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SHAHJALAL AIRPORT US experts inspect Ebola screening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special US team yesterday inspected Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital to learn about the arrangements there to detect whether any arriving passenger is infected with the deadly Ebola virus.

"The US team witnessed our preparations -- how we screen people and coordinate with airlines to get information about people coming from Africa," Rezia Akhter Begum, health officer at the airport, told The Daily Star.

It had discussions with Dr Be-Nazir Ahmed, member secretary of inter-ministerial monitoring committee on Ebola, but didn't make any observations on the arrangements at the airport, she said.

The team included Dr James Heffelfinger, Bangladesh country director for the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and a US Embassy official. They were accompanied by local health experts, said Rezia.

A total of 168 people have entered Bangladesh from Ebola-affected West

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A man in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital gets a syringe out of his pocket, fills it with drugs and injects himself near his groin out in the open in broad daylight.



World losing ground against Ebola: UN

WHO warns infections could hit 10,000 a week; second US health worker tests positive

AFP, United Nations

The world is falling behind in a desperate race to stop the deadly Ebola outbreak, a top UN official warned on Tuesday amid dire predictions that thousands of new infections are possible before year's end.

"Ebola got a head start on us," said Anthony Banbury, head of the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response.

"It is far ahead of us, it is running faster

than us, and it is winning the race," the Briton told the UN Security Council in New York, by remote link from UNMEER headquarters in Accra, Ghana.

"If Ebola wins, we the peoples of the United Nations lose so very much," he said.

The UN official made his remarks as the World Health Organisation said the Ebola infection rate could soon reach 10,000 a week as world leaders prepared to hold talks

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Militant held as 'mugger'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a member of an extremists group in the capital yesterday mistaking him for a mugger.

During police interrogation, the arrestee, 23-year-old Khorshed Alam Rubel, said he and his two associates had been going to Mirpur to kill an "atheist" teacher when he was arrested.

Patrolling Cantonment-Mirpur flyover area, a police team signaled to an auto-rickshaw around 6:00am to stop, police sources said.

As the driver slowed down the vehicle, three men came out and started firing at the law enforcers, said Atikur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Cantonment Police Station.

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Irregular students rule JCD committee

PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

A student body it is, but its central committee is largely without regular students. Even many of the committee members are in their thirties while dozens are facing criminal cases.

This is the composition of the new central committee of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. Only 40 to 50 JCD leaders of the 201-member committee have been continuing their "studentship" with MPhil and other equivalent courses.

JCD leaders however claimed that there is no need to form its central committee with

only regular students.

Among the leaders facing criminal charges is Eshaque Sarkar, organising secretary, who has been sued in around 200 criminal lawsuits, said a leader of JCD, BNP's associated student body.

An accused in the murder case of Buet student Sabekunnahar Sony, Niaz Makhdam Masum Billah has been made a vice president. Sony was killed during a gunfight between two JCD factions in the capital in 2003.

Even Rajib Ahsan and Akramul Hasan, the new president and general secretary of

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A handcuffed child being escorted by police on Thakurgaon court premises yesterday. Though the Children Act 2013 mandates that no child should be handcuffed or tied with a rope around the waist, law enforcers in this case showed no care to it.

PHOTO: STAR

Mortified, she kills herself

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Chapainawabganj

A college girl in Naogaon has taken her own life, after her ex-boyfriend circulated some of her intimate photos with him.

Police and locals said the 18-year-old took poison on Tuesday, failing to stand the humiliation by her neighbours.

Her former boyfriend Hiren Chandra Mandal Rocky, 22, sent out some of their private photos through cell phones after their relations ended.

On Tuesday, some people were watching those pictures on their phones at a shop while she was returning home from college.

"As she was crossing the shop, they started to tease her, saying: 'This is the girl, this is the girl,'" said Saiful

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Stem cell trial cures blindness

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A pioneering treatment for progressive blindness has been proved safe three years after patients were injected with stem cells derived from human embryos, a study has found.

More than half of the patients with macular degeneration – where the eye's light-sensitive cells are progressively destroyed – experienced a significant improvement in their eyesight, but none showed any adverse effects due directly to the transplant of the embryonic cells, scientists said.

Doctors injected the stem cells into the eyes of 18 patients – nine with Stargardt's macular dystrophy and nine with dry, age-related macular degeneration – with the ultimate aim of repairing damaged photoreceptors in the retina at the back of the eye.

However, the more immediate goal of the phase

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MISCONDUCT, IRREGULARITIES

42 judges under scanner

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Forty-two lower court judges are now facing probe over alleged misconduct and irregularities.

Upon receiving complaints from lawyers, justice seekers and district authorities concerned, the law ministry has engaged some senior district judges to probe the allegations, Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal told The Daily Star on Monday.

"Once the investigations are com-

plete, we will send the probe reports to the High Court for its decisions," he added.

The ministry, said Zahirul, in last five years has sent 13 judges into forced retirement as punishment for corruption, irregularities, incompetence and absence from workplace.

The actions were taken according to recommendations by the HC. The ministry, as per directives of the HC, is closely monitoring the activities of lower court judges to ensure transpar-

ency and discipline in lower judiciary, he mentioned.

There are around 1,700 judges in the lower courts across the country.

Talking to this correspondent about the procedure of taking action against a lower court judge, some officials at the Supreme Court and the law ministry said the ministry initially receives an enquiry report on the allegations.

If any allegation against a judge is found to be true, a departmental case is

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