stood firm on its demands despite immense pressure," Sitharaman told parliament as lawmakers thumped their desks in approval.

"The government of India is committed to protecting the interests of our farmers against all odds," said Sitharaman, whose government came to power in May.

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An overcrowded ferry at Elisha terminal in Bhola yesterday. As sea truck services remained halted amid bad weather, people went for ferries. Story on page 12.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the new broadcasting policy would curb the independence of the media?

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(82%)

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(18%)

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Do you agree with BNP leader Rizvi Ahmed that the government has formulated the National Broadcast Policy to stifle the media?

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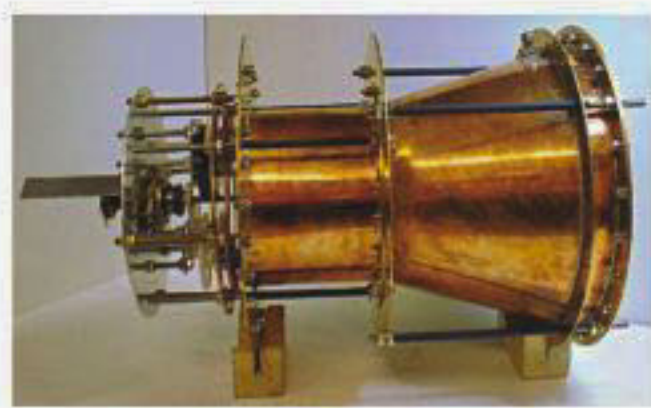
Space travel to get a big boost

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

In a quiet announcement that has sent shockwaves through the scientific world, Nasa has cautiously given its seal of approval to a new type of "impossible" engine that could revolutionise space travel.

In a paper published by the agency's experimental Eagleworks Laboratories, Nasa engineers confirmed that they had produced tiny amounts of thrust from an engine without propellant – an apparent violation of the conservation of momentum; the law of physics that states that every

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Outlaw killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A regional leader of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) was killed in a "gunfight" with police at Dhopakholia under Phultala upazila here early yesterday.

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PRAYER TIMING August 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-47	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

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পরিবার সঞ্চয়পত্র (৫-বছর মেয়াদী)

পরিবার সঞ্চয়পত্র (৫-বছর মেয়াদী), মুনাফার হার ১৩.৪৫% এক লক্ষ টাকা বিনিয়োগে প্রতি মাসে নীট মুনাফা ১,০৭০ টাকা।

❖ ১৮ (আঠার) ও তদূর্ধ্ব বয়সের যে কোন বাংলাদেশী মহিলা

❖ যে কোন বাংলাদেশী শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী (পুরুষ ও মহিলা) এবং

❖ ৬৫ (পঁয়ষট্টি) ও তদূর্ধ্ব বয়সের বয়োজ্যেষ্ঠ যে কোন বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক (পুরুষ ও মহিলা) নির্ধারিত ফরমে এই সঞ্চয়পত্র ক্রয়ের আবেদন করতে পারবে।

মূল্যমানঃ ১০,০০০ টাকা; ২০,০০০ টাকা; ৫০,০০০ টাকা; ১,০০,০০০ টাকা; ২,০০,০০০ টাকা; ৫,০০,০০০ টাকা এবং ১০,০০,০০০ টাকা।

৫-বছর মেয়াদী বাংলাদেশ সঞ্চয়পত্র

৫-বছর মেয়াদী বাংলাদেশ সঞ্চয়পত্র, মুনাফার হার ১৩.১৯% এক লক্ষ টাকা বিনিয়োগে মেয়াদান্তে (৫-বছর) নীট মুনাফা ৬২,৯০০ টাকা।

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