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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the biennial representatives' conference of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) as chief guest at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Secretary General Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul and CUJ President Mostak Ahmed.

### British HC closed on April 16

UNB, Dhaka

British High Commission in Dhaka and its office in Sylhet will remain closed on April 16 on the occasion of Easter Sunday, said a press release.

## Housewife beaten to death for dowry

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A housewife was beaten to death allegedly for dowry in the city on Tuesday night.

The victim was identified as Khorsheda, 28, wife of Md Ali who lives in Khilkhet area.

Khorsheda was beaten mercilessly by her husband who hit her in

the abdomen causing profuse bleeding. She died on the spot, said Abdus Salam, victim's brother while talking to The Daily Star.

He said Ali had been demanding dowry since Khorsheda's marriage 10 years back.

"About three months back, Ali again demanded Tk 1 lakh which we refused to pay," Salam said, adding

that they earlier gave Ali money in dowry on several occasions.

He lodged a case with Khilkhet Police Station accusing 10 people including Ali under the Prevention of Women and Children Repression Act.

Police said they could not arrest anyone as of yesterday evening.

### 1190 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,190 people on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law-enforcers also seized four firearms, another weapon, eight bullets and a grenade like object, says a police headquarters press release.