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President undergoes medical checkups in London

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President Abdul Hamid underwent medical checkups in two London hospitals on Monday.

"The honorable president underwent an eye

checkup in Moorfield Eye Hospital while another for heart in Bupa Cromwell Hospital on Monday afternoon," President's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told the news agency by phone from London yesterday.

According to physicians, the president's eyes are in good condition, the press secretary said.

Biman staff held in gold smuggling case in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence yesterday arrested an employee of Biman Bangladesh Airlines in the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport area in a case filed for smuggling gold.

Aircraft mechanic Imranul Islam is the prime accused in the case filed with Airport Police Station following the recovery of around 14kg of gold on January 14, said Mustafizur Rahman, deputy director of Customs Intelligence.

Earlier in the morning, the officials found eight gold bars weighing 932 grammes at the airport, said Assistant Director Umme Nahida Akter.

15 Ctg BNP-Jamaat-Shibir men held

Law enforcers detained 15 activists of BNP-Jamaat-Shibir in Chittagong city and three upazilas of the district on Monday night to prevent possible acts of sabotage during the countrywide blockade and hartals enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance, said police. Of them, 11 activists were held in various places of

Sitakunda, Lohagara and Satkania upazilas.

CMP police detained three hartal supporters in separate areas of the city. Another was held with six petrol bombs and four cocktails in KB Aman Ali road area in the city on Monday night.

Anti-violence drama festival begins in capital tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

A 10-day anti-violence drama festival will begin in the capital's Shilpakala Academy tomorrow.

International Theater Institute (ITI), Bangladesh and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy are jointly organising

the festival with the theme "Drama against violence". With the patronisation of the cultural affairs ministry, the "Second Dhaka International Theater Festival" will be inaugurated in Nandan Mancha of the academy in the evening on that day.

bKash staff mugged, stabbed to death in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

Muggers looted Tk 5 lakh after stabbing a sales representative of bKash to death in Board Bazar area of Gazipur city yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Robin Sarkar, 19, who used to collect money from the agents of the company in the area. Khandaker Ershad Jahan, local distributor of bKash, said a group of miscreants intercepted Robin before the Islamic University of Technology and took away a

Private hospital fined in Rangpur for not having full-time doctor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

bag containing the money from him.

A mobile court in Rangpur city yesterday fined RG Hospital, a private hospital, Tk 10,000 for operating without any full-time doctor in Dhap area violating medical rules.

During the drive, the team, of officials from Rangpur City Corporation and the district administration, also did not find any list mentioning the prices of services provided by the hospital, the team said.

Woman's body found in Barisal pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Barisal Kotwali Model police yesterday recovered the body of an unidentified woman, aged about 45, from a pond near the police station at Katpotti in Barisal city. The body was sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical

College morgue for an autopsy.

Fire guts 4 shops in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Four shops were gutted by a fire on Terminal Road at Hajipara in Rangpur city yesterday.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit at "Tahmina Auto Parts", owned by Apel Mahmud, at

Ashrafia Jame Masjid Market and soon engulfed the others. The owners claimed that they have incurred a loss of Tk 12 lakh.

Chevron Bangladesh ends green initiative in Bibiyana

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Community-Driven Green Initiatives (CDGI), a twoyear pilot economic development initiative sponsored by the Chevron Bangladesh, was concluded at a knowledge-sharing event in Habiganj on March 1.

The Chevron Bangladesh Companies' partner-NGO, Institute of Development Affairs, implemented this initiative for 227 households in 22 villages located around their Bibiyana gas plant in Nabiganj upazila.



Rapturous celebrations at Segunbaghicha High School in the capital, as elsewhere in the country yesterday, on Bangladesh's win over England, which made the Tigers through to the quarterfinals for the first time in the Cricket World Cup.

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AFTABNAGAR BANASRI HOUSING PROJECT IN CAPITAL

HC halts earth filling

Imposes status-quo following allegation of violating conditions of protecting water bodies, wetlands; asks govt to submit aerial map of area in 2 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities to maintain the status quo on earth filling in and encroachment on natural water bodies and wetlands in Aftabnagar Banasri housing project in Rampura-Khilgaon-Badda-Sabujbagh area of Dhaka for next three months.

Eastern Housing Ltd, which has undertaken the project, and the government have been asked to maintain the status quo and to submit a progress report on the steps for complying with the order to the HC in two weeks.

In response to a writ petition, it also ordered the government to submit aerial maps specifying the water-bodies and wetlands in the project areas of 2012, 2013 and 2014 years before it in six weeks.

Secretaries to the ministries of environment and forest, and land, and Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha were asked to do so through Google or satellite.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star that none could fill earth in and grab land of natural water-bodies and wetlands in Aftabnagar Banasri housing project for next three months following the HC order.

The HC also issued a rule upon the government and Eastern Housing Ltd to explain in four weeks as to why their inaction to protect the natural water-bodies and wetlands in this project should not be declared illegal.

In the rule, it asked them to show cause as to why they should not be directed to

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Rescue abducted girl Snigdha within 30 days HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to rescue

abducted girl Snigdha Deb Jayee and produce her before it within 30 days. In response to a writ petition, the court also issued a rule

upon the government to explain why its inaction to rescue

Snighda in spite of relevant information about her abduc-

tion should not be declared illegal. Petitioner's lawyer Subrata Chowdhury told The Daily Star that Snigdha, four year old daughter of Shraboni Deb in Sylhet, was kidnapped from Sylhet on July 21, 2013.

After an abduction case filed in Sylhet, police have arrested three accused--Shankar Dham, Anita Bhattachariya and Md Rabiul Islam in this connection, he said.

Subrata said Rabiul made a confessional statement before a magistrate, saying that he saw Shankar and Anita to

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Govt to ask high-rise owners to install CCTV cameras Says Home boss

UNB, Dhaka

In the wake of some recent firebomb attacks reportedly from the tops of buildings, the government has decided to ask owners of high-rise buildings to install closecircuit television (CCTV) cameras. The entire capital will

gradually be brought under the surveillance of CCTV cameras, he said.

Talking to reporters after a meeting with top officials of law enforcement agencies at the Secretariat, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan said it has been decided in the meeting that the Home Ministry will ask the owners of city high-rises to install CCTV cameras so that no untoward incidents can be carried out in the surrounding areas.

The meeting was held to discuss the security measures ahead of the celebrations of Independence Day on March 26. It has been noticed in

recent times that several

crude bombs were tossed using building tops, the minister mentioned. If the owners of the highrise buildings fail to install the CCTV cameras, they will

be held responsible if any

untoward incidents take place in front of their buildings, he warned. Asked whether the owners of high-rise buildings will require the installation of CCTV cameras only ahead of the Independence Day celebrations, Asaduzzaman replied in the

negative and added that the provisions will be made for ensuring overall security in the capital against any untoward incident. Asaduzzaman also said

the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and the Dhaka Metropolitan Police have already made separate assessments of the number of highrise buildings in the capital requiring the CCTV cameras.

Woman's dismembered body found in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered seven dismembered body parts of an unidentified young woman in Culvert Road area of Motijheel in the capital yesterday afternoon.

On information, police recovered the dismembered body parts scattered

in the area. Police said the head was found on the rooftop of a five-storey building while other parts on the roofs of two tin-shed houses and an alley.

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