

## Gulshan OC, 8 others sued for taking bribe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The officer-in-charge (OC) and eight policemen of Gulshan Police Station and five others were accused of taking Tk 13 lakh in bribe in a graft case filed yesterday.

Mohammad Golam Rabbani, a resident of Mohakhali Sattala Basti (slum) at Gulshan in the city, filed the case with the Court of

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## Habiganj by-polls April 25

UNB, Dhaka

By-election to the Habiganj-3 parliamentary seat will be held on April 25.

The date was announced in a gazette yesterday by the Election Commission (EC), an official announcement said.

As per schedule, the last date of submitting nomination papers to

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## Saudi prince arrives today

UNB, Dhaka

Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz arrives here today with investment and business cooperation to top the agenda for talks.

He will meet Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and discuss issues relating to economic activities and investment scenario in Bangladesh.

Prince Alwaleed, a high-profile and globally reputed investor, will

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# Detective body to curb militancy

### Galib's bank account frozen, offices raided

STAR REPORT

Home ministry yesterday decided to form a high-powered detective committee to curb militant activities and find out the grenade attackers across the country.

Meanwhile, police yesterday froze two bank accounts of

Asadullah Al Galib and searched his house and offices of Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab), Salafi Madrasa and monthly At Tahreek.

Police from Bogra and Gaiban-

dha with assistance from Shah Mokhdum Police Station in Rajshahi launched the raid for 'investigating the financial documents' of the militant leader.

Earlier, on March 2, local police led by Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) investigators seized huge documents from Galib's possession.

Police got documents of funding by Kuwait-based Revival of Islamic Heritage Society and some other

Saudi and Kuwait organisations from Galib's house and offices of At

Tahreek and Salafi Madrasa.

The search for Ahab's income sources and sectors of expenditure was on till filing of this report last evening.

Yesterday police also raided the houses of Galib's associates -- Ahab second-in-command Abdus Samad Salafi, General Secretary Nurul Islam and Organising Secretary ASM Azizullah in search of financial documents.

They were arrested along with

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## Nepal parties take to streets against king

### 2 lawmakers, dozens of others detained as Maoists slap road blockade

AFP, Kathmandu

Police detained dozens of people in the heart of the capital yesterday as they unfurled political party flags and shouted slogans against King Gyanendra's power grab last month, witnesses said.

Police bundled the protestors into vans at Ason market, including a former minister in the dissolved parliament Bahadur Rai, and a

Nepal Communist Party-United

Marxist and Leninist (NCP-UML) member of the upper house, Hira Bahadur Singh, an AFP correspondent said.

Organizers said there were protests in other parts of the capital, but a police spokesman said only 10 people had been arrested throughout the city.

The group was part of an alliance of five political parties that had pledged to risk arrest to protest the king's sacking of his government

and assumption of total power over the tiny Himalayan kingdom on February 1.

Gyanendra said the move was necessary for his attempts to crush a Maoist rebellion that has killed more than 11,000 people since 1996.

"The anti-king protests will continue until the king restores democracy in the country," Singh told journalists before he was detained.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Bikalpa Dhaka Bangladesh President Badruddoza Chowdhury says Zohr prayers during a token hunger strike of the party beside Mohakhali level crossing in the capital yesterday as a security man guards the venue.

## Kushtia editor, 25 newsmen seek security

BDNEWS, Kushtia

The editor and 25 staff of a local daily on Sunday submitted a memorandum to the district deputy commissioner (DC) seeking security of their lives.

They expressed their fear that the daily Andoloner Bazar may be closed in the wake of ratcheting up threats, harassment and false cases by criminals.

The memorandum was signed by the editor, Manjur Ehsan Chowdhury, reporters and employees of the daily.

It said the Andoloner Bazar has been carrying news items on

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## TK 3.2CR OVERPAYMENT TO STAFF Finance to probe BB flouting of rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance ministry will look into the allegation of overpaying Tk 3.20 crore to Bangladesh Bank officials in the fiscal year (FY) 1997-98 ignoring the financial rules of the government.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts at yesterday's meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban started discussing Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) office's audit report on the overpayment.

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## Dr Kamal critical of Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday blamed Law Minister Moudud Ahmed for creating problems in the country through wrong interpretation of the constitution and laws.

Dr Kamal, also president of the Gono Forum, referred to the stalemate in the newly formed Anti-Corruption Commission in this regard and said, "About the Anti-Corruption Commission, the law ministry and the office of the Attorney General are giving different opinions."

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## Elephant for Tarique's reception snatched

BDNEWS, Barisal

An elephant hired by the mayor of Barisal City Corporation on the occasion of arrival of BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman has been taken away.

Mayor Majibar Rahman Sarwar, MP yesterday revealed this at a press conference, saying he will go for legal action.

Tarique is set to arrive in Barisal to join a union representatives conference of the party on March 17.

## SUDAN PEACEKEEPING UN inspects army readiness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations (UN) starts today inspecting Bangladesh Army's preparations for the forthcoming UN peacekeeping mission in Sudan, army sources said.

A six-member UN team, now in Dhaka, will also assess the equipment

and the training facilities of the army during its visit till March 19. After the inspection, it will report back to the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations, sources said.

Two members of the team flew in Dhaka on Sunday while the rest reached Dhaka yesterday from the UN headquarters.

Colonel Faisal Najeeb leads the inspecting team, which is comprised of senior army officials from India, Pakistan, Germany, South

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Prayer Timing		
March 15		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-00	5-35
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-14	6-18
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation