



## Arsonists turn into secret killers

PM links BNP-Jamaat with killings; vows to punish culprits



"None can deliver judgment about the activities of fellow human beings as the almighty Allah is the last adjudicator. Those people who kill people in the name of religion have no faith in Islam."

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hinted that BNP-Jamaat men had links with the recent secret killings and the government had substantial evidence in this regard.

These two parties have changed their tactics and started attacking some "soft targets," following public wrath for their arson attacks early last year, she added.

But the perpetrators would be brought to book and the intelligence and law enforcement agencies

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Hundreds of children form a human chain in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila yesterday, demanding immediate repair of a dyke, which used to serve as a road to Nizampur Govt Primary School. A portion of the dyke collapsed due to tidal surge during Cyclone Roanu. One of the students holds a placard that reads: "No road! We can't go to school."

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

## The water saver

New agricultural technology to halve use of water in rice farming, cut fuel cost for irrigation

REAZ AHMAD

It takes 14 million litres of irrigation water to produce six tonnes of Boro rice on one hectare of typical farmland in Bangladesh.

A farmer has to burn 250 litres of diesel to run a shallow pump, owned or hired, to irrigate this single hectare of paddy field.

If translated into minuscule unit, each



disaster.

kilogramme of rice reaches our plates from the farm at the expense of 3,500 litres of immensely valuable fresh water.

And one agronomist took it upon himself to see what difference he could make in terms of water conservation and save Bangladesh from an ecological

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## Landing of PM's flight delayed by 20 minutes

3 probe bodies formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The landing of the plane carrying the prime minister home from Saudi Arabia was delayed by around 20 minutes, as metal objects were left abandoned on the runway at the Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

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## 'INVOLVEMENT OF BB OFFICIALS IN CYBER HEIST'

## Farashuddin wants further probe

REJAUJ KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The government should carry out further investigation to find out whether the suspected Bangladesh Bank officials were really involved in the \$101 million cyber heist, says Mohammed Farashuddin, head of the three-member body that probed the theft.

Some central bank officials were either involved in the heist intentionally or just

got caught up in it, according to him.

"A few of them got into it largely due to their carelessness and idleness. But they should still be held accountable."

"There are some others who appeared to have done so intentionally. But we don't have 100 percent evidence against them and further investigation is required," he told The Daily Star in an interview yesterday.

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Formulating regulations on IT use

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## MURDER OF SP'S WIFE

## Ex-Shibir man held in Ctg

Police seize a black microbus, detain its driver

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detectives in Chittagong yesterday seized a black microbus and detained its driver in connection with Sunday's killing of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Akter.

They were verifying to see if the microbus was the one seen in the CCTV footage following the bike-riding assailants, Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner Iqbal Bahar told The Daily Star over the phone last night.

He, however, did not give any details on where and when the vehicle was seized.

The driver was being quizzed at the Detective Branch

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