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## Foundation of third EPZ at Mongla laid

MONGLA, May 23: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said the government is going to announce a new industrial policy to boost industrialisation and attract foreign investment in the country, reports UNB.

The formulation of the new industrial policy, in line with the free market economy, is at final stage, she said after laying the foundation of the country's third export processing zone (EPZ) here this morning.

Mongla EPZ, covering an area of 460 acres, is expected to be operational by the end of the next fiscal year.

In the first phase, 140 acres of land will be developed at an estimated cost of Tk 58.29 crore. There will be 162 industrial plots, each with 2,000 square metres.

The Prime Minister called for attracting the entrepreneurs of the developed countries who are looking for new areas of investment as foreign investment in the ASEAN countries reached a saturated point.

"The foreign investors are looking for new areas of investment and now have focused on South Asian countries," she said. "We'll have to take advantage of this situation."

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## Govt has failed to meet power, water needs: BNP

City BNP yesterday brought out a procession from its office at Nawab Yusuf Market demanding immediate solution of power and water crises in the city, reports UNB.

Prior to the procession, city BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka told a rally that the government has totally failed to meet the requirement of electricity and water.

He said frequent disruption of power and lack of water supply has resulted in immense suffering of the city dwellers.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who has taken over the charge of energy ministry, also failed to improve the loadshedding situation, he added.

The BNP leader warned that if the problem is not resolved immediately, people will be compelled to take to the street.

He asked the party leaders and workers to prepare for tough action programme against the government.

Among others who addressed the rally and joined the procession were Mirza Abbas.

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## 2 JCD leaders get RI for burning Bangabandhu's photograph

FENI, May 23: Two JCD leaders, tried in absentia have been sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for tearing off the photograph of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman, reports UNB.

Of them, convenor of sadar thana JCD Shawkat Ali Shakil was awarded two years' jail term while city JCD leader Mamun for six months.

The prosecution, in brief, was that Shakil and Mamun damaged the framed picture of the Father of the Nation hanged in the local Circuit House on August 29, 1996.

The District Administration filed the case and police after investigation submitted charge-sheets against them.

Additional District Magistrate Mohammad Mujibur Rahman after examining the witnesses and records awarded the punishment on Tuesday.

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## Developments over Indian N-tests

# Delhi, Islamabad both seek Dhaka's support

By Staff Correspondent

Chowdhury on May 21 at 7 pm at the latter's office.

The letters were later forwarded to the Prime Minister.

The Indian premier in his letter is learnt to have explained that the nuclear tests were conducted for peaceful purposes. India was not indulging in any new arms race, he said.

Without mentioning China by name, Vajpayee said that

Nasaka kidnaps

5 Bangladeshi

CHITTAGONG, May 23: Members of Myanmar Border Security Force, Nasaka, allegedly abducted five Bangladeshi fish traders along with their two trawlers from the Naf river early today, reports UNB.

Police said a Myanmar trader, Ali Ahmed, is involved with the kidnapping.

The kidnapped fish traders

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India was concerned at "Pakistan's collaboration with its northern neighbour," according to diplomatic sources.

The Indian premier also wrote that his country took Bangladesh into confidence and was always hopeful about receiving its understanding and support.

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The loadshedding was 84 MW in Chittagong, 79 MW at Khulna, 78 MW at Rajshahi, 40

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## Heat wave: Water and power crises add to people's miseries in city

By Special Correspondent

As the heat wave continued in the country unabated and rain-bearing clouds remained elusive, miseries of people mounted yesterday with high humidity amid loadshedding.

In the city, crisis in water supply, added to the sufferings of the people.

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# Severe power crisis grips 4 dists of Sylhet Divn

From Iqbal Siddique

SYLHET, May 23: Power supply in the four districts of Sylhet division has come down to about one-third of the requirement.

It is seriously disrupting industrial and agricultural production including tea, affecting treatment at hospitals and mounting sufferings of the people, already reeling under a heat wave.

