

England Wayne it



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 Derai 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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PHOTO: PID

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

Belittling Louis Kahn's masterwork time & again

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

All the successive governments have tampered with the original design of the parliament complex by world famous architect Louis I Kahn. The High Court (HC) on Monday declared illegal the under-construction residences of the speaker and deputy speaker in the open space on the western side of the Sangsad Bhaban. Officials of the Housing and Public Works Ministry told The Daily Star the government will appeal today to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC order. Experts said the government is also distorting Louis Kahn's 1973 masterpiece design by taking up a massive construction work on and around late president Ziaur Rahman's grave nearby. The project covering four acres of land is to cost the national exchequer more than Tk 26 crore.

The previous Awami League (AL) government had first come up with the idea of building the residences of the speaker and deputy speaker in the parliament complex. Its plan was stalled in the face of widespread protests. The BNP-led coalition government ignored all protests to launch construction work of the two residences on 1.3 acres of land at a cost of Tk 2.88 crore. According to officials of the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB), one of the greatest blows to the parliament complex came when the AL government demolished the

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PHOTO: STAR

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.

2 brothers drown in sewerage drain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two brothers drowned in a sewerage drain at Arambagh in the capital yesterday. Locals said the younger brother, aged around 15, drowned first and the elder, of about 30, met with the same fate trying to rescue him. Locals said the victims were floating people and they were collecting waste materials from the 10-foot deep drain. Details of their identity could not be known. Fire service divers recovered the body of the elder brother about 200 feet from the spot. Despite a search in a vast stretch of the drain, the other victim's body could not be traced. The two brothers tried to collect waste materials from the drain at Rajuk Extension Road as they found an eight feet by eight feet drain cover not in place at about 10:00am, said a resident of the area, Sajal. The younger brother first got down into the drain using a bamboo ladder and was collecting plastic materials. As he did not come up in about 20 minutes, his elder brother also got down to rescue him but both drowned, locals said. On information, fire service divers launched a search at about 12:30pm and found the body of one but the other remained untraced. Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. No-one came there to identify the body till the filing this report at 8:30pm. Six drain covers of similar size are not in place on the one-kilometre-long Bijoynagar-Motijheel stretch of the drain for more than one month, local residents alleged. Managing Director of Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) ANH Akhtar Hossain said work is going on to clean the blockages in the drain in the area, which was not done in the last eight years. "It is not convenient to open and close the heavy slabs every day," he said. The work ends this month, he added.

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 yet 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 preferring 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 Lutfozzaman Babar meanwhile instructed the 'Cobra members' to fight the criminals irrespective of their party affiliation. Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Aminul Islam and Havildar Liakat 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

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. 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.

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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, a 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

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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
Fair	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		

