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"Our main theme in the delta plan is let the rivers flow, let the rivers live."
SENIOR SECRETARY PROF SHAMSUL ALAM AT A SEMINAR ON THE DELTA PLAN 2100. PAGE 3



"I would say I am 20-30 percent fit right now. I still have pain in my hand, so honestly I don't know how I would bat or bowl."
BANGLADESH ALL-ROUNDER SHAKIB AL HASAN ABOUT HIS FITNESS 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ASIA CUP. PAGE 17



"I'm a born optimist. A sportsman always is an optimist."
PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN AFTER MEETING WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO. PAGE 11

PUNISH ME as much as you want

Frail-looking Khaleda tells special court at jail 'there is no justice here'; next hearing set for Sept 12-13

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed a lack of confidence in the special court trying the Zia Charitable Trust graft case against her after she was produced before it inside the old Dhaka central jail. "There is no justice here. Punish me for as long as you want, punish me for as long as you want," Khaleda told the makeshift court inside the jail where she has been serving time in another graft case for around seven months.

Earlier in February, the same court sentenced her to five years' imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage graft case. Khaleda, who was brought to the court in a wheelchair, said "I cannot come here every day as I am very sick. I know this court will not deliver justice. If you see my medical report, you will understand how sick I am. "If I sit here for long, my legs will swell. None of my senior lawyers is here. If I had known this earlier, I would not have come here.

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- Khaleda taken to courtroom inside jail in a wheelchair
- None of her counsels present in 30-min proceedings
- She says she is sick, "cannot come here [court] every day"



Cop amasses wealth thru' illegal means

ACC sues SP Mizan, his wife over huge amount of illegal wealth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed two separate cases against a police superintendent and his wife on charges of amassing wealth of over Tk 3.49 crore through bribery and other corrupt means. An investigation by the ACC found the couple has wealth worth Tk 11 crore, including the Tk 3.49 crore beyond their known source of income. SP Mizanur Rahman of Dhaka Range Reserve Force and Salma Aktar alias Nipa Mizan were sued under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2004 and Money Laundering Prevention Act 2012. "Mizan's total wealth is more than his income, and it was found that he amassed wealth worth Tk 1.17 crore beyond known source of income ... through bribery and other corrupt means by abuse of power. "Nipa Mizan made the fortune through her husband's bribery and corruption," reads the case statement. Nipa's illegal wealth is worth Tk 2.32 crore, nearly double the amount found in her husband's name. Further investigation may reveal the couple has more illegal wealth, according to the case statements. ACC Assistant Director Faruk Ahmed, who investigated the couple, filed the cases with the Tejgaon Police Station.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the cockpit of Biman's brand new Boeing 787 Dreamliner yesterday. She inaugurated the commercial operation of the new plane at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Story on page 2.

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Detecting cancer in 5 minutes

SUST researchers say they've developed a blood test that can spot the disease for only Tk 500

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Researchers at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology have found a low-cost method for early detection of cancer. All they would need is blood samples and a

device they have designed for detecting cancer. The device would subject blood samples to intense laser beams and analyse results to detect cancer. The test would take five minutes and cost just Tk 500.

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Govt ensured voting rights of people

PM says at oath-taking ceremony for Rajshahi, Sylhet mayors

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said democracy was established on a strong base in the country as her government ensured people's voting rights. "We've ensured it [the environment] so that the people of Bangladesh can exercise their franchise freely," she said.

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