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Payra rail link to bring \$7.5b FDI

Govt weighing proposal to build 280km line to connect Dhaka, Joydevpur with new seaport

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A British company has proposed to invest \$7.5 billion in the Dhaka-Payra seaport rail link project, whose implementation is vital for the government's ambitious economic development plan.

An official of the railways ministry said the UK firm -- DP Rail -- has submitted the proposal, and the decision about it would be made by the end of this month at a top-level meeting at the Prime Minister's Office.

The proposal came in response to shipping ministry's invitation for Expression of Interest for investment in various components of the Payra seaport in Kuakata of Patuakhali. Five companies, including DP Rail, had submitted proposals for the 280km rail link project.

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'Tutor stabs schoolgirl to death'

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A schoolgirl was stabbed to death allegedly by her tutor yesterday in Nabogram village of Madaripur's Kalkini.



Nitu

Locals said the incident may have happened over a failed love-affair.

The victim, Nitu Mondal, 14, was a ninth-grader of Nabogram High School.

Locals said Milon Mondal, 20, a third-year BBA student of Syed Abul Hossain College in Kalkini, stabbed Nitu on her way to school from her house around 8:45am, and the girl died when she was

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Indian army personnel take positions near the site of a gunbattle between Indian soldiers and militants inside an army brigade headquarters close to the border with Pakistan, known as the Line of Control (LoC), in Uri yesterday.

PHOTO: NDTV

MP Amanur denied bail, sent to jail

The Tangail-3 AL lawmaker was on the run for over a year, faces trial in freedom fighter Faruk killing case

STAR REPORT

A Tangail court yesterday sent ruling Awami League lawmaker Amanur Rahman Rana to jail after rejecting his bail petition in a case for killing freedom fighter Faruk Ahmed in 2013.

Having remained fugitive for over a year, the lawmaker from Tangail-3 (Ghatail) constituency

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Blast rocks New York

29 injured; it's act of terror but no int'l link, say officials

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A bomb that exploded in New York wounding 29 people and causing significant damage was under investigation yesterday as an act of terror, although officials say there is no overseas link.

The blast tore through Chelsea, one of the most fashionable district of Manhattan packed with bars, restaurants and luxury

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Militants kill 17 Indian soldiers in Kashmir

Attack bears hallmarks of Pak-based Jaish-e-Mohammed, says Delhi; Islamabad denies any links

REUTERS, Srinagar

India accused Pakistan of being behind yesterday's separatist attack on an army base near their disputed frontier that killed 17 soldiers, in one of the most deadly attacks in Kashmir in a quarter-century-old insurgency.

Four commando-style gunmen, armed with AK-47 assault rifles and grenades, burst into the brigade head-

quarters in Uri at 5:30am and were killed after a three-hour gunfight, a senior Indian army officer said.

The incident sharply increased tensions between the bitter, nuclear-armed rivals and will raise fears of a potential military escalation. Indian and Pakistani troops are in close proximity in many places along one of the world's most heavily militarised frontiers, and exchanges of fire are not

uncommon.

Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh told reporters in New Delhi that yesterday's attack bore the hallmarks of Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed. Evidence gathered at the scene indicated the attackers were foreign and their equipment bore Pakistani markings, he added.

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