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N'ganj mob bosses involved in 7-murder Says Mayor Ivy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The criminal godfathers of Narayanganj city were involved in the seven-murder of April, said Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy yesterday.

She yesterday testified before a probe body at the public administration ministry in Dhaka. Ruling party lawmaker of Narayanganj Shamim Osman is to testify today.

Speaking to the press afterward her testimony, she said, "Everyone in Narayanganj and the country know who these godfathers are, and who are involved in corruption and killings. There is nothing to specify."

The seven-member probe body was formed on May 7 upon a High Court order.



NOT RAIN ... What appears to be water logging after a torrential downpour is actually the effect of an unusually high tide caused by the super moon observed the night before. Schoolchildren had to wade through knee-deep water to school, and several vehicles broke down in the water. The photos were taken yesterday afternoon in Agrabad, Chittagong city.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

HASTY ACQUITTAL, BAIL Retired Dhaka judge under ACC scanner

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Anti-Corruption Commission will inquire into the hasty acquittal and bail of dozens of accused by Faruk Ahmed, a recently retired Dhaka court judge, just months before he went into retirement.

The decision came after the law ministry yesterday asked the anti-graft body to take necessary action against Faruk.

Earlier on Sunday, the office of the chief justice instructed the law ministry to look into Faruk's alleged anomalies in granting bail and acquitting several dozens of accused.

As asked by the law ministry, the ACC will try to find out if the judge had gained

US 'sending arms directly' to Kurds

No plans to expand Iraq strikes: Pentagon

AGENCIES

The US government is directly supplying weapons to Kurdish fighters to help them fight Sunni militants, in a deepening of America's military involvement in Iraq, US government sources said yesterday.

The supply of weapons to Iraqi Kurdistan comes as Kurdish fighters struggle to stem advances by militants from the Islamic State, an al-Qaeda offshoot.

The sources said the weapons were supplied by the Central Intelligence Agency but that the Department of Defence may soon start arming the Kurdish fighters, who regained control of two strategic towns in northern Iraq on Sunday with help from US airstrikes.

The officials declined to specify when the supply program began or what sort of arms it included.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said the United States has no plans to expand its air campaign in Iraq beyond protecting American personnel in the city of Arbil and besieged Yazidi refugees.

"There are no plans to expand the current air campaign beyond the

Ctg Jamaat man hurt in 'gunfight'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Jamaat-e-Islami man sustained bullet injuries in a "gunfight" between police and Jamaat-Shibir cadres in Satkania upazila of Chittagong on Sunday night.

Police arrested three people, including bullet-hit Shahidul Alam alias Pagla Shahid, 30, from the spot and recovered two firearms, four cartridges, four bullets and a cleaver from their possession.

The two others are Md Borhan, 18, and Sayem Farhad, 20.

Mahmudul Hai, inspector (Investigation) of

Chronic sleep loss in space

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A new report into the sleeping habits of astronauts has revealed that when it comes to getting some shut eye, even the peace and quiet of space doesn't help.

Astronauts commonly suffer from sleep



Canada calls for dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Canada wants dialogue between the ruling Awami League and the BNP to determine the framework for the next election, said Heather Cruden, Canadian high commissioner to Bangladesh.

"We call for dialogue, and hope the two parties would hold dialogue not only for the elections, but for the framework for the next elections," said the diplomat at a

PRAYER TIMING August 12		
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat
4-25	5-00	
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-41	6-44
Esha	8-00	8-30



A Palestinian girl carries items she collected from the rubble of her home during a 72-hour ceasefire observed in the Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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(82%)

No

(18%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy that godfathers of the city were involved in the gruesome seven-murder?

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ILL-FATED LAUNCH PINAK-6 Temporary fitness certificate illegal DoS probe body dissolved on shipping minister's instructions

TAWFIQUE ALI

The temporary fitness certificate that the Department of Shipping issued for Pinak-6 during the Eid rush was unlawful, said officials of the department and the Marine Court.

Pinak-6 got three temporary fitness cer-

tificates since its fitness document had expired in April.

Eight days after the disaster, the Department of Shipping following the shipping minister's instructions yesterday dissolved its four-member committee

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