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REOPENING HALLS JU protesters issue 8-day ultimatum

JU CORRESPONDENT

Demanding the immediate removal of Jahangirnagar University (JU) vicechancellor, protesters yesterday issued an eightday ultimatum to open all dormitories for a safe educational environment.

"If the university authorities wouldn't do it, then we would begin tougher movements from November 22. Within this time, the VC can't take part in any policy making activities. If she does, we would resist," said, Prof Rayhan Rhyne, convener and one of the organisers of "Jahangirnagar Against Corruption", at a press briefing on the campus.

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## High transport cost hurting economy

WB says cost would be 35pc lower if there were no congestion; report says logistics costs too high in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transportation costs, the largest direct logistic costs in Bangladesh, would be up to 35 percent lower if there were no congestion on roads, said a World Bank report.

Bangladesh needs to improve its transport and logistics systems to meet the needs of its growing economy and to boost export growth, said the report titled "Moving Forward: Connectivity and Logistics to Sustain Bangladesh's Success" unveiled yesterday.

Congestion on roads and at seaports, logistics costs, inadequate infrastructure, one-sided logistics service markets, and fragmented governance

hamper manufacturing and freight, further eroding Bangladesh's competitive edge and putting its robust growth path at risk, the report said.

The country could significantly boost export growth, maintain its position as a leading garment and textile manufacturer, and create more jobs by making logistics more efficient, it said.

The carrying costs represent 17 to 56 percent of logistic costs. Inventory affected by inconsistent deliveries and congestion ranges between 53 and 75 percent depending on industries, it said.

Logistics costs in Bangladesh is high for most sectors. It is 4.5 percent of sales for leather footwear and 47.9 percent of sales SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



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Israeli missile launched from the Iron Dome defence missile system, designed to intercept and destroy incoming short-range rockets and artillery shells, is seen above Gaza city Tuesday night.

РНОТО: AFP

Bangladeshi

pays Rs 5m to

free himself in

A Bangladeshi businessman

kidnapped in West Bengal

West Bengal

has alleged that he was

and had to pay a Rs-50

The man lodged a

complaint with Entally

Police Station of Kolkata

on Sunday in this regard, a

senior Indian police officer

Bashir Miya said he

forcibly detained him at

an unknown location in

Habra area of North 24

Parganas district, said the

Bashir arrived in Kolkata

last week to purchase some

sat down with a few people

to discuss a business deal at

a shopping mall in Sealdah

area on Saturday, the officer

Bashir claimed that he

and the others boarded a

lunch in order to meet

the deal, the officer said.

was taken to an

train to Habra after having

another person involved in

After reaching Habra, he

jewellery for his wife. He

knew the kidnappers who

PTI, Kolkata

lakh ransom.

said yesterday.

officer.

AIR STRIKES ON GAZA

## 22 killed in 2 days

Islamic Jihad fires about 200 rockets into Israel

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israeli air strikes killed nine Palestinians in Gaza yesterday, medical officials said, raising the Palestinian death toll to 22 over a two-day escalation in violence since Israel launched strikes to kill an Islamic Jihad commander.

From early morning rockets were fired into Israel and the Israeli military struck from the air, resuming after an overnight

The bodies of six people killed in Gaza City were brought into Shifa hospital in taxis and ambulances early yesterday, as relatives wept and screamed. Medics and witnesses said they were civilians who lived in densely populated neighbourhoods.

A father and his son were among the

Dhaka Int'l

begins today

The fifth edition of Dhaka

International Folk Fest is

scheduled to begin today at

Bangladesh Army Stadium

A total of 200 artistes

from six countries around

the world would perform

on the same stage during

the three-day-long festival,

6:00pm and continue until

midnight from November

which would start at

14 to November 16.

Foreign Minister

Dr AK Abdul Momen

would inaugurate the

festival as chief guest.

Among others, Anjan

would also attend the

Chowdhury, chairman of

Sun Foundation and Sun

Communications Limited,

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Folk Fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

in Dhaka.

dead with another son badly wounded, said family members.

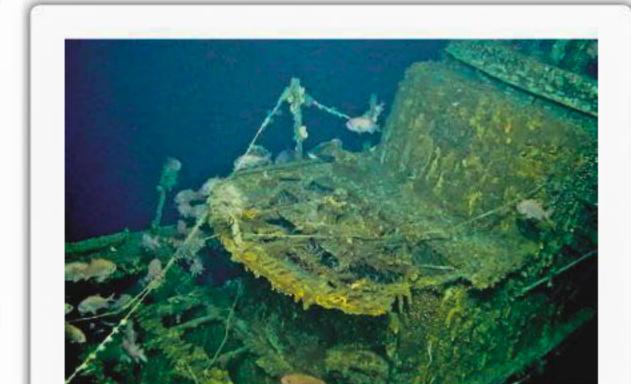
"They started this, we did not want

war," said one grieving relative. The Israeli military said yesterday it had resumed attacking Islamic Jihad targets in the Gaza Strip. Air strikes took out at least three rocket launching crews, a military spokesman said.

Islamic Jihad confirmed that two of its members were killed in separate strikes south of Gaza City during the morning. Medics later said another man was killed by an air strike while on a motorcycle.

The worst fighting in months erupted on Tuesday after Israel killed Abu Al-Atta, a senior commander of the Iranbacked Islamic Jihad, accusing him of

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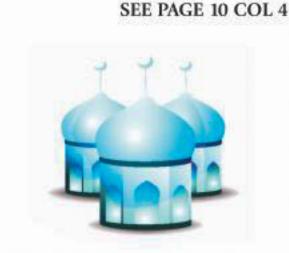


## Missing WW2 sub found after 75 yrs

**CNN ONLINE** 

It's been 75 years since the USS Grayback went missing with 80 sailors aboard. Now, an organisation that searches for sunken World War II submarines has solved the mystery of where it went down.

On Sunday, undersea explorer Tim Taylor and his team at the Lost 52 Project announced that they had located the long-lost submarine on June SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



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JAMAAT 5-35 1-15 4-00 5-25 7-30 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION