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BANGLADESH'S DEV PROJECTS

# ADB to lend \$5b in 3 yrs

Another \$4.9bn kept  
as 'standby'

UNB, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank will provide around \$ 5 billion to Bangladesh with an aim of promoting rapid, inclusive and sustainable growth in the country.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Director for Bangladesh Manmohan Parkash met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently and handed over ADB's new Country Operations Business Plan (COBP) for 2020-2022, which programmes around \$5 billion in different projects.

Projects worth another \$4.9 billion have been included in the pipeline as "standby".

The projects will be taken up for ADB financing based on their readiness.

Parkash appraised Hasina of the ADB's enhanced development programs for Bangladesh, ADB said in a media release yesterday.

The COBP aligns with the government's Seventh Five-Year Plan and ADB's Strategy 2030. It also supports implementation of sustainable development goals targets.

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## NOT EVEN BABY SHARKS ARE SPARED

Workers carry stingray fish to Cox's Bazar Fishery Ghat market after unloading those from a fishing trawler. *Right*, sharks of different species are brought to the market for sale. The government carries out awareness campaigns to save sharks, stingrays, dolphins, turtles and conserve the biodiversity of the Bay of Bengal, but they yield little results. Catching of these fish and other sea animals by commercial fishing trawlers goes on unabated. The sales of endangered sea creatures at the market is a testimony to this. The Marine Fisheries Ordinance, 1983 empowered fisheries officials to ban catching of fishes and sea animals of any species, irrespective of size, sex, and age, but they never take any such step. The photos were taken recently.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## UZ chairman sued over assault on female lawyer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A female lawyer of Patuakhali's Galachipa upazila yesterday sued the upazila chairman for assaulting her on Thursday.

Umme Asma Akhi, a lawyer at Galachipa upazila judicial magistrate court, filed the case with Galachipa Police Station alleging that upazila Chairman Shahin Shah also threatened to kill her father-in-law Dulal Chowdhury.

Dulal, who is also the chairman of Kalagachhia Union Parishad in the upazila, told The Daily Star that Shahin called him on Thursday noon and asked him to come over to his office to settle a complaint against him.

During the conversation, Shahin, who is also the organising secretary of Galachipa Awami League, told Dulal that one Abdul

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## CURBING MILITANCY, SOLVING TOUGH CASES

# Police want new tool for probe

The state-of-the-art device can detect whether info given by a suspect true or not

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

With the aim of tackling militancy and solving cases with no evidence, the Police Headquarters is planning to use a state-of-the-art technology for interrogation of suspects.

Police are looking to have an investigative tool called iCognitive, made by a US company, said counterterrorism officials. Bangladesh will be the tenth country to have this device, they added.

According to the officials, iCognitive is not the lie detector that involves interrogation in which a suspect is asked a series of questions.

Besides, in lie detection, the suspect's physiological or autonomic characteristics, like blood pressure and heart and respiration rates, are measured to identify whether he or she is telling the truth or not.

But iCognitive can find out whether the information under test is present in the suspect's brain or not, with more than 99 percent success, officials say.

In the current practice, police collect information from suspects through question and answer after presenting the facts and evidence found in investigation.

During the interrogation, officers record the suspect's statement, under section 161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), but that is not

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## Woman raped in Dhamrai

Case filed against 6;  
none arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A mother of one has allegedly been gang-raped by several men in Balitha area of Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila.

The incident came to light on Thursday night after the 24-year-old victim filed a case with Dhamrai Police Station against two named and three to four unnamed people, reports our Savar correspondent.

According to the case statement, the victim, who was looking for a job, recently met one Jashim. He promised that he would arrange a job for her.

On Monday, Jashim asked the victim to go to his rented house in Balitha area. As she went there around 7:30pm, Jashim and another man named Nahid along with three to four others raped her.

Upon hearing cries for help, locals rushed to the home and rescued her. However, the alleged rapists managed to flee.

Filing of the case was delayed as the victim, whose husband is an expatriate in Brunei, received treatment at three local hospitals, said the case statement.

Dhamrai OC Depok Saha said they sent the woman to the One Stop Crisis

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## No rest in peace!

Scientists find corpses  
move long after death



AFP, Cairns

An Australian scientist has proved that human bodies move around significantly for more than a year after death, in findings that could have implications for detectives and pathologists around the world.

After studying and photographing the movements of a corpse over 17-months, Alyson Wilson told AFP yesterday that she found humans don't exactly rest in peace.

In one case study, arms that began held close to the body ended up flung out to the side.

"We think the movements relate to the process of decomposition, as the body mummifies and the ligaments dry out," she said.

To carry out her unusual form of people watching, Wilson took the three-hour flight from

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## ONION India sets minimum price to cut export

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Indian government has set the minimum export price (MEP) of onion at \$850 a tonne to curb its shipments and help bring down soaring prices in the domestic market.

Onion prices across India have risen to about Rs 40-50 a kg in the last few days.

The MEP is the price below which no exports are allowed.

The decision will have an impact on the Bangladesh market, as it imports a significant amount of onion from India.

"The government has decided that the export of all varieties of onions shall be permitted only on letter of credit subject to minimum export price of \$850 per tonne until further orders," the consumer affairs, food

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## BEXIMCO LOAN BB failed to play its role

Says TIB about the  
central bank's move  
to allow rescheduling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the central bank's move to reschedule a loan of Beximco Ltd an unprecedented instance, Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday said it proved that the Bangladesh Bank completely failed to play its regulatory role in the banking sector.

In a statement, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the reported move would not

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 14

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4:35	12:45	4:30	6:14	7:45
JAMAAT	5:10	1:15	4:45	6:17	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Flames rip through the warehouse of Minister Refrigerator factory in Gazipur city's Dhirasram area yesterday. The fire broke out on the fourth floor of the six-storey building around 7:15am. Eighteen fire engines brought the fire under control around seven hours later. No casualties were reported as the factory was closed on the weekend. Story on page 2.

PHOTO: STAR

## BREXIT IMPASSE

# UK PM 'cautiously optimistic' on deal

Set to meet EU chiefs on Monday;  
Speaker Bercow warns Johnson  
against disobeying law

AFP, London

Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday said he was "cautiously optimistic" about striking a Brexit deal ahead of his first face-to-face talks with EU chiefs next week.

Johnson is due to meet European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and the EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier in Luxembourg on Monday.

Johnson's upbeat tone on striking a divorce deal with the European Union in time for Britain's scheduled October 31 departure date is in marked contrast with the mood music from Brussels.

The British pound yesterday gained one percent against the dollar in trading on speculation that the two sides were edging closer to a compromise over the contentious Irish border issue.

But Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said the gap between London and Brussels remained "very wide".

Johnson said the public deserved to know the latest in the Brexit talks, as he restated his insistence that Britain must leave the EU on October 31, with or without a withdrawal agreement.

"We're working incredibly hard to get a deal," he said during a visit to Rotherham in northern England.

"There is the rough shape of a deal to be done."

On the talks with Juncker and Barnier -- the first time Johnson will meet them since he came to power on July 24 -- the PM added: "We'll see where we get."

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