

**Man kills wife, two daughters over extra marital affair**

**UNB, Nilphamari**  
A man stabbed his wife and two daughters to death after a feud over his extra-marital affair at Dangapara village under Domar upazila of the district on Wednesday night.  
The dead are Hajera Khatun, 35, wife of Moniruzzaman alias Jaban Ali, and his daughters Jaba, 12, and Shova, 8.  
Police said Monir used to torture his wife Hajera since she came to know about his illicit affair with  
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**US energy firm starts talks to invest \$1b**

**S Korean assessment team in city for investment in power**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Visiting executives of a US energy company, Global Vulcan Energy International LLC (GVEI), yesterday launched negotiations with the government on investing to the tune of \$1 billion in coal mining, power and fertiliser sectors.  
A team of a South Korean company is also here to assess investment opportunities in the country's power sector, said Board of Investment (BoI) Executive Chairman Mahmudur Rahman.  
GVEI President Ford Graham and CEO Showkat Kazi yesterday met the BoI chief and "expressed keen interest to invest in small-scale power production, coal mining and exploration, and coal-based organic fertiliser production," Rahman said after the meeting.  
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**SUB-MARINE LINKUP Power cable test in landing station ends successfully**

**BDNEWS, Cox's Bazar**  
The live testing of power cable in the submarine landing station at Cox's Bazar was completed successfully on Wednesday, paving the way for information super highway connectivity.  
Installation of submarine cable from Cox's Bazar beach (beach manhole) to landing station (4.5-km) by Alcatel was also over  
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**POWER CELL Director transferred over key power plant contract**

**Pressure from a PMO official alleged**

**SHARIEF KHAN**  
The government has transferred the Power Cell's technical director amid opposition from the state minister for power, about a month after arbitrarily firing its director general (DG).  
Sources said a powerful official at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) pushed both these changes to pave the way for awarding an unsolicited contract to a power company, violating government rules and policy guidelines, to set up the third-phase Meghnaghat 450 megawatt power plant.  
The former DG and technical director came under fire from PMO officials for going by government rules and regulations in dealing with the power project as well as some other projects in the pipeline.  
The Power Cell is now operating with a technical hand from the Power Development Board (PDB)  
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**GRAFT CHARGE Ex-Nepal PM put in custody until Monday**

**AFP, Kathmandu**  
Nepal's ousted prime minister has been put in judicial custody until Monday after he refused to testify to a powerful anti-graft body set up by the king to tackle widespread corruption, an official said yesterday.  
Sacked premier Sher Bahadur Deuba is the most senior politician to be arrested by the anti-corruption commission since it was set up by King Gyanendra following his February 1 power grab.  
"The commission has sent  
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**SATKHIRA KILLING BSF yet to return body of Bangladeshi**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**  
The body of a Bangladeshi national, who was shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) on Wednesday at Gazipur in Sadar upazila, was not returned to the BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) even 24 hours after the killing.  
The local BDR commander yesterday sent a letter to its Indian counterpart, asking for a flag meeting and return of the body. But the BSF did not respond.  
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The foot over-bridge at Shyamoli in Dhaka lies dangerously exposed to risks of collapse as workers lay foundations of a multi-storey building on its east side.

**TEACHER'S 'ADVANCES' Students block road for sit-in, demand max punishment**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Heated demonstrations rocked the Sher-e-Bangla Girls' School and College in Old Dhaka for the second consecutive day yesterday, as hundreds of students and their guardians demanded capital punishment for the teacher who allegedly made advances to a class five student.  
The protesters staged a four hour sit-in on Hat Khola Road in front of the college from 11:00am, creating  
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**Amini for ban on caretaker govt system**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini of the Islami Oikyo Jote (IOJ) yesterday said his party wants to ban the caretaker government system, not reform it.  
"[Awami League President] Sheikh Hasina is demanding reform of the caretaker government, but we think it should be banned to stop the rule by a justice for a limited period," he said at a public meeting organised by the Islami Ain Bastobayon Committee (committee to establish  
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**Outlaws kill 3**

**Body of underground cadre recovered**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia**  
Kushtia sadar police said Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) cadres in two groups stormed the houses of Ali Ahamed and Badsha at about 2:45 am. At gunpoint they took the two next-door neighbours to Bhadalia-Bangshitala Highway and shot them at point-blank range. Both Ali and Badsha died on the spot.  
Before leaving the scene, the outlaws left a note beside the bodies. It described the killing as a revenge for passing police information about their party's slain leader Jahid Master.  
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**Bush taken to bunker after false radar blip**

**REUTERS, Washington**  
President Bush was hustled from the Oval Office and into an underground shelter on Wednesday after a blip on a radar screen was initially mistaken for an aircraft entering the restricted airspace around the White House, officials said.  
The Secret Service determined minutes later that it was a false alarm. A flock of birds or a reflection could have caused the blip. Officials said the investigation was ongoing.  
Vice President Dick Cheney also was moved to a secure location as Secret Service agents, some with shotguns drawn, cleared the area in front of the presidential mansion.

Prayer Timing		
April 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-29	6-34
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

**AHMADIYYA MOSQUES**

**Khulna tense over fresh seizure plan**

**Satkhira bigots defy ban to hold rallies, renew threat**

**STAR REPORT**  
Police have stepped up security for the Ahmadiyya mosques in Nirala and Labonchora areas following intelligence that the religious bigots were planning assault on the two mosques anytime today, our Staff Correspondent from Khulna reports.  
Sources said that cadres of Khatme Nabuwat have repeatedly been threatening that the Ahmadiyyas will have to face serious consequences if they come out of their houses and mosques.  
A senior police officer of Khulna Police Station requesting anonymity said that tight security measures were effected in Nirala and Labonchora after the local Ahmadiyyas had complained of intimidation.  
Our Correspondent from

**55 injured at IU as JCD-Shibir clash**

**IU CORRESPONDENT**  
Sporadic clashes between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Islami Chhatra Shibir left at least 55 students injured on Islamic University (IU) campus yesterday. Campus sources said Shibir men beat up JCD activists Al-Amin and Nazmul Ahad for not paying for dinner at Saddam Hossain Hall canteen at around 11:30pm on Wednesday.  
Following the incident, activists of JCD, student wing of ruling BNP, attacked different mess units, occupied by Shibir, student wing of ruling coalition partner Jamaat-e-Islami, outside the campus.  
Masud, second year student of al-Hadith department, among nine others, was injured in the attack and was sent to Dhaka in a critical condition.  
A number of clashes ensued between the two student wings from 9:00am until 2:30pm yesterday on and around the campus.  
At least 10 JCD activists were bullet-hit and 10 others injured in a  
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