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Bounty on 8 assaulters

From CCTV footage, police release photos of those involved in Baishakh sexual assault



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday released photos of eight men who sexually assaulted women during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations and declared cash rewards for information leading to their capture. They were identified from the footage of CCTV cameras installed around the Dhaka University campus where the assault took place. Announcing Tk 1 lakh reward for information on each of them, Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said identities of the informants would be withheld for their safety. "From the CCTV footage, we have identified them." SEE PAGE 11 COL 4



A rescued Bangladeshi holds up a sign with his information as arrivals undergo documentation by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) at a shelter in Indonesia's Aceh province yesterday. Story on page 16. PHOTO: AFP

Kadar gets justice

OC Helal who arrested, tortured him jailed for 3 years

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Following a three-year legal battle, former Dhaka University student Abdul Kadar has finally got justice as a Dhaka court yesterday punished a police official for torturing him in custody in 2011. The court handed down three years' imprisonment to Md Helal Uddin, the then officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station, for torturing Kadar. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Alamgir Kabir Raj also fined the convict Tk 10,000, in default of which he has to spend three more months in jail. The judge convicted Helal in absentia, rejecting his lawyer's petition for



Helal Uddin and Kadar

adjourning the pronouncement of the verdict. The judgment sets a rare example of punishing a police official for custodial torture in a country where allegations of such torture and deaths are rampant. At least 17 people died in jail custody in the first three months of this year. The number was 60 last year, according to rights body Ain O Salish Kendra. In his immediate reaction to the verdict, Kadar, now a lecturer at SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

KL presses Myanmar over migrant crisis

Boatpeople rescued off Indonesia say 100 others 'died in fight for food'

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Malaysia yesterday pressed Myanmar to engage in talks on Southeast Asia's boatpeople influx, warning it may otherwise call an emergency meeting on the unfolding humanitarian crisis. "If necessary, we will call for an emergency (regional) meeting," Foreign Minister Anifah Aman was quoted as saying by the state-run Bernama news agency. Anifah said Malaysia as chair of regional

grouping ASEAN "hopes Myanmar can sit together to find a solution before it is brought to the international level". Malaysia had earlier announced that Anifah would host a meeting on Wednesday with his Indonesian and Thai counterparts, writes AFP. The three nations have sparked outrage by turning away vessels overloaded with migrants from Myanmar's ethnic Rohingya minority and with poor Bangladeshis. SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

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"The elections [city corporation polls] can be termed good since there was no bloodshed."
OPPOSITION LEADER
RAUSHAN ERSHAD
WHEN ASKED IF THE CITY POLLS WERE FREE AND FAIR.



Vehicles stuck in a gridlock on the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Farmgate around 3:17pm yesterday as the capital city sees traffic congestion to an extent not experienced in recent weeks. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Work force dividend to last 16 more years

REAZ AHMAD
Bangladesh's opportunity to seize the benefits of 'demographic dividend' will last for the next 16 years as there will be an acceleration in numbers of elderly people (60 years and above) after 2031. The period till 2031 represents the optimum time for investing in human resources and establishing other enabling conditions for economic growth in Bangladesh, says a government-commissioned study report to be made public today. Demographic dividend is defined as the economic growth potential that can result from shifts in a population's age structure, mainly when the share of the working-age population (15-59 years age) is larger than those of the non-working-age share. Such a scenario helps a country to cut spending on dependents and spur economic growth. General Economics Division (GED) of the Planning Commission prepared the 'Demographic Impact Study' (DIS) report as part of its preparation to map out the 7th Five Year Plan (FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20). Noting that Bangladesh will "grow old before it grows rich", the DIS suggests "this is something to be planned for rather than feared." "Taking advantage of the demographic dividend is an urgent imperative for Bangladesh. The dividend is not SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

CITY ELECTIONS
Polls officials find no assault on journalists
PANKAJ KARMAKAR
Presiding officers noticed no assaults on journalists on the Dhaka city corporation polls day, although such incidents at 30 centres were reported by different media outlets. They made their submission yesterday before a probe committee headed by Anisur Rahman, an additional divisional commissioner of Dhaka, during a hearing on the incidents. "All the presiding officers claimed they did not notice any incident of assault on journalists at the polling centres," said an official who attended the hearing. The presiding officers said the assaults might have been carried out outside the polling stations when they were asked about the media reports on the assault, added the official who wished not to be named. SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

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