

RIVER SAFETY
Dr Kamal to initiate legal move today

UNB, Dhaka
 Stung by two recent major incidents of launch disaster in Bhola and Aricha, Dr Kamal Hossain has announced that he will take legal move today.
 "I will appear before the court with a petition to ensure accountability of the authorities concerned for the loss of lives," said the eminent jurist at a press conference at
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Robber leader killed in 'crossfire'

UNB, Mymensingh
 An alleged leader of a gang of robbers was killed in a 'shootout' between his accomplices and police at Balurghat village in Trishal upazila of the district on Saturday night.
 Police identified the gang leader as Harun-or-Rashid, 30, of village
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PM warns against unholy politics

Blames a quarter for creating division among people

UNB, Dhaka
 Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called for boycotting unholy politics of a certain quarter, as it is creating divisions among people.
 "Today, a quarter is creating hatred among people of various regions, religions and political beliefs," she said while exchanging greetings with a delegation of
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Prayer Timing		
May 24		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-40	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

THREAT TO SEIZE AHMADIYYA COMPLEX
Rights groups vow to resist Satkhira bigots

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Leaders and activists of 12 human rights and women's organisations will gather on June 1 at Shamnagar in Satkhira, resisting an attempt by religious bigots, led by the International Khatme Nabuwat Movement Bangladesh (IKNMB), to capture the Ahmadiyya Shamnagar complex on the same day.
 In a prelude to the showdown, IKNMB, meanwhile, reasserted its plan to capture the complex during a rally held on Sunday night in defiance of police.
 Human rights organisations, speaking at a press conference at the National Press Club in the capital yesterday, announced a series of resistance programmes,
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Two muggers lynched at Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
 Two unidentified muggers were lynched by a mob in Hathazari upazila of the district on Sunday night.
 According to police and witnesses, four muggers in the guise of passengers hired a CNG-run autorikshaw to travel to Hathazari from the city's GEC intersection at around 8:30pm.
 When the auto-rikshaw reached Shikerpur under the upazila, the muggers dragged the driver, leaving him in a paddy field with his hands
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Akbar still puts up bold face

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain ruled out the notion that pressure from influential launch owners prevented him from implementing previous decisions to bring discipline in the inland water transport sector.
 "There is none, not even the father of Giasuddin Al Mamun (president of Bangladesh Launch Owners' Association) who can create pressure on me because the
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BSF pushes in 23 Indians

UNB, C'nawabganj
 Indian Border Security Force (BSF) pushed 23 Bangla-speaking Indian nationals into Bangladesh territory early yesterday.
 BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) sources said the BSF men of Mousia camp pushed nine men, five women
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A broken idol lies toppled on the ground of a temple of indigenous people after a group of musclemen recently vandalised the images of the gods and goddesses in Chatmohor, Pabna.

Indigenous people's temple, land in grabbers pocket

ANWAR ALI and ABU KALAM, Chatmohor, Pabna
 an indigenous people's temple and forcibly seized a piece of crop land at Bagholbari Koi village in Chatmohor upazila of Pabna a
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16 Iraqis, 5 GIs die in wave of attacks

AGENCIES, Baghdad
 Guerrillas attacked a Baghdad restaurant and detonated a suicide truck bomb outside a mayor's office, as a deadly campaign aimed at toppling Iraq's new US-backed government killed at least 15 people yesterday.
 Five US soldiers were killed in northern Iraq on Sunday while an advisor to Iraq's council of ministers was gunned down in Baghdad last morning, an interior ministry official said.
 Insurgents also kept up pressure on the US military. Three American soldiers were killed in two separate attacks in the northern city of Mosul on Sunday, the military said, and another US soldier was killed by a bomb blast near Tikrit.
 Officials on Monday said three Task Force Freedom soldiers were
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LAUNCH CAPSIZES
Another body floats on Jamuna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj
 The body of an unidentified woman was found floating in the Jamuna river yesterday while the authorities abandoned the salvage operation for the sunken launch M V Raipura on Sunday with some 120 passengers still missing and feared trapped inside the vessel.
 Local people buried her at a nearby graveyard.
 Locals and relatives of the missing resented that the authorities did not even keep the police control room at the accident site at Aricha to collect and identify or bury the floating bodies.
 Abdur Rahim, a trader, said, "We think more bodies will be found floating in the river."
 No government agency was found working there.
 Meanwhile, the Trader Welfare Association of Aricha yesterday observed a mourning day yesterday and held Milad Mahfil for the victims.