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Speaker differs with state minister

Says her permission not needed for Latif's arrest outside JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday opposed the view of the state minister for home affairs that her permission was needed to arrest sacked minister Abdul Latif Siddique.

"There is no need to take my permission for arresting a lawmaker outside the parliament premises," she said at her office in the Jatiya Sangsad when reporters drew her attention to the statement of State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan.

Asaduzzaman told the media at his office in the Secretariat that law enforcement agencies could not arrest lawmaker Latif Siddique on his return home from India Sunday night since parliamentary session was going on and

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KEEPING THE POOR WARM IN WINTER

The winter in the north is far more severe than it is in the south of the country and weavers at Kismat Keshurbari village in Thakurgaon prepare to cater the needs of the people of the north. They bring in wool and make them into colourful blankets that provide warmth to many for a cheap price. However, high prices of wool have put weavers in trouble as they cannot sell a blanket for more than Tk 200-225.

PHOTO: QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT

Find proper formalin detection kit

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to buy proper formalin detection kits within next two months as the Formaldehyde Meter Z-300 has been found faulty.

It also asked the government to form an expert committee which will recommend an appropriate device for detecting formalin in foods.

The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice M Khasruzzaman passed the order after hearing a writ petition filed by Fruit Importers' Association.

The petition was lodged with the court in early July when the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) conducted a major drive against formalin-laced food using the Formaldehyde Meter Z-300 and destroyed tonnes of fruits, especially mangoes and litchis, on the

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ZIA ORPHANAGE GRAFT CASE
SC clears way for Khaleda's trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for a lower court to continue the trial proceedings against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

Khaleda had filed appeals with the Appellate Division, challenging two High Court decisions -- one to accept charges against the seven accused, including the opposition chief and her elder son Tarique Rahman, and another to allow charge framing in the case. The SC rejected both appeals.

One of the two leave-to-appeal petitions was filed in 2012 against an HC



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REPORTING WAR TRIAL
Tribunal asks media to be cautious

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday asked the media to be more cautious and responsible while reporting on trial proceedings.

"Events should be reported as it happens," Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chairman of the special tribunal, said before pronouncing the verdict of Mobarak Hossain.

The judge came up with the warning a day after some private television channels

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Vigilant civil society can help check graft

TI founder for corruption-free society

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The civil society movement against corruption must go on until a country is free of the vice, Transparency International founder Prof Dr Peter Eigen said yesterday.

"A vigilant civil society with a professional media is crucial to achieve the goal," he told a crowded press conference at the TI local chapter office in the capital.

A powerful civil society, private sector and mass media are badly needed for better governance, he observed.

One billion of the world population is under the poverty line while two billions are without proper sanitation, mentioned Eigen.

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Prof Dr Peter Eigen

PRIMARY EXAMS
Questions leak alleged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The allegations of question paper leak are back again. Candidates of Primary School Certificate exams took the Bangla exam yesterday amid the allegations in the capital and Bogra.

Some guardians in Dhaka alleged that they came to know about the leak of Bangla questions on a Facebook page

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China opens Mega dam on Brahmaputra

AFP, Beijing

China has begun generating electricity from Tibet's biggest ever hydropower project, state-run media reported, the latest dam development on Himalayan rivers that has prompted concern in neighbouring India.

The first generating unit of the 9.6 billion yuan (\$1.6 billion) Zangmu Hydropower Station, which stands more than 3,300 metres above sea level, went into operation on Sunday, China's official Xinhua news agency said.

The dam on the Yarlung Zangbo river -- known as

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Taiwan's 24-hour book 'nightclubs'

CNN ONLINE

It's midnight in the capital of Taiwan. While some people are slowly walking home through the neon-lit streets, or getting ready to hit the club scene, others are on their way to a more unusual nocturnal hangout -- a bookstore.

The Eslite store in central Taipei opens 24 hours and has more night owl visitors than most Western

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RU TEACHER KILLING

Police now move to end confusion

Suspects, held by cops and Rab, quizzed face-to-face

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those who had been arrested separately by police and the Rapid Action Battalion in connection with Prof AKM Shafiul Islam's murder were brought face-to-face for interrogation last night.

This was done to identify the "real motive" behind the gruesome killing of the Sociology professor of Rajshahi University, police said.

"We need to interrogate them face-to-face to detect a conclusive motive," said Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Commissioner M Shamsuddin at a press conference in the city yesterday afternoon.

Confusion rose after the two law enforcement agencies yesterday came up with contradictory versions of the motive behind the murder.

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Drive against jaywalking begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police begins its week-long drive to check jaywalking on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital this morning.

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Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation