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## Gang tries to rob truck with 25,000 eggs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of criminals, armed with sharp weapons on a bus, robbed a truck loaded with 25,000 eggs on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Narayanganj.

Two robbers were caught as they were driving away with the truck early yesterday, said Khandaker Al Moin, director (legal and media wing) of Rab.

Four more were arrested later, he said in a press briefing at Rab Media Center in the capital.

The arrestees are Musa Ali, 40, Naem Mia, 24, Shamim, 35, Romi, 26, Abu Sufian, 20, and Mamun, 24.

A team of Rab-II identified suspicious movement of the truck on Bhulta-Golakandail Asian Highway in Ruppang. As the Rab team charged towards the vehicle, Musa and Naem tried to speed away, but failed.

The rest of the gang members were later arrested on information from the duo, he said.

According to Khandaker, the criminals parted in three groups and

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An executive magistrate running a BRTA mobile court near Kamalapur School and College in the capital checking if a bus was charging passengers more than the government-fixed rate.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HUQ

## UN RIGHTS CHIEF'S VISIT Move afoot to put undue pressure on govt Says foreign ministry

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The politicisation of the human rights agenda can never help promote or protect the rights of the people, the foreign ministry said in a statement yesterday -- a day before the first ever visit by a UN human rights chief in the country.

The visit of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet begins today.

It further said Bangladesh strongly rejects some visible "politically motivated efforts by some quarters" to mislead the people.

"They [the quarters] are portraying the UN high commissioner's visit as an occasion to put undue pressure on the government... Instead of doing this, everyone should engage in sincere dialogue and cooperation needed to address the human rights issues."

On August 10, nine global and regional rights bodies in a joint statement urged Bachelet to publicly call for an immediate end to serious rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings, torture, and enforced disappearances, during her visit to Bangladesh.

"If the high commissioner fails to clearly

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## THUS SPOKE THE MINISTERS



"Compared to people in other countries, we are living happily. It can be said we are living in heaven."

Abdul Momen  
Foreign Minister



"We [the country] are here after fighting poverty. In future, people like those from our generation will have to go to museums to learn and see these things [poverty]."

Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal  
Home Minister



"Our capacity has increased. In every village and town... No one is starving. By the blessings of Almighty Allah, everyone is getting food. Everybody is wearing clothes."

Tazul Islam  
LGRD Minister



"Not only the country has changed, the fate of everyone has changed. Is there any person with torn clothes? No. Do you see any bare-footed people? You don't. Do you see any hut from the sky? No."

Hasan Mahmud  
Information Minister



"I won't deny that prices of essentials have increased. But no one has died yet due to the price hike. Hopefully, no one will die."

MA Mannan  
Planning Minister

## Contact lenses that 'diagnose cancer'

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK



'Smart' contact lenses that have the potential to diagnose early stage cancer through tumour identifying chemicals found in tears have been created by scientists.

The device could open the door to an inexpensive 'one size fits all' screening programme for multiple types of the disease.

The technology captures transporters called 'exosomes', which are tiny bubble-like messengers contained within cells in our bodies secreted into

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Tidal water inundates Agrabad, CDA residential, Khatunganj, and Bakulia areas of Chattogram city. This perennial problem of the port city continues to cause immense sufferings to locals. The photo was taken yesterday from Bakulia area.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Rushdie put on ventilator Suspect charged with attempted murder

AFP, Erie

Salman Rushdie remained hospitalised in serious condition yesterday after being stabbed at a literary event in New York state in a shocking assault that triggered international outrage, but drew applause from hardliners in Iran and Pakistan.

The British author, who spent years under police protection after Iranian leaders ordered his killing, underwent

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## POST-COUP MYANMAR Junta restricts parties meeting foreigners

AFP, Bangkok

Myanmar's ruling junta has moved to restrict political parties from meeting foreigners or international organisations ahead of an election expected next year.

The Southeast Asian nation has been plunged into turmoil and its economy is in tatters since a February 2021 coup which ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's government.

The military alleged widespread voter fraud during November 2020 polls which Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party won in a landslide, although international observers said the election was largely free and fair.

The junta-stacked Union Election Commission said Friday that the

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## Credit Rating Report



With Government Support

| Rating     | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Long Term  | AAA     | AAA     |
| Short Term | ST-1    | ST-1    |

Without Government Support

| Rating     | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Long Term  | A+      | A+      |
| Short Term | ST-2    | ST-2    |
| Outlook    | Stable  | Stable  |

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- Loan and advances growth rate: 15.58%, above the industry growth rate (11.17%);
- Operating profit increased by Tk: 22.00 Crore;
- NPL reduced by Tk: 1,416.00 Crore;
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- Improvement of Core Risk rating from previous year.



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