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BABY STEALING AT DMCH Culprit fled as CCTV went off

SHAHEEN MOLLAH
and EMRAN HOSSAIN

None of the 53 CCTV cameras at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital was in use when a baby was stolen on August 21.

The server station for the cameras remained shut for almost 12 hours from around

9:00pm on August 20, according to hospital employees. And the baby has been missing since around

7:30am on August 21.

Since its instalment in 2009, this was the first time the surveillance system went down.

The Power Development Board officials posted at the country's premier public hospital yesterday told The Daily Star that the electricity supply to the server station was disconnected because of a short-circuit.

It took an hour from around 9:00am on August 21 to find out the short-circuit, said one of the officials. "Most possibly, a rat gnawed at a power cable."

The office of DMCH Director Brig Gen Mustafizur Rahman houses the server station. The electrical short-circuit was detected just above its ceiling.

Usually, a rat nibbling at a cable gets

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**PDB blames rats for
CCTV outage in DMCH**



A LAUGHABLE EFFORT ... A few workers try to wiggle iron rods while two small diggers find it difficult to reach the illegal wall an encroacher built in the river Turag. Such was the poor effort the BIWTA offered to recover the river near Kamarpara Bridge yesterday. The authorities did nothing while the occupier was building the structures.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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Drive to free Turag almost futile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first day of a three-day eviction drive to make parts of the Turag river encroachment-free yesterday turned out to be another futile attempt due to lack of proper equipment and poor planning.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) along with Dhaka and Gazipur district administrations launched the drive following a July 24 High Court order in consequence of a news report headlined "Turag close to death" carried in this newspaper on July 12.

The authorities failed to mobilise some basic equipment to remove concrete structures and earth filling. At the same time, they could not bring in a tugboat to pull down reinforced concrete structures due to several low-height bridges across the river.

Saiful Islam, joint director of BIWTA, said they needed to bring a pontoon with a long reach excavator and a tugboat or a bulldozer to remove concrete walls, pillars and earth filling within the river.

Rejoinder, our reply

The BNP sent a rejoinder to our report published on August 15 under the headline, "Zia's civil posting: History would have been different."

Following is the full text (unedited) of the rejoinder, undersigned by BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir:

I refer to the article in the front page of the 15th August 2014 issue of Daily Star by Shakhawat Liton

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Big boost for Bhola

New gas-based power plant to meet district's electricity demand; operations begin in Dec

SHARIER KHAN

When natural gas was discovered in Shahbazpur of Bhola two decades ago, everyone thought the energy- and job-starved island would flourish, but despite various efforts almost no major changes came to make that dream come true.

However, things are finally set to take a giant leap as a 195-megawatt power plant is scheduled to begin partial operation in December. The full plant is likely to be oper-

ational in August next year.

This would make this island rich with availability of natural gas and power and an attractive destination for investment, said a Power Development Board (PDB) high official.

"A number of agencies are working simultaneously to empower Bhola. The projects cover gas production to future transmission of power to Barisal," said Harun ur Rashid, PDB project director of the Bhola power project.

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People dismantle their home in Dewabari of Hatibandha in Lalmonirhat yesterday to take it to a safer place as the over-flowing Teesta floods a large portion of the north.

PHOTO: DILIP ROY

Major rivers swelling

Floodwaters not receding in next 3 days

STAR REPORT

With the situation worsening in at least five districts, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) yesterday said that the floods might be prolonged as the water levels of three major rivers are likely to remain unchanged for three more days.

Hit hard by the weeklong floods and resultant crisis of drinking water, several lakh people have pointed to the inadequate relief efforts of the government.

In Dhaka, the swelling-up of surrounding rivers, which have already inundated some low-lying areas around the capital, may see a further

rise over the next 72 hours. However, the FFWC sees little possibility of floods in the next few days.

According to a 6:00am bulletin of the FFWC yesterday, all the major river systems were showing rising trends, except the Ganges, while the Brahmaputra, the Jamuna and the

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