



Nasreen Huq meets a tragic death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prominent social activist and the country director of Action Aid Bangladesh, Nasreen Pervin Huq, died yesterday following an accident yesterday at the car park of her residence in Dhanmondi.
Sources said her driver around 9:30 am yesterday lost control of the vehicle and crushed her against

Nepalis start ring-road agitation to oust king

US embassy asks diplomats' families to leave as violence goes on

AFP, Kathmandu
The US embassy ordered the families of its diplomats to leave except for one injured from rubber bullets," said doctor Saroj Ojha running a clinic's mobile medical team.
The royal government imposed a fresh daytime curfew but clashes continued on the outskirts of the capital Kathmandu Monday and six people died in an attack by Maoist rebels in the country's northeast.
Fifteen protesters were injured when police fired teargas and rubber bullets, and used batons against a group of some 2,000 protesters on the northeastern edge

of the capital, a doctor said.
"We have treated around 15 injured who have all been beaten except for one injured from rubber bullets," said doctor Saroj Ojha running a clinic's mobile medical team.
The US embassy told the families and non-essential staff to leave because of concerns over dwindling supplies, shortages in medical expertise, protests and sometimes "violent measures" used by the regime to break them up.
In a statement it warned other American citizens "should also depart Nepal as soon as possible".
Leaders from a seven-party alliance will address a rally at seven

points on the 27-kilometre (17-mile) ring road around the capital as senior opposition leaders vowed to take the protest to the royal palace.
"The democratic republic has reached up to the king's ring road and now it moves to the royal palace," protest leader Bamdev Gautam said at a rally on the northern outskirts of the city late Sunday.
But another senior member of his Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) said the "peaceful" protest would not head into the city, where soldiers were defending one of the king's palaces.
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BSF kills 1 in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Border Security Force (BSF) of India gunned down a Bangladeshi farmer on Atapara border under Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur district on Sunday night.
The victim was identified as Saiful Islam, 35, son of Jannat Ali of village Gopalpur under Panchbibi upazila of Jaypurhat district.
Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) sources said the Indian border guards of Bakshiganj camp opened fire on Saiful while he was returning home from one of his relatives' house located near main pillar no 283/23F at around 11:30pm. He died instantly.
The BSF personnel took away the body to their camp, sources quoted witnesses as saying.
The incident sparked tension among the locals. Hearing the news, BDR officials rushed to the scene and sent an official note to the BSF, protesting the killing.
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Bangladesh Mahila Parishad activists form a human chain in front of the High Court yesterday, protesting police atrocities and violation of women's rights to movement on the streets.

Accused in Rab killing dies in 'crossfire'

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur
A gang leader, who was also accused of killing Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) constable Delwar Hossain in Tongi, was killed in an 'encounter' with Rab members early yesterday.
The gang leader, Shaheen Hawlader alias Hossain Hawlader, 36, had admitted to the Rab officials that he and his cohorts killed Delwar after committing robbery at his house on April 21.
Rab-9 arrested Shaheen at Kunia Pachar of Gachha union



A vendor sells fish in candlelight during load shedding at New Market kitchen market yesterday.

Student strike observed

DU CORRESPONDENT
Countrywide student strike enforced by the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the main opposition Awami League (AL), was observed yesterday at most of the educational institutions.
No academic activities were held at Dhaka University (DU) and other public universities and colleges.
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Kansat, police action may dominate next JS session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The next session of Jatiya Sangsad (JS) scheduled for April 27 is expected to generate heat around various issues that include Kansat killings, police atrocities on journalists, and opposition activists, rise of militants and price hike of essentials.
Demanding discussion in the House on the issues, Awami League (AL) lawmakers have already submitted notices to the parliament secretariat and will continue to put pressure on the government in the House for holding discussions.
"Lawmakers of our party are submitting notices demanding discussions on different burning issues in the House. We will demand discussions on the issues adjoining other businesses of the House," Opposition Chief Whip Abdus Shahid told reporters yesterday.
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Slum dwellers besiege police station in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Over two hundred landless people who came from their Sitakunda slums by two buses and several human haulers laid siege to and attacked Panchlaish Police Station (PS) yesterday noon to free their leader who had been arrested by police.
At least 25 people were injured as police went on action to disperse the demonstrators. Five police were

Deputy secy commits 'suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A deputy secretary of Ministry of Finance apparently committed suicide by hanging himself in the bedroom of his Dhanmondi home yesterday.
Dr Tawfiq Khan Majlish's eldest daughter went to his room around 9:15am and found him hanging from the ceiling. Police later recovered the body and sent it for autopsy.
"Sir (Tawfiq) used to take sedatives before going to bed," said Abdul Hakim, caretaker of Tawfiq's home. He took his life sometime after Fazr prayers as he was seen praying at Fazr, Hakim said. He was mentally disturbed due to a family feud, sources said.
Sources at the Dhaka Medical College morgue said after the

Five drown as boat capsizes in Jamuna

UNB, Jamalpur
Five people, four of a family, drowned and two remained missing as an engine boat with 30 passengers aboard capsized in the Jamuna near Kodaldhoa of Ismapur upazila yesterday.
The bodies recovered by the divers are of Nayan, 30, his wife Shirin, 22, son Sharif, 6, and his mother Halima, 65, and another passenger Chandra, 75.
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Iran rejects UN demand, threatens to quit NPT

AFP, Tehran
Iran's hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday rejected a UN Security Council demand to halt sensitive nuclear work and warned that the Islamic republic could quit the Non-Proliferation Treaty.
In a show of defiance just days away from a Friday deadline set by the Council for Iran to freeze uranium enrichment, Ahmadinejad confidently dismissed the threat of sanctions or even a US military attack.
And in his latest vitriolic attack against arch-enemy Israel, the firebrand leader said the "fake" Jewish state "cannot survive" and called on migrants to the country to go back to where they came from.
"They shouldn't think they can baptise a wrong decision with the help of the Security Council," he said of demands that Iran freeze enrichment, at the centre of Western fears the Islamic regime could acquire nuclear weapons.
"The Security Council should act within the framework of the law. It's not true that whatever they issue we follow."
Iran says it only wants to enrich uranium to make reactor fuel to generate electricity, as is authorised by the NPT.
But the Security Council want a suspension of the work – which can be extended to make weapons – pending the completion of a now-three year-old probe by the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
"Our policy is to work within the NPT and the Agency," Ahmadinejad told a news conference. "But if we see that they don't want to accept our rights we will reconsider."
The IAEA, he also complained, "hasn't done anything but cause nuisance."
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Prayer Timing		
April 25		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-29	6-34
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



JS body to probe Tk 100cr graft in CDA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A parliamentary body yesterday decided to investigate alleged irregularities involving Tk 100 crore in different development projects of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) under the housing and public works ministry.
Reviewing the allegations, the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry asked the sub-committee formed earlier to probe the anomalies in the CDA projects and submit its report in 15 days.
"We will discuss the issue at our next meeting after receiving the probe report," standing committee Chairman Shajahan Chowdhury told reporters emerging from the meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.
Convenor of the sub-committee and ruling BNP lawmaker Sultan Mahmud Babu told reporters that members of the sub-committee will visit Chittagong to probe the alleged irregularities in the CDA projects.
The parliamentary body received a set of allegations concerning the projects in the last six months.
Members of the committee said they received allegations that contractors have taken huge amounts of money without completing the projects. Even contacts for the projects have been awarded
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