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Ben Bradlee, who led the Washington Post during the Watergate era, dies

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A police van escorts the vehicle, apparently of a minister, on the wrong side of the street near Ruposhi Bangla hotel in the capital violating traffic rules and risking a head-on collision. A long queue of vehicles follow suit to take advantage of the impunity the "minister's" vehicle is getting. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

INFLUENTIALS on the WRONG SIDE

Job, not law, comes first for traffic men

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Traffic police and even a minister appear helpless in preventing government high-ups from driving on the wrong side of Dhaka streets, making top government officials untouchable by traffic laws.

Traffic policemen on the ground continue to overlook vehicles taking the wrong side of roads saying the rules violators are influential people and they may face serious repercussions if they penalise them.

State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Kamal said ministers' vehicles sometimes take to the wrong side of roads to attend emergency meetings. Besides, emergency vehicles like police, fire brigade and ambulance were allowed to use the wrong side to avoid traffic.

Taking this opportunity, other vehicles also drive on the wrong side and police were taking action, he claimed.

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Gunshots fired inside Canada parliament

A soldier, gunman dead in attack

AFP, Ottawa

Gunfire echoed through the Gothic halls of the Canadian parliament yesterday as police shot dead a gunman suspected of killing a soldier guarding a nearby war memorial before storming the build-

Police said an investigation was continuing, but did not confirm earlier SEE PAGE 11 COL 5



5 Bangladeshis killed in Saudi bus crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five Bangladeshi workers were killed and two others injured in a road accident in Saudi Arabia's Makkah yesterday.

The dead are identified as Faridul Alam, 45, Md Alam, 36, Ayub, 30, Mansur Alam, 30, and Najir Hossain, 35, said officials of the Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah. All of them hailed from Cox's Bazar's Eidgah area.

The injured, also from Cox's Bazar, are Md Islam and Joynal.

Four dead bodies were kept in King Faisal Al Shisha hospital and one in Al Noor RELATED STORY ON PAGE 3 SEE PAGE 12 COL 4

SI Anwar held

Sued for shooting a man over personal conflict

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and JAMIL MAHMUD

Sub-inspector Anwar Hossain of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station was arrested yesterday for shooting a man in the capital on Sunday. The SI shot Shah Alam, a car driver, in both legs

from close range in Taltola area around midnight, and tried to portray him as a mugger and a gunfight victim.

SI Anwar Hossain Biplob Kumar Sarkar, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, yesterday said during primary investigation they found Anwar shot Alam over personal enmity.

"He [Anwar] shot Alam after picking him up," Biplob told The Daily Star over the phone.

The SI was arrested after Alam's brother Golam Mostafa filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police yesterday afternoon.

In the case statement, Mostafa said Anwar tried to kill his brother. Following the allegation, Abdul Momen, officer-in-charge of the SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



Shot in the legs by a policeman, Shah Alam having treatment at Nitor in the capital.

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TACKLING EBOLA

HC screening order not for all passengers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court on Monday had actually ordered to take steps for Ebola screening of air passengers coming from Ebola affected countries only.

The order had come in response to a writ petition filed by a Supreme Court lawyer who reportedly misinformed the media that day. Petitioner Eunus Ali Akond on that day

had told the media that a High Court bench ordered the government to screen all incoming passengers at all international ports and border areas with the help of armed forces.

The High Court bench yesterday summoned Eunus before it on October 26 to explain as to why he misinformed the media about its order and explain his conduct.

Deputy Attorney General Mokhlesur Rahman said the bench on Tuesday had asked Eunus to appear before it yesterday, but he did not show up. Eunus was unreachable despite repeated attempts over his mobile phone.

A copy of Monday's order, which had not been signed, shows that the court had ordered the government to take necessary steps with the help of armed forces at international ports and all border areas for identification of Ebola infection among air passengers whose journey began from or included a stop in the Ebola affected African countries.

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Azimur Rahman 1935-2001

I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today

I heard your voice in the wind today and I turned to see your face; The warmth of the wind caressed me as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today as its warmth filled the sky; I closed my eyes for your embrace and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane as I watched the falling rain; It seemed as each raindrop fell it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today it made me feel complete; You may have died...but you are not gone you will always be a part of me.

the wind blows... the rain falls... You will live on inside of me forever

As long as the sun shines...

for that is all my heart knows. -Unknown Author

Confusion over Latif's reply to AL notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Confusion has arisen over whether or not Abdul Latif Siddique has replied to a show-cause notice of the ruling Awami League following his comments demeaning hajj and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

While some highly placed sources in the party yesterday told The Daily Star that the reply reached party General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam at his official residence on Bailey Road on Tuesday, the AL

central office denied this. The notice was sent to Latif's residence in Tangail's SEE PAGE 11 COL 2

Hartal called for Sunday

Islamic parties demand immediate arrest of Latif

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alliance of Islamic parties has called a countrywide daylong hartal for Sunday as their demand for arresting recently sacked minister Abdul Latif Siddique by yesterday is not met.

On October 1, Sammilito Islami Dalsamuho gave the government a 15-day ultimatum to arrest Siddique but later it extended the date until October 22.

> "But the government did SEE PAGE 2 COL 1





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