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Wayne Rooney's single-handed assault on Euro 2004 gathered momentum on Monday as England's extraordinary teenager fired his country to a 4-2 win over Croatia and into a quarterfinal with Portugal.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

NETHERLANDS vs LATVIA
Live on ESPN at 12.40 am
(Thursday)
GERMANY vs CZECH REPUBLIC
Live on STAR Sports at 12.40 am
(Thursday)

SUNAMGANJ RALLY BLAST

AL calls 3-day agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Awami League (AL) has gone into a three-day programme from yesterday in Sylhet division to protest the bomb blast at an AL rally in Deraik in Sunamganj on Monday afternoon.

The programme was announced at a press conference held at the Sylhet Press Club yesterday afternoon. President of Sylhet district AL announced the programme that included procession and rally at city's Court Point yesterday afternoon, condolence meeting and wearing black badges on June 23 and eight-hour hartal on June 24 across the four districts of the division.

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Divers lower a kitted-out rescuer into a sewer to search for two brothers who drowned in the drain water in Arambagh in Dhaka yesterday. The brothers made a living by collecting waste.

PHOTO: STAR

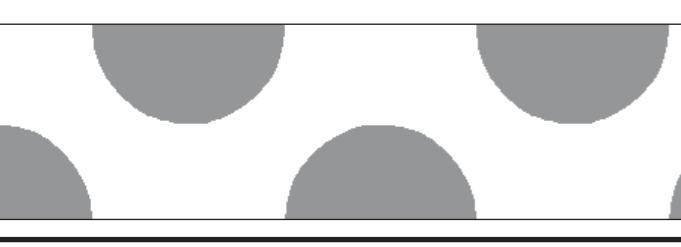
MOTIJHEEL COPS MURDER

Police await high-ups' nod to nab Tanjil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are in a quandary about arresting Tanjilur Rahman Tanjil, a leader of BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), for the killing of two policemen at Motijheel, as they have not received any clear instruction from the government high-ups.

"We're not getting any clear guideline from our high-ups to launch drives to arrest Tanjil, though his involvement in the robbery and police-killing is quite clear," said a police officer prefer-



ring anonymity.

Police sources said the police raid on Jahurul Haque Hall looking for Tanjil, president of the hall unit of JCD, on Sunday was merely an eyewash.

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar meanwhile instructed the 'Cobra members' to fight the criminals irrespective of their party affiliation.

Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Aminul Islam and Havilder Liakot Ali of the elite police team, Cobra-7

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Proshika chief taken to hospital after 10hrs of HC order
Govt appeals against stay on remand order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police admitted ailing Proshika President Qazi Faruque Ahmed presently under arrest to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College (BSMMU) Hospital yesterday, 10 hours after receiving a High Court (HC) order for doing so.

The HC on Monday stayed a five-day remand granted the same day by the chief metropolitan magistrate's (CMM) court of Dhaka in a sedition case against Faruque and six of his colleagues, and ordered to send him to hospital immediately and treat him there until his recovery.

The government yesterday filed an appeal against the HC stay on the CMM court's remand order.

Advocate on record Moulavi Wahidullah filed the appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The court fixed Saturday for hearing of the appeal.

After the CMM court issued remand order Monday, Pallabi police took Faruque to the police station at 3:30pm.

As Faruque's lawyers challenged the remand order shortly after its issuance, the HC stayed it and asked the government to reply in two weeks why the way he is being held in custody would not be declared illegal.

Faruque's relatives and counsels rushed to the police station at 6 p.m.

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Visiting President of Asian Development Bank Tadao Chino talks with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia during a courtesy call at her office yesterday.

Stormy debate in JS over rally blast

BNP, AL deputies swap blames for harbouring state terrorism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling BNP and the main opposition Awami League (AL) yesterday swapped blames for harbouring state terrorism, touching off a raucous debate in parliament.

The ruling party blamed internal conflict of the AL for Monday's bomb blast at Suranjit Sengupta's rally in Sunamganj. The claim the opposition party refuted and demanded an immediate general

discussion in the House on the law and order downside.

AL lawmaker Mohammad Nasim on a point of order raised the bomb blast issue and demanded a statement from the prime minister on whether security for lawmakers would be ensured. AL deputy Abdur Razzak immediately took over from Nasim and accused the government of patronising state terrorism.

BNP Secretary General and Local Government and Rural

Development Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was about to make a statement, but the speaker allowed two BNP lawmakers to speak on the issue in a move he termed 'balancing act'. The move sparked a stormy debate at the start of yesterday's chaotic session that lasted about 40 minutes.

Seven lawmakers from both sides, including two senior ministers, joined the debate that raged on for over 40 minutes.

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Imran ends innings with Jemima

AFP, Islamabad

Former Pakistani cricket hero Imran Khan and his British wife, socialite and heiress Jemima have divorced, ending their nine-year-marriage, it was announced Tuesday.

Imran, 50, told AFP it was a mutual decision.

"I sadly announce that Jemima and I have divorced," Imran said.

"This was a mutual decision and is clearly very sad for both of us. My home and my future is in Pakistan," he said in a statement.

"Whilst Jemima tried her best to settle here, my political life made it

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Prayer Timing		
June 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-52	6-55
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Nizami doubts existence of Bangla Bhai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday expressed doubt over the existence of Bangla Bhai and his force in the north-western districts, saying it should be inquired if there is any real person like Bangla Bhai or it is a fictitious character.

"Police have nothing to do if there is no existence of the so-called Bangla Bhai. Whom should they arrest?" said Nizami while exchanging views with reporters of national dailies at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Nizami, also the ameer of ruling coalition partner Jamaat-e-Islami,

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ADB chief talks common Asian market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has laid the groundwork for a common economic market for Asia similar to that in the European Union (EU).

Visiting ADB President Tadao Chino discussed this issue of regional partnership with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday.

"Instead of cooperating with

Asian nations separately, ADB wants to strengthen regional cooperation through common currency and market in the region as the way the EU did," Saifur told the press, coming out of his meeting with Chino at the Planning Ministry.

"If the European countries could surrender their sovereignty and currency for a greater common growth, then why would not the Asian nations?" he asked.

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