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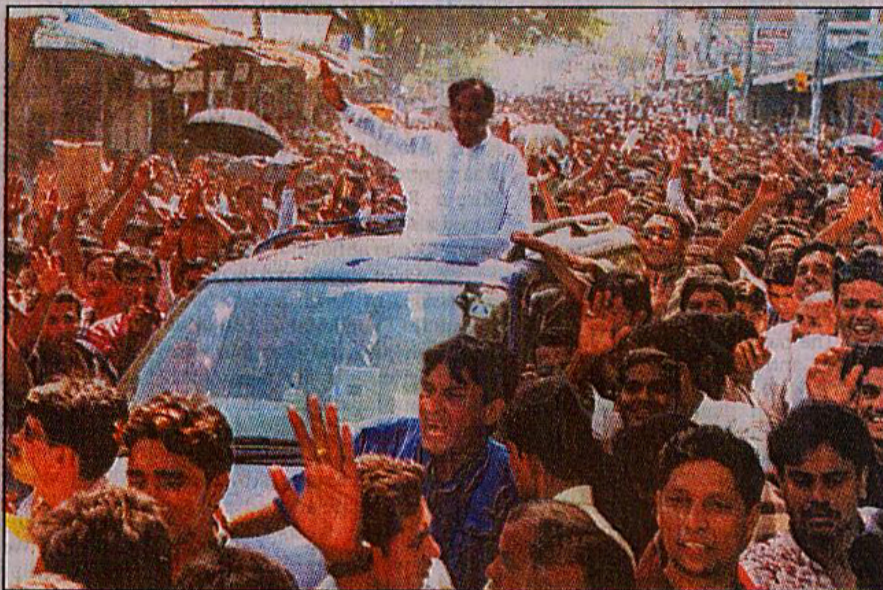
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Opposition Awami League (AL) candidate Zahid Hasan Russell, left in Mujib coat, and ruling alliance nominee MA Mannan, right, lead their supporters towards the deputy commissioner's office in Gazipur to submit nominations for Gazipur-2 constituency yesterday. The seat fell vacant at the assassination of AL lawmaker Ahsanullah Master on May 7.

Untouchable victims of violence

Private hospitals refuse to treat people with stab, bullet or bomb wounds

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Any person requiring emergency medical support in the city for stab, bullet or bomb injury has only one choice -- go to a state hospital.

Emergency departments of private hospitals or clinics refuse to provide treatment for any such wounds. The management mostly fears the medical officer might be obliged to attend court as a witness and verify the nature of patients' injuries.

Authorities of several private clinics said if they provide treatment for such an injury, they do not issue medical certificates to avoid legal complication.

Parvez (pseudonym), a grievously wounded patient who recently was hit by a stray bullet in a shootout in a city suburb, was first taken to a private hospital in old Dhaka. But the hospital refused to treat his wound.

Profusely bleeding, the unconscious young boy, hit in his abdomen, was rushed to another nearby clinic. The attending doctors on examining the injury after a lapse of over ten minutes referred the patient to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where Parvez finally received treatment.

There are numerous instances of such incidents but still the hospitals go along, as their acts go unpunished.



Sharapova stuns Serena to take Wimbledon title
REUTERS, London

Iraq tribunal outlines prosecution path

Gaddafi's daughter to defend Saddam; 5 Iraq troops, Marine killed in attacks

AGENCIES, Baghdad

The head of the Iraqi Special Tribunal prosecuting Saddam Hussein and 11 of his lieutenants has outlined the path forward in the biggest legal case in the history of Iraq.

Salem Chalabi said as a first step he will be pushing for the group of 11, who include the likes of Saddam's presidential adviser and first cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid and former vice-president Taha Yassin Ramadan, to be jailed in separate cells as soon as Friday.

"Right now only number one (Saddam) is isolated from the rest," Chalabi told reporters.

"One bad thing for the investigation is when they start coordinating their statements."

Meanwhile, the legal team appointed to represent Saddam by his family said yesterday it had been joined by a daughter of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi as it presses its case for access to its client.

"Dr Aisha Gaddafi is henceforth part of our team as she requested. I have sent her a letter confirming her retention as part of the team," lawyer Mohammed al-Rashdan said.

Rashdan said the team, which has so far been denied entry into Iraq let alone access to its client, had renewed its request with both Iraqi legal and US military authorities.

"We sent a formal request today (Saturday) to the Iraqi Bar Association," he said, adding that a similar request had been sent to US Colonel John Sharvel whom he described as "responsible for lawyers' visits to Iraq."

Rashdan said his team was still

Hasina for D-8 effort to dispel misconception about Islam

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday proposed that delegations of the incumbent and former heads of state and government of D-8 (Development-8) countries should be sent to the developed world to dispel misconceptions about Islam.

