



Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina with the party leaders in the UK at a London hotel on Friday.

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AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK
Anarchy centring verdict will be dealt with an iron hand: DMP
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police will deal with an iron hand if any quarter tries to create anarchy centring the verdict of August 21 grenade attack cases -- scheduled to be delivered on October 10, said Monirul Islam, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), yesterday.

There is no specific threat but police have made all preparations to tackle troublemakers, he said while talking to reporters after attending an event organised by Crime Reporters Association.

The Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, on Tuesday, set the date for the verdict 14 years after the grenade attack on an Awami League rally in the capital that left 24 dead and scores injured.

BNP's acting Chairman Tarique Rahman, two former BNP ministers, former top police and intelligence officials and some militant leaders are among the 49 accused in the cases.

Asked whether there is any threat centring the upcoming Durga Puja, Monirul said two incidents of violence have occurred during religious programmes in the recent past but there is no intelligence of any militant attack or act of sabotage this year.

"Yet, we will take security measures," he said.

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Award recipients and guests at a ceremony hosted by IFIC Bank Ltd at IFIC Tower in Dhaka yesterday. The bank conferred the "Sahitya-Ratna Sommanona 2018" (with a prize money of Tk 10 lakh) on novelist Hasan Azizul Huq, third from left, and the "IFIC Bank Sahitya Puroshkar 2018" (with a prize money of Tk 5 lakh) on writers Khosru Chowdhury, extreme right, and Shakoor Majid, second from left. Present on the occasion were Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir, third from right, IFIC Bank Chairman Salman F Rahman, second from right, and its Managing Director and CEO Shah A Sarwar, extreme left.

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WB approves \$25m grant for Rohingyas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank (WB) has approved another \$25 million, including \$4 million from Canada, to help Bangladesh provide education and support to heal the psychological wounds of Rohingya children and youths who had fled violence in Myanmar.

WB, in a statement, said the additional financ-

ing on grant terms expands an existing project to help about 350,000 Rohingya children and adolescents get basic education at learning centres.

Bangladesh on Thursday signed a \$50 million grant agreement with the WB to improve its health, nutrition and family planning services for Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar.

Qimiao Fan, WB country director for Bangladesh, said, "Bangladesh has done a great

service to the world by sheltering nearly a million Rohingya people, most of whom are women and children. Many of these children were exposed to psychological trauma, torture and violence. Without learning life skills and basic education, they can become a lost generation.

In addition to providing access to learning opportunities, the grant will support

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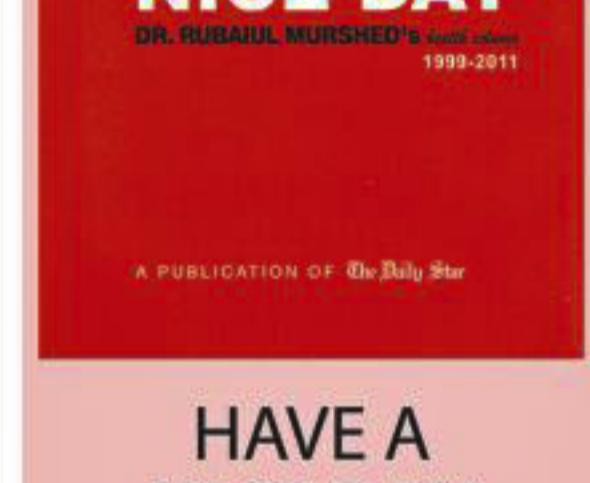
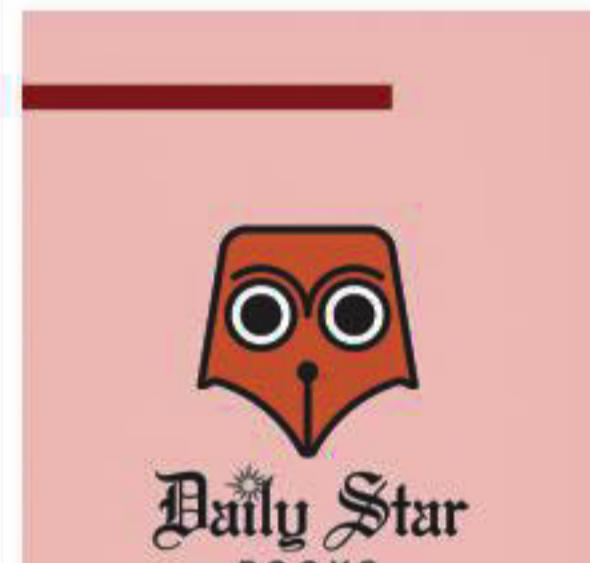
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