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PM urges the rich
UNB, Tangail

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the rich people of the country's affluent people to come forward for the welfare of the distressed people following the example set by Prasad Shaha through his philanthropic activities.

"In our country, there are many wealthy people who can follow the examples set by the Kumaris."

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Nazi code-breaking
device unearthed

MAIL ONLINE

An extremely rare model of the German Enigma machine which allowed users to print and correct their work and was found buried in a farmyard in central Europe is

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PHOTO: COURTESY



New denizen
in Bangladesh
bird terrain

DR REZA KHAN

A few Bangladeshi photographers captured shots of a Chestnut-cheeked Starling that breeds in parts of Japan and nearby Russia.

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AVIJIT MURDER

Charge sheet against six

Names include sacked Maj Zia

UNB, Dhaka

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday pressed charges against six people in the sensational murder case of blogger Avijit Roy.

The accused include sacked major Syed Mohammad Ziaul Haque, a suspected coordinator of banned militant outfit Ansar-Al-Islam.

Monirul Islam, inspector of CITC and also investigation officer of the case, submitted a charge sheet before the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Sifatuzzaman Ansari.

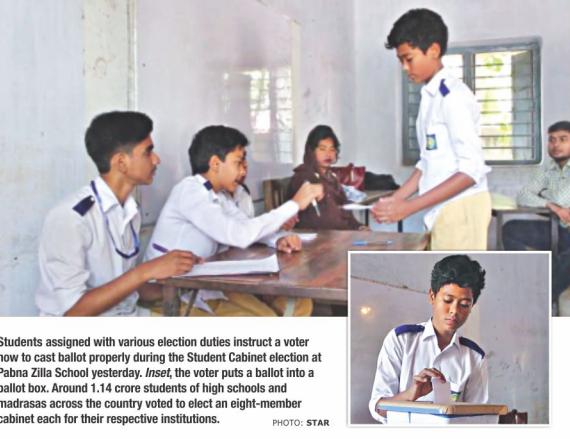
Besides, the investigation officer appealed for acquitting Sadek Ali alias Mithu and 14 others.

A total of 34 people will testify in the case before the court.

The court also fixed March 25 to hear whether it would take cognisance of the charges.

The five other accused are Mozammel Hossain alias

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Students assigned with various election duties instruct a voter how to cast ballot properly during the Student Cabinet election at Pabna Zilla School yesterday. Inset, the voter puts a ballot into a ballot box. Around 11,400 students of high schools and madrasas across the country voted to elect an eight-member cabinet each for their respective institutions.

PHOTO: STAR



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Govt plans 3-tier VAT rate

Highest likely to be 10 percent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to introduce three VAT rates of up to 10 percent instead of the current single rate of 15 percent.

The new rates of 5, 7 and 10 percent would come into effect from April 1, this fiscal year, Finance Minister AHM Mostafa Kamal said yesterday.

He was talking to reporters after a pre-budget meeting with the chiefs of the parliamentary standing committees on finance and planning ministries, state public accounts and public institutions at the city's National Economic Council auditorium.

Kamal said the proposed VAT rates were waiting approval by the prime minister.

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2 found dead, another killed in 'gunfight'

STAR REPORT

Two alleged criminals were found dead in Chuadanga and Jhenidah yesterday, while a suspected drug trader was killed in a "gunfight" with members of Border Guard Bangladesh in Cox's Bazar.

Our Kishbu correspondent reported that police recovered the bullet-holed bodies of two victims, who stood accused in criminal cases, from Chuadanga's Alamdarupur and Jhenidah's Moheshpur upazila.

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BREAKING SOCIAL BARRIERS

UN honours three Bangladeshi women

UNB, Dhaka

The UN has honoured three Bangladeshi women who defied tradition, challenged gender stereotypes and social barriers put in front of them because they are women.

They became a successful community activist, an entrepreneur and an employee in a non-traditional sector, empowering many others on the way.

The fearless journeys of Pushpa, Parveen and Nasima to transform their lives and that of others resonate with this year's

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