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Reckless truck kills 4 women

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Four women pedestrians were killed as a truck ran them over in Dariarpar area of Burichong upazila in Comilla early yesterday.

The dead are Salma Akter, 32, Monoara Begum, 45, Rasheda Begum, 50, and Jahanara Begum, 65. All of them were from Punnamati Noapara village of the same upazila.

Police and witnesses said the truck crushed a group of women who were returning home after attending a Mahfil at a nearby village under its wheels around 1:00am, killing one on the spot.

Three more women were declared dead on their



Blockaders set a BRTC bus and a private car on fire in front of Rajuk Bhaban in the capital's Motijheel yesterday. At least 15 more vehicles were torched elsewhere in the country on the first day of the nonstop blockade enforced by the BNP-led alliance.

PHOTO: STAR

Speaker, CJ with same status

Apex court rules on Warrant of Precedence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled that the status of the chief justice will be equal to that of the speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad in the Warrant of Precedence.

A five-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain came up with the ruling after disposing of an appeal against a 2010 High Court order that declared the existing Warrant of Precedence illegal and void.

The positions of the speaker and the chief justice are third and fourth respectively in the existing Warrant of Precedence, formulated in 1986 and revised in 2008.

The president and the prime minister hold the first and second positions.

The Warrant of Precedence is used for all government purposes including ceremonial occasions.

The apex court also said the status of the attorney general will be above the cabinet secretary's, and the district judges' position will be equal to that of the secretary.

The position of the district judges is 24th, and that of the

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed to rule out the possibility of any political dialogue with BNP and any midterm election in the country?

Yes (21%)
No (79%)

TOTAL VOTES: 778

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Irene Khan, Director-General of the International Development Law Organization that Bangladesh is facing problems ensuring democracy, human rights and press freedom?

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-30	5-35
Esha	7-00	7-30

Blockade brings trouble for them

Foreign jobseekers, Biswa Ijtema participants stranded

STAR REPORT

The nationwide blockade by the BNP-led alliance has offered many Bangladeshi foreign jobseekers and foreign pilgrims willing to attend the upcoming Biswa Ijtema nothing but misery.

The Bangladeshis had a great difficulty in reaching the capital from other districts to catch their flights yesterday due to the lack of transport.

Anticipating the 20-party programme, many jobseekers have come to Dhaka days before their flights are scheduled to take off. Most of them are staying in hotels, costing them a good amount of money.

"My flight is today [yesterday] but I had to reach Dhaka three days ago. I spent the entire time in a hotel at Mohakhali and that cost me 3000 taka," said Mohammad Babul, while leaving the Hazrat Shahjalal International airport yesterday to join his new job in Qatar.

Meanwhile, over two hundred foreigners who have entered the country through Benapole land port of Jessore to participate in Biswa Ijtema, starting from January 9, remained stranded in Checkpost area yesterday, failing to get any transport for Tongi, reports our correspondent.

They later took shelter in local mosques and bus



Ex-dictator hauled to trial court

AFP, Guatemala City

Guatemala's ex-dictator Efraim Rios Montt was hauled to court on a stretcher Monday to attend his retrial on genocide charges before proceedings were halted by a motion to change judges.

The 88-year-old former ruler, who is accused of ordering the army to massacre 1,771 Ixil Maya Indians during Guatemala's brutal civil war, was



Hubble revisits an old friend

MAIL ONLINE

It is the most iconic image ever taken by Nasa's Hubble Space Telescope. Taken in 1995, it revealed never-before-seen details of three giant columns of cold gas bathed in the scorching ultraviolet light from a cluster of young, massive stars in a small region of the Eagle

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