

BE SAFE

BSRM

By the Sea Road Maintenance

5,000,000

(\$ MILLION)

CYCLES FATIGUE TESTED AT U.K.

Xtreme

Safety | Quality | Assurance

www.bsrsm.com

BSRM

Xtreme

Feel safe with Xtreme Inside

TRANSCOM

DIGITAL

HD LED TV

32EH4003

• Wide Color Enhancer Plus

• ConnectShare Transfer

• Triple Protector

TK. 39,900

NEW HD LED TV

SAMSUNG

32H4100

• Family TV • Wide Color Enhancer Plus

• ConnectShare Transfer

Old Price Tk. 47,000

New Price Tk. 44,000

For More Information:

9855366-8, 09613 700700

MP's strange justification

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

A ruling party lawmaker allegedly is putting pressure on the authorities of Darusha College in Poba upazila to reinstate a former principal who had been sacked for corruption and irregularities four years ago.

Lawmaker Ayen Uddin, elected from Rajshahi-3 (Poba-Mohonpur) constituency, has sent frequent requests to the college governing body to restore the former principal to office, said Harun-ur Rashid, president of the governing body.

The college governing body sacked Abdul Mannan in July 2010 after a probe report had found to be true several allegations of corruption against him.

The lawmaker categorically admitted that he pressed for reinstating Mannan on "humanitarian" grounds.

"He [Mannan] deserves mercy. He did not commit any murder after all. Even murderers are getting mercy nowadays!" he told The Daily Star.

"He was a principal once. Will he now plough lands for a living?" he further said adding that Mannan and his family had visited him once and cried for getting his job back.

As Harun declined his request, Ayen sent in a demand order (DO), signed on August 10, to the Board of

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

A supporter of Tahir ul-Qadri, a Sufi cleric and leader of Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) party, cheers upon seeing an army commander after fellow supporters stormed the building of the state television channel PTV, during the Revolution March in Islamabad yesterday. More on page 8.

PHOTO: REUTERS



Dhaka to press for return of Nur Hossain Talks with Indian home secy today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is likely to request New Delhi to hand over Nur Hossain, the alleged mastermind of the seven murders in Narayanganj, at the three-day long home secretary-level talks between Bangladesh and India beginning today.

The meeting is also expected to address issues like cross-border crimes, land boundary agreement and killing along the border.

The secretary-level meeting, 15th of its kind between the two countries, will be held at Hotel Sonargaan.

Indian Home Secretary Anil Goswami and Senior Bangladesh Home Secretary Mozammel Haque Khan each will lead the 13-member representatives of their respective sides at the meeting.

Both sides would review the progress of ratification and implementation of some

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Lower courts need 3,000 more judges

Law commission recommends to the law ministry for reducing backlog of cases

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Bangladesh Law Commission has recommended recruiting 3,000 judges at lower courts for quick disposal of pending cases and reducing sufferings of justice seekers.

The commission in a report also observed that most of the lower court judges do not follow relevant rules and regulations while discharging judicial duties, further delaying disposing of cases.

It sent its report to the law ministry and its parliamentary standing committee on June 26. The committee had asked for its suggestions on how to reduce the backlog of cases.

"I have visited many courts in districts while I discharged [duties] as chief justice and a judge of the Appellate Division and the High Court Division for several years and I saw that many judges of those courts did not attend courts on time and did not discharge their duties properly," Law Commission Chairman Justice ABM Khairul Haque told The Daily Star on August 19.

He said the judges' dodging duties caused unnecessary delays in finishing trials of cases. It obstructed the delivery of justice and caused sufferings to justice seekers.

There were examples in which some litigants and witnesses had died before their cases had been finished, which was shocking, he said.

SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

JAPAN PM'S VISIT Support for big projects may come

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will make a short official visit to Bangladesh



on September 6 to discuss a host of bilateral and regional issues as well as to mobilise support for Japan's candidacy for a 2016-2017 non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council (UNSC).