"Before the anti-Islamic propaganda reaches new dimensions and spirals out of control, an immediate counter-campaign is called for," she said at a meeting at the Ciragan Palace in Istanbul marking the seventh founding anniversary of the D8.

The forum comprises eight major developing countries of the Muslim world -- Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The three-day meet of the

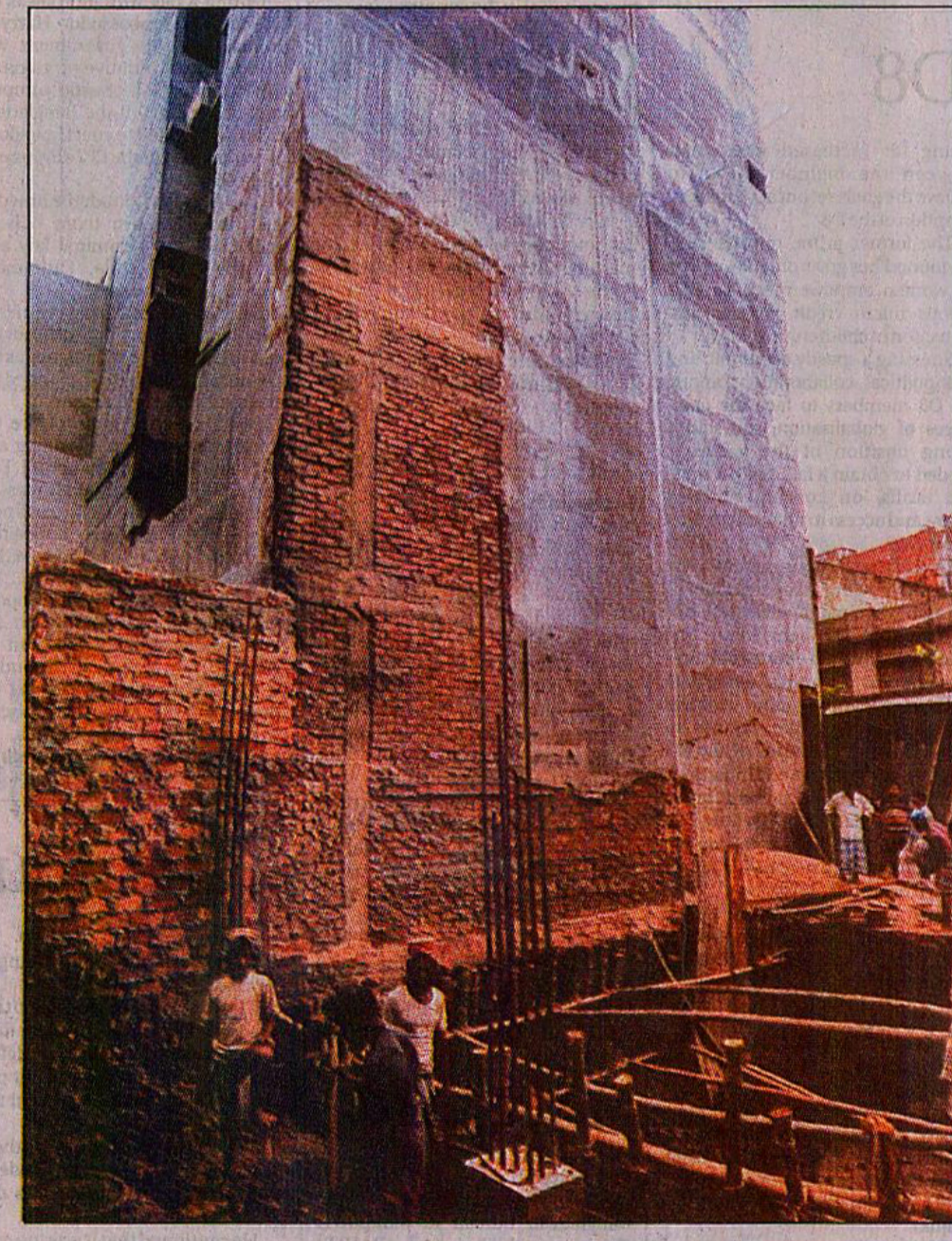


Women Awami League pickets shout protest on a police van after law-enforcers picked them up from a procession at Purana Paltan in Dhaka during hartal yesterday.

Teenager Maria Sharapova has stunned champion Serena Williams 6-1, 6-4 in the Wimbledon final to become the first Russian to win a singles title at the championships.

The 17-year-old also became only the second Russian woman to win a grand slam title, less than a month after Anastasia Myskina became the first at Roland Garros.