The daily requirement in the

Power supply in 5 dists restored

By Staff Correspondent

Power supply in five districts of greater Mymensingh, was restored yesterday evening after more than 47 hours following repair of the snapped wires of a high-rise tower of a 132 KV grid line at Bhalbari.

Power supply in Mymensingh, Netrakona, Kishoreganj, Sherpur and Jamalpur districts was disrupted at 7:58

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## Maldini makes his choice

COVERCIANO, Italy, May 23 (Reuters/AP/AFP): Italy coach Cesare Maldini decided today to call injured Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero to the national squad's training camp next week, despite lingering doubts about his fitness.

Maldini pulled a news conference, he said he was also calling up Parma striker Enrico Chiesa, who had not previously been named in the World Cup squad.

Maldini had not been expected to make any evaluation of Del Piero's fitness until Sunday, although he has until June 2 to make a final decision on

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## Shazneen murder Hasan, 2 others on fresh remand

By Staff Correspondent

The CID took contractor Hasan and two others on a two-day remand yesterday in connection with the Shazneen murder in Gulshan on April 23.

The CID investigators along with a team of police brought the three accused to the Dhaka Central Jail, police and jail sources said.

After a month of the brutal killing, CID was mainly investigating its investigation of various possibilities including the involvement of any accomplice and conspiracy in the crime.

CID sources said the investigators interrogated Hasan, supervisor Badal and a security guard Humayun, trying to find out if there was more than one person involved in killing Shazneen, the youngest daughter of Chairman of Transcom Ltd, Latifur Rahman.

A group of about five senior CID officials interrogated the three for several hours until yesterday evening, the sources said.

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## Separate meetings by rival Ctg city BNP groups

CHITTAGONG, May 23: Conflicting groups of the city BNP today held separate meetings accusing each other of spoiling the unity and discipline of the party, reports UNB.

Supporters of city BNP president Mir Nasir Uddin held a meeting at BNP office in Nasimuddin Bhaban while the rebel group led by former city BNP president M Salimullah assembled at Zila Parishad Auditorium under the banner of followers of Shaheed Zia.

The rebel group having the strength of 96 members of 158 member executive committee of Chittagong City BNP Friday charged Nasir Uddin with anti-party activities.

Responding to the allegation, the Nasir group alleged that an opportunist group being instigated by the vested quarters is trying to create rift in the party when the anti-government movement is moving towards its logical end.

The meeting chaired by Nasir Uddin decided to organise rally and procession, in the city on May 26 to protest loadshedding and water crisis.

The Salimullah group at its meeting at Zila Parishad auditorium demanded removal of Mir Nasir Uddin from the office of the city BNP president.

## Kenya win by 28 runs

# Careless batting costs Bangladesh dearly

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh lost the initiative in their match against Kenya in the final at the Eden Gardens on May 31. After yesterday's match, both Bangladesh and Kenya won one and lost two. Their remaining match against India will be vital to decide the other finalist. Bangladesh has a poor run-rate (-0.23) against Kenya's better run-rate (-0.01).

Bangladesh, in their chase, were off to a disastrous start, losing their opener Athar Ali Khan for a duck. Mohammed Rafique, who scored a match-winning 73 against the same side in Bangladesh's historic win at Hyderabad on May 17, started from where he had left off.

But the southpaw, who hammered some lusty blows in his characteristically aggressive knock, was brilliantly caught by Ravindu Shah at short cover after scoring 23.

Vice-captain Aminul Islam was on only six when the day's play ended.

The victim's father lodged a

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## 2 young men murdered in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two young men, who were attacked by local gangs in Rampura and Pallabi areas of the city Friday night, succumbed to their injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Fazul Huq Bhuiyan, 32, was shot and stabbed at Rampura while Kamal Khalashi, 30, was injured as a local gang severely assaulted him at Pallabi.

Police said Fazul succumbed at about 1:30 am and Kamal at about 5 am yesterday.

Guilshan police said Fazul had several deep cut marks and bullet wounds in his body.

Proprietor of a car rental business and a resident of West Rampura, Fazul was attacked as he was reportedly trying for action against a gang who injured one of his relatives recently.

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