"This is the return visit by Abe in quick succession of prime minister's official visit to Japan on May 25-28," according to a formal announcement by the foreign ministry yesterday.

SEE PAGE 13 COL 4

JUDGE IMPEACHMENT

JS to pass bill in current session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament in the current session will pass the bill on amending the constitution to restore its authority to impeach Supreme Court judges on grounds of misconduct or incapacity.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan yesterday.

Suranjit Sengupta, chief of the parliamentary standing

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Tarique's wife sacked from govt job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zubaida Rahman, wife of BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman, has been dismissed from government job as she has been absent from work for long "without permission".



Zubaida Rahman

Zubaida, a physician, had been posted at an upazila health complex in Tangail.

"All are equal before law. Already, action has been taken against her. She has been dismissed," Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim told parliament yesterday.

Many Awami League and Jatiya Party MPs thumped their desks at the announcement.

Zubaida, who was doing Doctor of Medicine (third part) at the National Institute of Cardiovascular

SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



Gobindapur Bazar Road near Shanir Akhra has been in this horrible state for the last five years. Hardly any vehicle uses the road and people can only use one edge of the road to walk.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

HOUDINI SECRETS

Unlocked

MAIL ONLINE

He was one of the 20th century's most famous faces, who wowed the world with his sensational escape acts. And now a new mini-series will reveal some of

SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



এশিয়ান ইউনিভার্সিটি অব বাংলাদেশ

উত্তরা, ঢাকা-১২৩০।

বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সরকারী সিদ্ধান্তের পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মতিঝিল কমপ্লেক্স-এর সকল কার্যক্রম বন্ধ করে দেয়া হয়েছে। এখন থেকে মতিঝিল কমপ্লেক্স এর অবশিষ্ট শিক্ষার্থীদেরকে আমাদের একমাত্র ঢাকা (উত্তরা) ক্যাম্পাসে অসমাপ্ত কোর্স সমাপণ করার জন্য পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে।

প্রসঙ্গক্রমে উল্লেখ্য যে, আমাদের ঢাকা (উত্তরা) ক্যাম্পাস এর শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম যথারীতি চালু আছে। আন্তর্জাতিক এ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের স্থায়ী ক্যাম্পাস এর নির্মাণ কাজ দ্রুত গতিতে এগিয়ে চলেছে, যার ভিত্তি প্রস্তর স্থাপন করেছেন মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী জনাব নুরুল ইসলাম নাহিদ, এম. পি.।

রেজিস্ট্রার, এইউবি।

The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

ONLINE POLL

Do you think high healthcare cost and poor quality of medical services are major obstacles to eliminating poverty in the country?

Yes

No

(67%)

(33%)

TOTAL VOTES: 156

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Dr Kamal Hossain that the Judges' impeachment move is not in the interest of the country and its people?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT

www.thedailystar.net

ROAD OF HORROR

Zia Sarani left to die

HELEMUL ALAM

The once clean Ziaur Rahman Sarani in Matuail is now just a kilometre stretch of mud and filth, unusable for any sort of vehicles.

Built in 2005 to link Demra and Jatrabari Chittagong Road, the street has hardly ever been maintained or repaired.

The Daily Star correspondent waited an hour beside the road and failed to see a single vehicle pass by.

Locals have thrown brick chunks at places so that they could at least cross the

road on foot.

Middle-aged Mizanur Rahman had to carry on his back his 70-year-old father-in-law, Ibrahim Bhuiyan, for the better part of the way to Ibne Sina Diagnostic Centre in Jatrabari.

"I have tried to get a rickshaw but none showed any interest in going down the road because of its poor condition," said Mizanur.

It took him almost half an hour to carry his father-in-law over the one kilometre stretch before finally getting a rickshaw at Shanir Akhra.

SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

The Daily Star launches new enhanced mobile website.

To get the latest news and updates, type

thedailystar.net