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**A long-snouted dolphin spotted in the Karnaphuli river near Chattogram city's Ichhanagar. Unlike fish with gills, this mammal needs to come to the surface for oxygen. Such dolphin sightings have now become rare and experts blame river pollution and increased traffic on waterbodies for this. The photo was taken recently.**

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

### Confiscate PK Halder's land, flats

*Orders court; properties of Faridpur brothers to be seized*

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to confiscate 59 acres of land and three flats of Proshanta Kumar Halder, also known as PK Halder, in a money laundering case.

Meanwhile, another Dhaka court ordered the CID to seize 5,706 bighas of land, 55 vehicles, and freeze the bank accounts of two brothers in a money laundering case.

The pieces of land belonging to PK Halder are in Purbachal, Rupganj in Narayanganj, Bagerhat, Nazirpur and Pirojpur and the flats are in the capital's Uttara, Baridhara and Banani, ACC Public Prosecutor Mahmud Hossain Jahangir told The Daily Star.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after

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#### PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 26

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-15	12-30	4-30	6-05	7-30
JAMAAT 5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

### CREC should talk to the authorities

*Says rail minister on contractor's fund crisis*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If the contractor for the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project has any issue, it should talk to the authorities concerned, as this is not something to talk about with the media, said Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon yesterday.

The minister made the comments a day after China Railway Group

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## Sadness all the way to grave

*Burglars murder boy, 12, whose life was a series of unfortunate events*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After the separation of his parents 11 years ago, Hasan Bapari used to live with his maternal grandparents in Feni. After their deaths last year, he was admitted to a madrasa in Narayanganj. But there he was sexually abused by a teacher and he left the madrasa.

Since then, he had been residing with his aunt in the capital's Wari.

The family planned to go to Cox's Bazar on holiday last night.

But that did not happen as the 12-year-old boy was killed by suspected burglars inside the house on Wednesday night.

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**CONDOLENCE**

We are deeply saddened by the sudden demise of country's noted economist **Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled** who breathed his last early Wednesday at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMU). He was 80.

Former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, Ibrahim Khaled also served as the managing director of Pubali Bank, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Agrani Bank and Sonali Bank in his illustrious career spanning nearly six decades.

The veteran banker was awarded the Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Gold Medal in 2009 and the Khan Bahadur Nawab Ali Chowdhury National Award in 2013 for his outstanding contribution to the country's banking sector.

Ibrahim Khalid was an IBA alumnus and served as the president of Bangladesh MBA Association. He was also the president of Kachi-Kanchar Mela.

We pray for eternal peace of the departed soul and convey our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family members.

*Nazmul Hassan*  
**Nazmul Hassan MP**  
 President

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