In the Open era, only Martina Hingis was younger than Sharapova when she won the women's singles title. The Swiss was 16 when she beat



Deep excavation in the adjoining plot tilts the six-storey building at 3/4/B Aga Sadeque Road in Old Dhaka, raising the fears of collapse in a replay of recent Shankhari Bazar tragedy.

College student abducted as marriage proposal turned down

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A rejected suitor on Thursday abducted a college student and demanded Tk 2 lakh for her release in Kamlapur village in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah.

The family of Azmeri Banu Shilpi, 17, daughter of Amjad Hossain, turned down a marriage proposal of Mukul, son of Altaf Hossain.

Police said Mukul used to tease Shilpi on her way to Mahatab Uddin Degree College where she is a higher secondary student. Her family complained to Mukul's father in vain.

Mukul, who is alleged to have

First-timers clash for trophy today

EURO 2004 PORTUGAL

REUTERS, Lisbon

The surprises littering Euro 2004 and the presence of Portugal and Greece in the final should be seen as triumphs for teamwork.

The two first-time finalists epitomise the squad ethic and their collective will and belief has shone through at every stage of the three-week tournament.

Modern football has become an image-conscious sport, where individual talent is glorified and handed fabulous rewards, yet Greece are the perfect example of how a group of unexceptional individuals can be moulded into an all-conquering team.

Coach Otto Rehhagel had already proved himself the master of getting players to punch above their weight, leading unfashionable Werder Bremen to two Bundesliga titles.

When he took over at Bayern Munich he found the egos there unwilling to bend to his will and the marriage proved an unhappy one before he weaved his magic again at Kaiserslautern.

The surprise choice to take over the Greek national team in September 2001, Rehhagel joined a country brought up on underachievement at club and international level.

"These players are highly skilled but will have to work on discipline

EURO 2004 FINAL
PORTUGAL vs GREECE
Live on BTV, ESPN at 12.40 am (Monday)

JS SESSION RESUMES Govt to table bill for TU at EPZs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will place a bill allowing limited trade unionism (TU) in the country's EPZs (export processing zones) in the Jatiya Sangsad today as it resumes after a three-day recess.

The government has agreed to introduce trade union rights to the EPZ workers under pressure from US government, which had warned Bangladesh of withdrawal of GSP (generalised system of preference) if

AL hartal belies its own proposal, says Mannan

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said Awami League's (AL) countrywide shutdown came on the heels of their proposal for banning hartal in the country.

"If you are sincere, let us sit together for a dialogue and reach a consensus to stop hartal," he called upon the AL while speaking at the chief guest at a discussion at 'Samabaya Sadan' (cooperatives building).

Organised in observance of the International Cooperatives Day, the function was chaired over by National Cooperatives Union

6-storey house tilts in old city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-storey building on Aga Sadek Road in Old Dhaka tilted by at least two inches early yesterday morning as the owner of the adjacent plot excavated his land to construct a new structure.

The family of the owner of the tilted house of holding number 3/4-B Aga Sadek Road and the tenants of the house however are staying at the house putting their lives in great danger. The owner claimed nothing had happened and asked the people who gathered at the spot to go away.

"My building is only eight years old and nothing has happened to it to be worried about. Journalists always blow up things. The owner of the next plot is my brother-in-law and we had a tussle over his foundation. But now we don't have problem," said Jamal Uddin, owner of the tilted house.

The owner of the excavated land, Afsar Ali, started digging up the land 10 days ago. The workers took out all the soil by the tilted building on Friday and the building slanted early yesterday morning.

The owner of the excavated land was putting sands to the bottom of the slanted house and making a piling support with bamboo.

President, PM greet Bush on 4th of July

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have felicitated US President George W. Bush on the occasion of his country's Independence Day, the 4th of July.

In his message, the president hoped that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would strengthen in the years to come.

He wished President Bush good health, happiness and long life as well as continued peace and prosperity of the people of the United States of America.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said:

Saturn's rings eroding

Prayer Timing July 4

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

REUTERS, Pasadena, Calif.

An eruption of atomic oxygen spotted around Saturn by the Cassini spacecraft suggests that the planet's iconic rings are eroding and could be gone in 100 million years, NASA scientists said on Friday.

Cassini scientists theorize that the atomic oxygen is evidence of a collision between objects in Saturn's "E-ring," which are largely made up of ice and could have released the gas as they broke apart.

"The implication is that within 100 million years time this process would erode the entire E ring, assuming there was no replenishment," Cassini team investigator Donald Shemansky said. "It's really spectacular (to witness)."

Unless those objects are replenished in the rings, Cassini investigator Donald Shemansky said, they would slowly be "eaten away" within about 100 million years.

Shemansky cautioned that project scientists had not reached firm conclusions about the eruption

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