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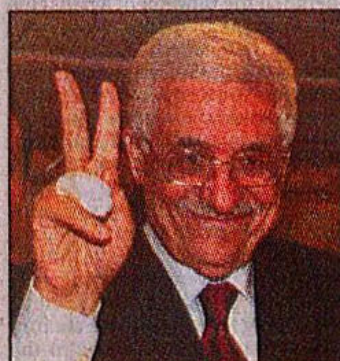
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Abbas records landslide win

AP, Ramallah

Mahmoud Abbas was elected Palestinian Authority president by a landslide, partial results showed Monday, giving the pragmatist a mandate to resume peace talks with Israel but also leaving him with the tough task of reigning in powerful armed groups.

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Tk 4.41 lakh looted from Rupali Bank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Robbers on Sunday night looted about Tk 5 lakh from the Rupali Bank's Joy Nagar Bazaar branch in Kasiani upazila in Gopalganj.

They also looted cash and valuables reportedly worth Tk 4 lakh from several shops at the bazaar.

According to Kasiani police, a

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Baghdad deputy police chief shot dead

5 other Iraqi cops, 3 Marines killed in attacks; 8 Ukraine troops die in accidental blast

AGENCIES, Baghdad

At least six police officers were killed including Baghdad's deputy police chief and his son in two separate attacks yesterday, as insurgents stepped up their attacks three weeks ahead of the country's landmark elections.

Over the weekend, US troops opened fire near a checkpoint south

of Baghdad after their convoy was hit by a roadside bomb, and a hospital official said Sunday at least eight people were killed.

Brig. Amer Ali Nayef and his son, Lt. Khalid Amer, were killed yesterday by machine-gun fire sprayed from two cars driving parallel to the chief's as he and his son drove to work, police said.

In a separate attack, a suicide car

bomb exploded in the courtyard of a police station in southern Baghdad Monday, killing at least four officers and injuring 10 others, police and witnesses said. A fake police car packed with explosives was used in the attack.

The explosion took place at 8 a.m. in the Zafarniyah district, police commissioner Abdul Khaleq

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Death threat to 4 more RU teachers

Bangla Bhai's men demand toll

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Four more Rajshahi University teachers yesterday received death threats from callers who identified themselves as Bangla Bhai men.

Prof NIM Abdus Salam Bhuiyan, chairman of fisheries and aquaculture department and conve-

nor of RU nationalist teachers' group received the threat over his land phone.

Bhuiyan said two callers had identified themselves as Joy and Islamic militant group Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh commander Bangla Bhai. They

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Extortionist burnt dead at Karwan Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traders burnt dead an extortionist at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday.

In Khilgaon, locals beat up a mugger and a laundry employee was injured as the mugger's aides hurled bombs.

Abu Mansur alias Gandu Alam alias Gittu, 25, a resident of west Karwan Bazar, demanded Tk 50,000 from Karwan Bazar trader Rustam Khan three days ago.

Gittu with three others went to Rustam, who refused to give the money yesterday morning.

Gittu's demand for Tk 10,000 was also rejected. At this, the extortionists threatened to kill Rustam, said traders.

The traders chased the four and caught Gittu, while the three others escaped. The mob that gathered there beat him up and set fire to his body.

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Lawyers demand barring Islamic zealots from SC premises

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court lawyers yesterday demanded that the International Khatme Nabuwat Movement, Bangladesh be barred from the Supreme Court premises during the hearing of a case challenging the ban on Ahmadiyya publications.

The Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association (BSCBA) also demanded punitive actions against Khatme Nabuwat operatives.

The BSCBA concern came at a meeting yesterday after Khatme Nabuwat zealots threatened senior

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PHOTO: STAR

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina waves to party activists at a Paltan rally yesterday.

Crossfire is a new pretext to kill people

Hasina accuses Khaleda of resorting to state terrorism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of effecting 'state terrorism' by a special force that has been 'killing people without trial'.

"Nobody has given her (prime minister) the licence to kill people without trial," Hasina said expressing fear that the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will soon be used

against her partymen.

Hasina, also president of Awami League (AL), was addressing a huge rally at Paltan Maidan in the city. The rally was organised to mark the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the Pakistani prison after independence.

"We want to make it clear that everybody has the right to seek justice even if he is a criminal and

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Robbers beat dead 3 shop staff, loot Tk 1.7 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Robbers yesterday beat dead three employees of a shop and made off with cash and gold ornaments reportedly worth about Tk 1.7 lakh at a wholesale rice market in Naogaon.

Of the dead, Ashraf, 45, hailed from Badalgasi upazila, while Gour Chandra Ghosh, 45, and Shamim Ahmed, 19, from sadar upazila.

They were employees of M/s Ayan Uddin Molla and Sons.

Naogaon police said the

robbers broke into the shop after cutting the corrugated iron sheet sometime in the early hours yesterday. "The three employees were asleep then," said a police officer.

The robbers battered them to death.

They later opened up the safe and took away reportedly Tk 20,000 in cash and gold ornaments worth about Tk 1.5 lakh.

A case was filed with Naogaon Police Station but police could not arrest anyone or recover the loot until yesterday evening.

BGMEA ADMINISTRATOR

Saifur blushes at ministry move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday apparently felt embarrassed about the commerce ministry's move appointing an administrator to replace the elected leadership of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

"Appointment of an administrator to a trade body is uncalled for. I have to explain such moves in foreign countries," a meeting source quoted Saifur as saying when a three-member BGMEA delegation met him in Dhaka.

The BGMEA team led by its President Annisul Huq met the

finance minister as part of a prescheduled meeting to discuss Bangladesh's strategy to lobby for tabling a bill in the US Senate for duty-free access to its market.

Talking to The Daily Star later, the BGMEA chief said, "We are trying hard through our lobbyist group for placing the bill in the US Senate sometime late in this month. The government is providing support for the campaign."

The finance minister pledged all possible help to get duty-free access to US market, Annisul said.

Of the \$5.68 billion earnings from apparel export in fiscal 2003-2004, \$1.62 billion came from US.

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O & A Level Special Supplement

ANNOUNCEMENT

A 4-colour, 24-page Special Supplement in tabloid size on 6th O&A Level Award Presentation Ceremony for the students who achieved outstanding results in the June 2003 June, 2004 sessions will be published on Wednesday, 12 January, 2005, along with the regular newspaper of the day. There will be no extra charge for this Special Supplement. Please make sure you get your copy from the hawkers.

Prayer Timing

January 11

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:30	6:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:36	5:40
Esha	7:00	7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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