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Child murder Police yet to ascertain motive

By Staff Correspondent
The grand mother of Naim — the seven year old child allegedly slaughtered by his mother on Thursday, and a maid at their flat, gave judicial statements before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday.
Naim's mother Nargis allegedly slaughtered him and then tried to commit suicide by stabbing in her throat with a kitchen knife at their flat in North Kamalapur in the city.
Nargis, wife of Abul Hasan, was now at Dhaka Medical College Hospital under police custody. Her condition remained critical till last night.
DB police were yet to ascertain the motive behind the killing, DB sources said adding that Nargis had been mentally depressed for the last few months.
DB was now investigating if any third party was involved in the incident. The kitchen knife allegedly used in the killing was sent to finger print experts.
DB produced Naim's grandmother, Maksudah and their maid Rezia in the CMM's Court yesterday afternoon. A magis-
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Gujral's statement misleading: BNP

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday protested the remark of former Indian Prime Minister I.K. Gujral that BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia had expressed satisfaction over the Ganges water sharing treaty, reports UNB.
The BNP secretary general termed such statement as misleading.
Gujral, who recently visited Dhaka and held talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia and former President HM Ershad, reportedly told BBC that the Bangladeshi leaders had expressed their satisfaction over the water treaty.
The 30-year Ganges water sharing treaty was signed in the Indian capital of New Delhi on December 12, 1996.
Referring to the meeting between Gujral and Begum Zia, Mannan Bhuiyan said that Begum Zia told Gujral that by signing the treaty Bangladesh's due share was sacrificed and the country was now incurring losses.
The BNP chief also told him that the people of Bangladesh had rejected this unequal water treaty as the country's interest was sacrificed by this accord.
After signing the treaty, Bhuiyan said that BNP had staged demonstrations protesting the treaty, which was published in different newspapers both at home and abroad. BNP is still protesting the treaty through various political programmes.

BCL, Shibir activists clash in Ctg Jail

CHITTAGONG, July 3: Activists of the student wings of Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami clashed in the Chittagong Jail today over acrimonious remarks, reports UNB.
Jail sources said they chased each other and exchanged brickbats for about 20 minutes from 4.45 pm, but no casualty was reported. Jail police, however, brought the situation under control.
The clash erupted when supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir made acrimonious remarks on four activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League when the latter were returning to their cell after meeting visitors.

Notice

Star Literature could not be published today due to unavoidable reasons. The inconvenience caused to our readers is regretted.

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Draft Woman & Child Repression Prevention Law Anti-terrorism clauses likely to be dropped

By Reaz Ahmad
The provisions to combat acts of terrorism will be dropped from the proposed 'Nari O Shishu Nirjatan Damon Ain, 1998' against the backdrop of widespread criticism from various sections of the civil society.
The proposed law seeking stricter punishment for deadly crimes against women and children in particular and certain forms of terrorist activities against citizens in general was earlier approved by the Cabinet on March 30 last. But it will be placed before the Cabinet again to drop the 'anti-terrorism' clauses.
"There is every likelihood of taking back this proposed law to the Cabinet soon," Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru told The Daily Star yesterday. He confirmed that clauses 13, 14, 16 and 17 of the proposed law, which were prepared to combat some specific acts of terrorism, would be dropped from it now.
While inaugurating a workshop in the city on June 24, President Shahabuddin Ahmed questioned the necessity of inclusion of terrorism-related provisions in the proposed Woman and Child Repression Law. See Page 12 Col 1

Meghnaghat power project Final negotiations with AES resume July 8

By Sharier Khan
The Power Development Board (PDB) is at last going to hold the final negotiations with US company AES over the 300 MW-450 MW Meghnaghat private sector power scheme from July 8, breaking a year-old deadlock, sources said.
The Energy Ministry has taken another step to end stagnation in another private sector scheme led by AES, the Haripur 350 MW power plant. An inter-ministerial meeting on the scheme was held on Wednesday to resolve some technical and tax related issues. Recommendations of this meeting will be sent to the Prime Minister's office.
Another 100 MW power project in Baghabari led by British company Midland Power has become uncertain. PDB, which was supposed to provide a certain site for the proposed plant, has declined to provide that. Now, the authorities are offering a different site located about one kilometre away from the original.
Midland Power is saying that it can not proceed with the original financial and technical plans as the whole configuration of the project now requires to be changed.
All the private sector power schemes, including the Meghnaghat project, have fallen more than one year behind schedule and the country is already running the risk of facing a constant load-shedding of 500 MW daily from the year 2000.
The Meghnaghat scheme was delayed because of disagreements between AES and the negotiators-PDB over the initial operation period, technical details of the proposed plant and finally, the brand of the machinery.
As per the PDB's recommendations, the Cabinet Purchase Committee earlier this year imposed 'tough conditions' on See Page 12 Col 4

Passenger trains to start plying over B/JMB today

By Staff Correspondent
Passenger trains will start plying over the Bangabandhu Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge today.
Inter-city passenger train Padma Express will start from Rajshahi at 6:00 am for a five-hour journey to Bangabandhu East Station at Ibrahimabad, about 110 km from Dhaka. The train will return from there at noon, Railway officials said.
The Dhaka-bound passenger, however, will have to take bus from the station to reach the capital.
A selected number of buses will be available at Bangabandhu East Station for the Dhaka-bound passengers of Padma Express," a Railway official said. But BR will have no direct involvement in this, he added.
"We plan to operate one pair of trains in the route for the timebeing," said another source, adding that some more passenger trains and freight trains would be operated later.
Meanwhile, the authorities have already undertaken certain measures for passenger safety when train crosses the bridge. Railway officials said, "Instructions for passenger safety will be written in each compartment of the express train," director general of Bangladesh Railway Atikul Husain Khan, told The Daily Star. Steward will make sure that the safety instructions are strictly followed, he added.
Besides announcements will also be made cautioning people not to keep their hands out of the windows then train gets on to the bridge," he said.
Doors of carriages, and also of toilets will be locked at that time.

WB project proposal for food security system submitted

World Bank has submitted to the government a 27-year project (1998-2025) for sustainable rural development strategy to build up a food security system in the country, reports UNB.
A six-member delegation of the Bank, led by its Director of Rural Development, Alex McCalla, submitted the project proposal to LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman at his office in the city yesterday.
The delegation said WB would provide financial, institutional and technological assistance in implementing a long-term rural development strategy to build up a strong rural infrastructure, development on agriculture and irrigation system, and for procurement, supply, preservation and marketing of cooperatives-based agricultural products.

Italy out of race

ST DENIS (France), July 3: France beat Italy 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out here today to book their place in the World Cup semi-finals, reports AFP.
France will play the winner of Saturday's Germany-Croatia quarter-final match.
France won the shoot-out when Luigi Di Biagio fired his attempt off the bar.
There was little hint that the match would go to a penalty shoot-out when, in a pulsating start, Zidane blazed a half-volley from Emmanuel Petit's corner over the bar and then raked a low drive just wide of Gianluca Pagliuca's far post.
Seconds later, Emmanuel Petit sent in an overhead kick which the Italy keeper palmed over at full stretch and lone striker Stephane Guivarch'h volleyed in Didier Deschamps' cross from the narrowest of angles.
It was one-way traffic, but Italy nearly stole the lead after eight minutes when Francesco Moriero chipped over a cross for Christian Vieri, only for the tournament's joint top scorer to send his header wide.
France immediately wrested back control, with Zidane and Djorkaeff probing an unsettled Italian defence, while Italy's re-jigged midfield failed to make any progress.
Christian Karembeu nearly broke the deadlock in the 24th minute, when he worked a one- See Page 12 Col 7



HOLDERS beat daring Danes

3-2

NANTES, July 3: Holders Brazil took their anticipated place in the World Cup semi-finals today, recovering from an early setback to beat Denmark 3-2 in a fast and furious encounter, reports Reuters.
First-half goals by veteran striker Bebeto and midfielder Rivaldo, both made by accurate passes from Ronaldo put them in charge after Martin Jorgensen's opener for Denmark after only 95 seconds.
But the Danes refused to lie down and levelled again, early in the second half, with a fine goal from Brian Laudrup before another Rivaldo strike, taken from their tradition of long-range shooting starts, brought the sound of the Samba to the Beaujoire Stadium on the hour.
It was clear from the flow of the game that Brazil had met their match in this quarterfinal as daring Denmark often carried the game to them and also, when required, defended with a determination that led to a spate of cautions on both sides.
The four-time winners and defending champions, who struggled to produce their best 'carnival' style soccer, had to fight for everything and, despite enjoying most of the possession, were forced to raise their game in tempo and commitment to go through.
Denmark were always in the game as they worked to keep alive their hopes of progressing with a solid team display allied to flashes of world-class skill from the Laudrup brothers who proved they were as talented as any of their opponents.
A piece of brilliant quick-thinking by Danish Captain Michael Laudrup who took a near-instant free-kick after Brazilian captain Dunga had fouled striker Peter Moeller created the opening goal—the 150th of the tournament—after just 95 seconds.
He supplied his brother Brian Laudrup whose reversed pass into a crowded penalty area was met by Jorgensen's oblique run and he scored with a low left-foot shot from 15 metres.
Bebeto levelled after 11 minutes when Ronaldo, dropping deep to find space, found him with a clever angled pass behind the defence. Bebeto ran clear, shaking off his marker, See Page 12 Col 8



Italian captain Paolo Maldini (R) is challenged by French midfielder Christian Karembeu during their World Cup quarterfinal match yesterday. — AFP photo



TODAY'S MATCHES
Quarterfinals
Holland vs Argentina, 8:30 pm BST
Germany vs Croatia, 1:00 am BST

6 killed, 24 hurt in road accidents

Four people were killed and 24 others injured in road accidents in Chittagong, Myensingh and Tangail yesterday, reports UNB.
Two people were killed and 20 others injured in a road accident at Mastannagar in Mirersarai thana of Chittagong district yesterday.
The accident occurred when a Dhaka bound passenger bus collided with a truck coming from opposite direction.
Identity of the dead could not be known immediately. The injured were sent to Mirersarai health complex.
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Green chilli sells at Tk 80 per kg

By Staff Correspondent
The prices of green chilli registered a sharp rise while onion, another vital ingredient of average bangalee dishes, also made some gains in city's markets.
A kilogram of green chilli was selling between Taka 80 and 100, depending on its size and quality at city's New Market yesterday evening.
Onion prices ranged between Taka 20 to 22, depending on size and quality, up from last week's
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Monsoon to set in in next few days

By Shehab Ahmed
There had been less than normal rainfall in June, the month when monsoon starts, the data compiled by the Meteorological Department shows.
This abnormally poor rainfall during the month of June can well be attributed to a number of reasons, said senior meteorologist Sajedur Rahman.
The appearance of a powerful cyclone in the Arabian Sea, which ran havoc on the Gujrat coast of India, is one such reason.
The cyclone left the first ten days of June without rains, delaying the arrival of monsoon, which usually gets set on the tenth of June, he said. There had been less rain-bearing activities in the Bay of Bengal due to the affect of the cyclone.
Around mid-June a depression in the Bay of Bengal moved towards the Orissa coast, sweeping away with it the rains towards north-west India.
Finally, a strong presence of Tibetan anti-cyclone pressure, which usually disappears in summer, remained hung over Bangladesh at 10,000 feet and above the surface.
Because of its strong influence, the southerly current of south-westerly monsoon could not enter the mainland Bangladesh, deflecting to the north-west, towards India.
In the lower part of the atmosphere, there was a southerly incursion. Because of the upper atmospheric anti-cyclonic pressure all moisture moved towards India, virtually causing rain during the last See Page 12 Col 3



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