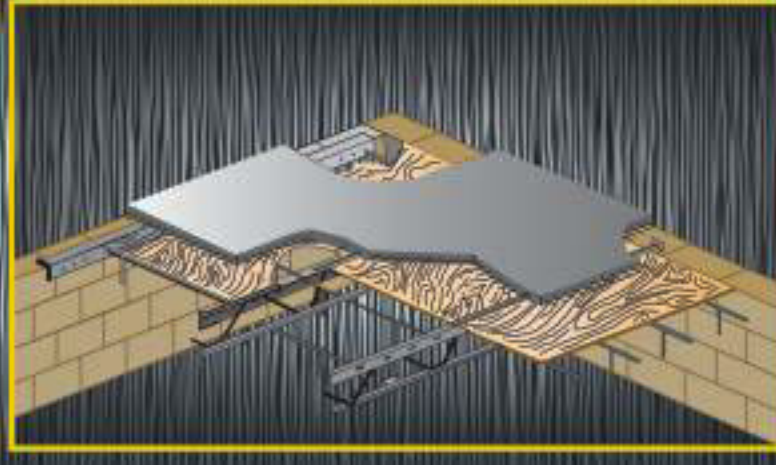


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Illegal structures on the banks of the Buriganga in the city's Shyambazar were partially demolished by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority over four months ago. But making a mockery of the BIWTA's eviction drive, traders are again setting up shops there, thanks to lax monitoring and law enforcement.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

AREA-BASED SCHOOL ADMISSION

# Govt mulls 40pc quota for local students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry plans to introduce area-based admission at public secondary schools to be executed in metropolitan areas next year so that local students get priority. According to the new plan, each of the schools will have to reserve 40 percent quota for local students. The rest of

the seats will be open for all students. The new provision will be included in the admission policy for government secondary schools, according to officials of the education ministry. The ministry held a meeting with officials of different wings and Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education to discuss the new provision. "We all have agreed on the proposal

of area-based admission and reserving 40 percent seats for local students in only government secondary schools. But we will have more detailed discussion before finalising it," said Joint Secretary (Secondary) Ruhi Rahman. No final decision came at the meeting as Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and Education Secretary Nazrul

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## MOJAEED, SQ CHY Hearing on review pleas on Nov 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed November 2 for hearing the petitions filed by war criminals Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury seeking review of its judgements that upheld their capital punishment.

Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, chamber judge of

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## SUPERVISION OF RECRUITMENT FOR MALAYSIA

# Baira warns against 'control, monopoly'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) yesterday asked the government not to allow Synerflux, a Malaysian private firm that was appointed by its government, to manage recruitment of Bangladeshi workers there. "We requested our expatriates' welfare minister to reject Synerflux. It is part of a syndicate that will control and monopolise labour recruitment. We cannot allow it," said

Baira President Muhammad Abul Basher. He led a delegation of Baira to meet Expatriates' Welfare Minister Nurul Islam at the Probashi Kalyan Bhaban in the capital yesterday. In late September, Malaysia informed Bangladesh that it appointed Synerflux Sdn Bhd, which will be the "sole and exclusive entity" to develop, maintain and manage a fully online system known as Bangladesh Workers Management System (BWMS).

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visiting Dhakeshwari National Temple in the capital on the occasion of Maha Saptami of Durga Puja celebration yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

# Live here with confidence

## PM to Hindu community

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said all religions speak about the "triumph of humanity" and her government has established that principle in Bangladesh by ensuring equal rights of the people of all faiths.

She was speaking to Hindu devotees while visiting the Dhakeshwari National Temple and Ram Krishna Mission on the occasion of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindus.

The PM said the government does not want chaos, killing, militancy and terrorism. "We want the people of all religions to live here in peace. Members of the Hindu community are the children of this soil. You're living on this soil, so you'll live here with confidence."

After returning to power in 2008, the Awami League government ensured equal rights of the people of all religions, Hasina added. "The people of all religions will perform their rituals freely with enthusiasm. This is humanity... all religions of the world sing the triumph of humanity."

During the Liberation War, she said, people from all religions had made supreme sacrifice. "We want people to live in peace; we want the triumph of humanity. That's our desire."

After the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, secularism was dropped from the country's constitution, she mentioned.

The country's law enforcement agencies are making all-out efforts to ensure peaceful holding of Puja, the PM said. She urged the local people to extend their cooperation to law enforcers so that the festival could be held peacefully.

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# Woman, kid burnt to death 'for dowry'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A woman and her 15-month-old daughter were burnt to death allegedly by her son-in-law over dowry and family feud at Kaliganj upazila early yesterday.

The dead are Taslima Begum, 40, and Tasmia Khatun of Farashpur village at the upazila.

Talking to The Daily Star over phone, Urmi Khatun, Tasmila's elder daughter, alleged her husband Kamal, a motor mechanic in Dhaka, and his cohorts

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 21

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4-50	12-45	4-00	5-36	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-39
				7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# Feeling 'more secure than in the past'

## Say EU, German envoys; Japan decides to take back 50pc volunteers

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union and Germany yesterday said that because of additional security measures taken by the law enforcers, foreigners are feeling more secure than in the past in the capital's diplomatic zone.

EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Pierre

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# MIGRANT CRISIS Slovenia calls in military

## Desperate migrants keep pouring in hoping to reach Europe before winter

AGENCIES

Slovenia yesterday called in the army to help manage a surge of asylum seekers desperately trying to reach northern Europe ahead of winter, as the tiny EU state became the latest hotspot on the migrant trail.

"The last 24 hours have been the toughest and most demanding since the start of the crisis," the Slovenian government said, adding that parliament was set to vote on allowing soldiers to help border police in the crisis "under very specific circumstances".

Pressing the European Union for more solidarity, Ljubljana warned it was "delusional" to expect individual countries to tackle the bloc's greatest refugee crisis since 1945.

The crisis showed no sign of abating as Greece saw a clear "spike in arrivals" -- leaving 27,500 packed on the islands by yesterday morning -- amid

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# Dogs can trace origins to Central Asia

BBC ONLINE

Today's dogs can trace their origins to Central Asia, according to one of the most comprehensive genetic surveys yet.

Dogs are the most diverse animal on the planet - a legacy of thousands of years of selective breeding by humans.

But they derive from wild wolves that were gradually tamed and inducted

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