

ANTI-SMOKING LAW  
Cops inactive as gazette did not reach them  
BDNEWS, Dhaka

The anti-smoking law could not be implemented starting yesterday--the day it came into effect--as the law enforcement agencies did not get the copy of the gazette notification.  
Officials in most city police stations, including Motijheel, Ramna, Sutrapur, Kotwali, Dhanmondi and Mohammadpur, told the agency that they could not implement the law on the first day as they did not get the copy of gazette notification.  
"We are yet to get the copy of the  
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# Savar turns safe haven for city criminals

JU CORRESPONDENT

Savar has become a safe haven of crime as underground operatives, cadres of outlawed parties and top listed criminals of the capital often abscond to its remote areas after committing crimes.  
Sheltered by local political leaders of the four party alliance, the terrorists have begun to use the area as kind of remote control center, masterminding and conducting terrorist attacks throughout the country from

the safety of hidden strongholds that remain undetectable to police.  
About 10 lakh people currently live within 12 unions of the industrial belt of Savar, many of them outsiders of various walks of life. Terrorists find it an easy place to blend in, disguising themselves as garments workers or businessmen of the Export Processing Zone. Typically they prefer to stay in the unions situated on the border areas or in thanas adjacent to Dhaka, where they can easily slip away from law

enforcers, intelligence sources said.  
The criminals' areas of choice include the remote parts of Bhakurta, Kaundia, Biralia, Ashulia, Yearpur and Amin Bazar, six unions of Savar, which are situated adjacent to Keraniganj, Mohammadpur, Mirpur, Tongi and Uttara thanas. Of them Biralia is widely known as safe home for terrorists.  
A local government representative of Biralia who is blessed by a  
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6 die in road accidents  
BDNEWS, Dhaka

Six people were killed in three road accidents in Narsingdi, Comilla and Manikganj districts yesterday.  
Three people died on the spot when a wood-laden pick-up collided head-on with a truck on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Narsingdi district.  
The dead are Jamal, 30, Monsoor, 35, and Kamrul, 20.  
All of them hailed from Rupganj upazila under Narayanganj district.  
Pushcart drivers Rabiul, 28, and Ershad, 27, were killed as a speeding bus rammed their bamboo-laden carriage at Lalmai on the Comilla-Noakhali road early yesterday, police said.  
The bus sped away after the accident.  
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DEAD DREAMS: Five of the 12 men, who had gone to the Maldives for high-wage jobs, wait at Zia International Airport on their return home yesterday. Manpower touts often cheat prospective job seekers out of thousands promising them non-existent jobs abroad.

DCC renames road after Zia  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday renamed a city road after late president Ziaur Rahman for his outstanding contributions to the Liberation War as a sector commander.

The DCC has renamed the road from Farmgate to Tongi Bridge through Mohakhali as Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Road.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday unveiled the plaque of the renamed road at Birshreshtha Jahangir Gate at 3:23pm.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Rezaul Karim, political secretaries to the prime minister Harris Chowdhury and Mosaddak Ali, MP, among others, were present.

"The initiative should have been taken much earlier to honour our valiant freedom fighters like Ziaur Rahman," Rezaul Karim said on the occasion.

The DCC move came as part of its recent initiative to rename roads after five sector commanders of the  
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# Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

Tunnel found in prison

AP, Baghdad

A car bomb struck a US military patrol yesterday in the Iraqi capital, killing two US soldiers and injuring two others, and a Marine died in action in a restive central province, the military said.

Earlier military officials said they had discovered a 600-foot tunnel leading out of the main prison facility for detainees in Iraq. No one had escaped, said an Army spokeswoman, Maj. Flora Lee. She did not know when guards discovered the tunnel.

Camp Bucca holds 6,049 detainees, nearly two-thirds of all those in Iraq, Lee said late Friday. Situated near the southern city of Umm Qasr, it is one of three detainee facilities in Iraq.

A bucket cut from a water container and a shovel made of tent material were used to dig the tunnel,  
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Lee said. The opening was under a floorboard of the compound and was concealed with dirt.

Authorities in charge of the compound realised a tunnel was under way after they found dirt in latrines and other places, Lee said.

"There have been a few other attempts at digging a tunnel but nothing of this size," she said.

US guards fired on prisoners during a riot at Camp Bucca on Jan. 31, killing four detainees and injuring six others.

Also yesterday, a senior Iraqi defence ministry official said Iraqi troops backed by US forces detained 131 suspected insurgents and uncovered a massive weapons cache including car bombs, mortar rounds and machine guns during a joint raid at Musayyib, south of Baghdad.

Neither a US military spokesman  
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Alliance govt hooks up with anti-liberation forces: AL  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led coalition government has teamed up with anti-liberation forces to shatter the spirit of the Liberation War, Awami League (AL) General Secretary Abdul Jalil yesterday said.

"Since the BNP-led coalition government came to power, the anti-liberation forces have been active to snatch from us the victory that our gallant freedom fighters won from the Pakistani invaders,"  
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# Bhutan unveils first constitution

Two-party political system proposed

AFP, Thimphu, Bhutan

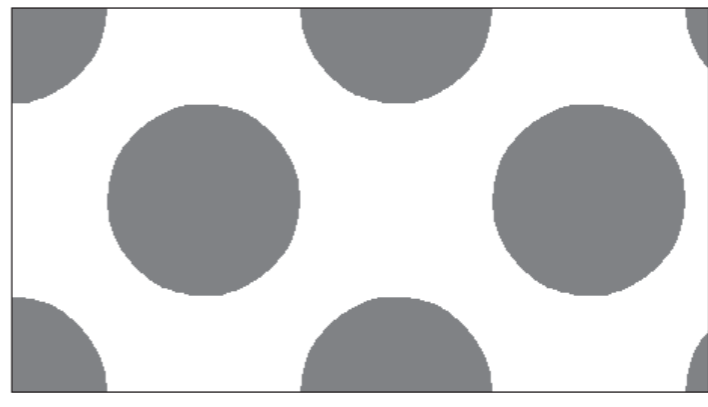
Bhutan has proposed a two-party political system to wield power in place of King Jigme Singye Wangchuck as it unveiled its first  
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# Sehwag leads Indian reply

REUTERS, Bangalore

Opener Virender Sehwag hit a swashbuckling 201 but Pakistan hung on to reduce India to 379 for six on the third day of the final Test on Saturday.

The hosts, cruising at 337 for three earlier in the day, closed still 191 behind Pakistan's mammoth  
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## Prayer Timing

March 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-20	6-25
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation