



Serena clinches French Open

AFP, Paris
America's Serena Williams, the third seed, won the second Grand Slam title in her career here yesterday in a family face-off when she beat second seed and her elder sister Venus 7-5, 6-3 in the final of the French Open.

Al-Qaida plotted to kill Musharraf

PTI, Washington
US intelligence agencies have picked up information indicating al-Qaida terrorists are planning to assassinate Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

Quantitative ban on sugar import goes

BSS, Dhaka
The government has withdrawn all quantitative restrictions on sugar import as a step toward liberalisation of trade.

Hawker beaten to death at Narsingdi

UNB, Dhaka
A middle aged man was beaten to death by some extortionists in the town on Friday night.

Table with Sun Rises and Sun Sets for June 9 and 10.

Table with Prayer Timings for June 9, including Azan and Jamaat.

Pakistan downs Indian spy drone

AP/AFIP, Islamabad
Pakistani jets shot down an unmanned Indian spy plane Friday near the tense border between the nuclear-armed South Asian rivals, the Pakistani air force said.



Foreign Minister Morshed Khan meets Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad yesterday. They discussed bilateral and regional issues specially the current Indo-Pak tensions.

Reconditioned car traders allege Ban to benefit only 7 importers of new vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers & Dealers Association (BARVIDA) have strongly protested the proposed ban on import of used vehicles.

Pak FM asked to continue in office

AP, Islamabad
President Pervez Musharraf has asked Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar to continue in his job until a replacement can be found, Foreign Office officials and relatives of the ailing official said yesterday.

Food autarky during AL rule

Facts refute Saifur's claim

REAZ AHMAD
Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in his budget speech termed Bangladesh's achieving food self-sufficiency a 'propaganda' by the previous Awami League government but facts say different things.

PM asks DCC Mayor Clean city, eradicate mosquito

BSS, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the new mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Sadek Hossain Khoka to ensure civic amenities for the city-dwellers befitting a metropolis of the 21st century.

Judge appointment Lawyers to meet PM soon for confirmation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Senior Supreme Court lawyers will meet Prime Minister Khaleda Zia soon and ask her to confirm the appointments of the three judges who had recently been refused confirmation despite the chief justice's recommendation.

Probe into Cessna crash begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A four-member probe body headed by Squadron Leader Masud Imam yesterday started investigating the crash of a training aircraft of Air Parabat Flying Academy on Friday.



Wife and son of slain trader Ashrafuddin wail beside his body. Ashrafuddin was gunned down in Nayabazar in the city yesterday.

Trader shot dead at Nayabazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Gunmen shot dead a trader in steel sheets in the city's Nayabazar area yesterday. The victim was identified as Ashrafuddin, 28, son of late Nasiruddin of Shamsabad in Nayabazar area under Kotwali police station.



Aggrieved teachers and classmates with the body of BUET student Sadequunnahar Sony at the DMCH yesterday. She was killed in a crossfire.

NBR chairman says Revenue target achievable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR) Dr Shoeb Ahmed yesterday said the revenue collection target for the next financial year is 'achievable and not ambitious'.

One killed, 17 hurt as train hits truck in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria
One person was killed and 17 others were injured, six of them seriously, when a train rammed a truck at Poiralta level crossing in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Govt-UNDP mission completes survey in CHT

BSS, Rangamati
The visiting Joint Risk Assessment Mission yesterday (Saturday) completed its survey assessing risk and security of the development workers in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

Token strike at oil sector installations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A token strike was observed at different installations of the oil sector across the country yesterday.