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COX'S BAZAR WAR CRIMES

# Probe finds 19 guilty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday said they found "sufficient evidence" of alleged crimes against humanity committed by 19 Cox's Bazar men, including a former BNP lawmaker, during the Liberation War.

They were allegedly involved in at least 13 incidents of killing, torture of women, arson, looting, forced religious conversion and deportation in Maheshkhali upazila of the district in 1971. At least 94 named and many unnamed people were killed in these incidents, said investigators.

"A total of 19 people have been named accused in the case, highest ever accused in any case related to wartime offences," Abdul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the agency, told reporters at its Dhanmondi office.

Sanaul Huq, a senior member of the investigation agency, said the investigating officer of the case found involvement of at least 20 people in killing and other atrocities committed in the then Maheshkhali thana, but they implicated 19 in the case as the other suspect died during investigation.

The accused were mainly involved in politics of Muslim League and Nezam-e-Islami, two anti-liberation political parties. They joined Peace Committee, Razakar and Al-Badr after the beginning of the Liberation War, added Sanaul.

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## A paradise for birds

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Silk cotton trees, Kodom trees and bamboo clusters at Mollan village in Chapainawabganj's Sadar upazila have become a paradise for Shamuk-khol birds.

The place, where hundreds of these birds twitter round the day, attracts a large number of visitors, including birdwatchers and bird lovers in the district and elsewhere.

Villagers say the number of Shamuk-khol, locally known as bok, is increasing every year as hunting of birds is "completely forbidden" there.

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A flock of Shamuk-khol birds rest on a tree in Mollan village in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila. A haven for the birds, the village has become an attraction for birders.

PHOTO: STAR

## HOSHI MURDER

# Arrestees 'find it hard' to get legal aid

EMRAN HOSSAIN and MEHEDI HASAN, from Rangpur

Family members of those arrested in connection with the murder of Japanese national Hoshi Kunio yesterday complained that they were denied the right to get legal assistance.

They also alleged that the police continued their "harassment of the relatives of the arrestees".

Families of two arrestees -- Rashedun Nabi Khan Biplob and Humayun Kabir Hira -- could not yet get the copies of the case statement even though three days had

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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

# PM orders timely implementation

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned to complete all the development projects properly and timely to ensure the country's rapid progress.

"We've already implemented massive uplift works across the country, while the work on many projects is underway. So I would like to tell all concerned to finish all the ongoing schemes properly and timely for accelerating the pace of development," she told a programme at the Gono Bhaban.

The event was organised to mark the inauguration and laying the foundation stones of 15 development projects, including three power plants, in seven districts through video-conferencing.

The power plants are Ashuganj 225-MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, United Ashuganj 200-MW Modular Power Plant and Ashuganj Midland 51-MW Power Plant.

At the programme, the PM also inaugurated newly constructed Jananetri



## Nadiya wins Great British Bake Off

BBC ONLINE

Thirty-year-old Nadiya Hussain, who is of Bangladeshi origin, has risen to the occasion to be crowned the winner of this year's Great British Bake Off.

Nadiya from Leeds baked a "big fat British wedding cake" adorned with jewels from her own wedding day as the show-stopper in Wednesday's final.

The final became the most-watched TV programme of the year, with an average audience of 13.4m people, according to overnight figures.

At the show's peak, 14.5m people tuned in to

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## Pluto has blue skies, water ice

Nasa says as it reveals stunning pictures of dwarf planet

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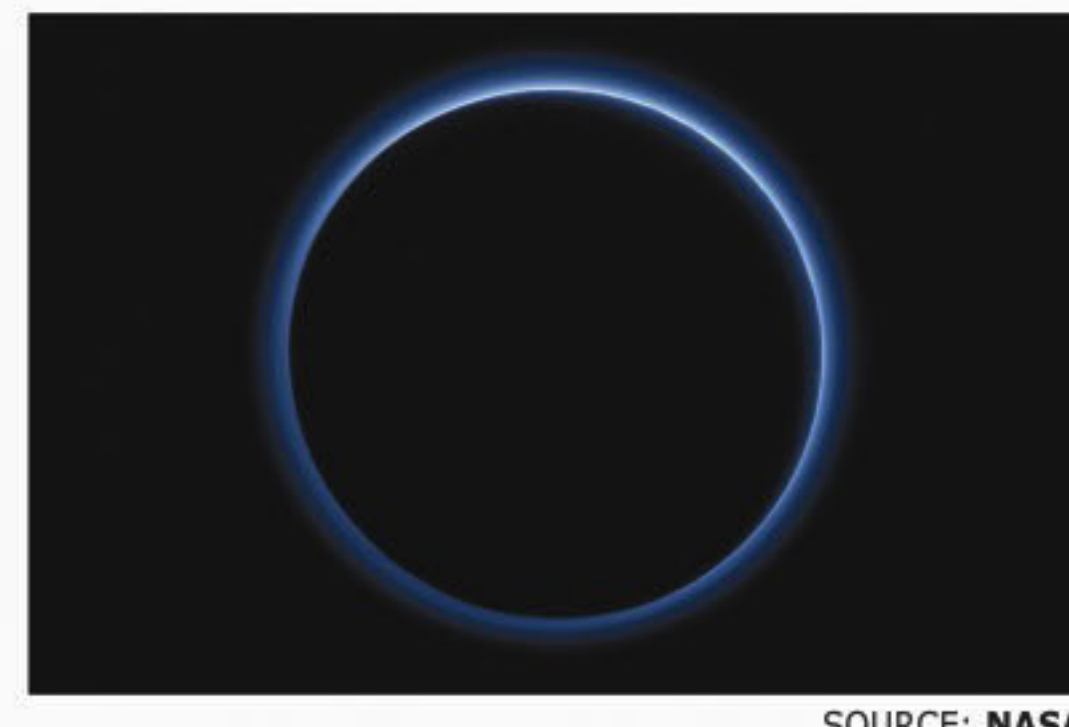
Nasa has unveiled the first colour pictures of the haze that surrounds Pluto, along with pictures of patches of water ice on the dwarf planet.

The reveal drew early attention this week as the leader of the New Horizons mission said there would be an "amazing" announcement. Alan Stern described the planet as "alive" -- prompting many to hope for a big announcement.

The colour pictures show for the first time that the hazes are a bright blue.

"Who would have expected a blue sky in the Kuiper Belt? It's gorgeous," said Alan Stern New

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## Gaibandha MP, his men sued for vandalism, looting house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A case has been filed against ruling party lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton, who allegedly shot a 10-year-old boy recently, and nine "of his men" on charges of vandalising a house and looting its corrugated tin sheet roofs and furniture in a Gaibandha village.

Owner of the house, Hafizur Mandal, who is a driver of a locally-made three-wheeler, lodged the lawsuit with Sundarganj Police Station on Tuesday.

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 9

Fazr Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4-45	12-30	4-15	5-53
7-30			
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30
	5-56	8-00	

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Protesters take part in a demonstration in front of the White House on Wednesday against the US military intervention in Afghanistan and the recent US air strike on a hospital of Doctors Without Borders in the Afghan city of Kunduz.

PHOTO: AFP

# Obama apologises to MSF

Charity group says not enough, terms hospital airstrike 'attack on Geneva Conventions', calls for probe by Int'l Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission

AGENCIES


President Obama personally apologised on Wednesday to the head of Doctors Without Borders for what he described as the mistaken bombing of its field hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, promising a full investigation into the episode, which took the lives of nearly two dozen doctors and patients.

But the US president didn't go far enough, according to Doctors Without Borders, whose hospital in the Afghan city of Kunduz was hit by the deadly US airstrike.

The charity group, also known as Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), which provides medical care in some of the world's most dangerous places, has called the strike an "attack on the Geneva Conventions" and urging an independent investigation by a never-before-used international commission.

The International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission

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## SAUDI ARABIA

# Employer chops off hand of Indian woman

IBTIMES.CO.IN

A woman from India's Tamil Nadu -- working in a Saudi household as a domestic help -- has been admitted to a Riyadh hospital in a critical condition after her right hand was chopped off by unidentified people, as per TV reports.

Kasturi Munirathnam, who has suffered severe injuries on her body and limbs, has been admitted to Kingdom Hospital, Manorama News reported.

The woman, who hails from North Arcot near Vellore, had reached Saudi Arabia two months ago. In August, Kasturi was first taken to Damam and later shifted to a house in Riyadh, where only women stayed.

She was reportedly burdened with heavy workload and was not even allowed to have telephonic conversation with her relatives in India.

When Kasturi managed

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