Kerosene price levelled with diesel's STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday raised the price of kerosene by Tk 1 to Tk 26 per litre, levelling it with that of diesel

In the latest fuel price hike, the government on May 24 raised the prices of kerosene and diesel to Tk 25 and Tk 26. Earlier, both the fuels

sold at Tk 23 per litre. Energy ministry sources said the kerosene price was hiked Tk 1 less than that of diesel, considering it is

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mainly consumed by poor people. "But the ministry has made the prices equal, fearing adulteration of

Hartal hits Narsingdi town, demos staged

Khokon, rebel candidates file nomination papers

Iraqi car bomb

blasts kill 16

BDNEWS, Narsingdi

The supporters of rebel BNP candithe June 22 by-election. dates yesterday staged demonstrations, rallies and processions in the district town protesting the nomination of Khairul Kabir Khokon for

Narsingdi-1 by-election (Ducsu), submitted his nomination paper to the deputy commissioner's The life of the town virtually came to a halt due to the daylong hartal office at about 12:30pm amid police enforced by the rebel candidates, protection

who fell from the grace of the BNP A total of 15 candidates, including five rebel BNP candidates. Parliamentary Board in contesting submitted their nominations to the Amidst strong protest by rebel returning officer. candidates, Khokon, a former

The rebel candidates are Mia general secretary (GS) of Dhaka Mohammad Selim, Jubo Dal vicepresident. Meshbauddin Bhuivan University Central Students Union Iran, district BNP vice-president, Harun-or-Rashid, general secretary of BNP Narsingdi town committee SEE PAGE 15 COL 4



The minibus that killed a female student of Dhaka University and injured several others at Shahbagh intersection yesterday is in flames after the agitating students set it afire, and, right, students take to hospital one of their fellows injured in a pitched battle with the police.

Tigers learn a harsh

3 'criminals' killed in 'crossfire'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged criminals were killed in an encounter with police at Bhasantek in the capital yesterday while a regional leader of an out lawed party was killed in a police encounter in Rajbari.

Two policemen were also wounded in the shootout that left Abdullah Al Mamun Babu alias Tarchhira Babu, 30, and Moslem Uddin Alias Moshru, 32, dead on the spot, police said.

Babu, who hailed from Kazipara, was an accused in seven cases including three for murders while Moshru of Senpara was wanted in six cases including two for murders.

A team of detective police raided

RANGPUR RAPE, MURDER

Indigenous people block road over cop inaction **OUR CORRESPONDENT,** Rangpur

Hundreds of indigenous people yesterday staged demonstrations demanding immediate arrest of the reported that the accident occurred on the Dhaka-Dinajpur highway at killers and rapists of an indigenous Jigatala under Taraganj upazila at

woman in Baderganj The protesters slammed police 'inaction' in probing the case, staging a procession and sit-in on a road. Vehicular movement on the Rangpur-Parbatipur road snapped for about one hour due to the agitation.

New Rehabilitation Centre at Japanese hostage slain Bhasantek of Kafrul at about 3:15am after a tip-off that a gang of criminals had assembled in the AFP, REUTERS, Tikrit/ Baghdad

"Sensing the presence of police, Sixteen people including five memthe gang opened fire on them. Police returned fire that resulted in bers of Iraq's fledgling security forces and a US soldier were killed firefight," said Sub-Inspector in suicide car bombings and attacks (SI) Sagir Ahmed of Kafrul Police on late Friday and yesterday. Station

Babu and Moshru died on the spot after being hit by bullets twice in eir head and chest, he added. Police said the rest of the gang

naged to flee the scene. Babu's mother Maleka Begum said plain-clothes policemen picked up her son and his friend Anis from a

others were wounded in a suicide SEE PAGE 15 COL 4 car bomb attack in Tikrit, north of

road crashes

Baghdad late Friday, a police spokesman said.

"A suicide bomber blew up his vehicle near a police patrol, killing seven people, including three policemen and wounding 24 civilians," said Lieutenant Mahmud al-Five Iraqi soldiers and border Azzawi

guards were killed in a double Around 45 others were wounded suicide car bombing as they were in the attack in Sinjar, west of the going to work at an army base in the main northern city of Mosul. northwest of the country yesterday.

In the rebel hotbed of Baquba, Seven people were killed, includnortheast of Baghdad, three men ing three police officers, and 24 were killed late Friday when a roadside bomb they were planting SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Armed muggers looted twenty-four lakh taka after injuring a transport businessman critically in the city yesterday. The victim Alamgir, son of the proprietor of Rumana Transport,

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Tk 24 lakh

Chittagong

looted in

was admitted to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital Police and witnesses said Alamgir along with his cousin Kamal drew Tk 24 lakh deposited by their clients at different branches of

CTG HIGHWAY ROBBERY Rab nabs 3,

seizes truck STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctq

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three members of a truckrobbery syndicate on Friday midnight from the city's port area and seized a truck. The arrested are driver Md Belal

Hossain, and helpers Abul Bashar and Tajul Islam Gazi. Tipped off, a Rab team raided

Nimtala in port area at around SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

Prayer Timing

May 29 Azan Jamaat

farmer lesson at Lord's OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira Indian Border Security Force (BSF) abducted a Bangladeshi farmer on declared in their first innings with opener Marcus Trescothick, later Friday while he was working in his cropland at Kushkhali, a bordering

BSF kidnaps

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named man-of-the-match, hitting a

vicious in-swinger

of 41 Rifles Battalion, SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



Mohammad Rafique was out first



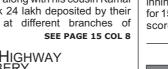
bitter pill to swallow for Bangladesh when the Tigers suffered an innings and 261 runs defeat in the opening Test at Lord's against England yesterday. The game finished 90 minutes into the third morning after the visitors, resuming their second innings on 90-5, were bundled out

AL-AMIN from Lord's

The first English test turned into a

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for 159 in 39.5 overs. The home side scored a huge 528 for three



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10:30pm on Friday when a Dhaka bound night coach from Domar in Nilphamari rammed a parked truck from behind and overturned, killing five of its passengers on the spot and injuring 40 others.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven people died and 70 others

were injured in road accidents in

Rangpur, Munshiganj and Gazipur

Our Rangpur correspondent

yesterday and on Friday night.

ploughed through a crowd on the footpath along the Dhaka-Mawa highway at Nimtala in Sirajdikhan upazila at about 8:00am yesterday, according to the UNB. The dead are Rahela, 75, of

and Alamgir, 40.

in Rangpur town.

11 killed, 70 hurt in

42, Liton, 23, Amena Begum, 50,

Taraganj Upazila Health Complex,

Rangpur Medical College and

Hospital (RMCH) and private clinics

and 30 others were injured when a

Barisal-bound bus from Dhaka

In Munshiganj, five people died

The injured were admitted to

The dead are Shakil, 32, Azizul, Sulpur village, Mamun, 30, a

morgue for autopsies. Angry protesters put up

n Mymensingh district.

rickshawpuller of Dawsher village,

Ayesha Nessa, 70, of Bharalia

village in Sirajdikhan upazila, Sona

Miah, 29, of Bhuapur upazila in

Tangail district and Ali Hossain, 18,

a rickshawpuller of Phulpur upazila

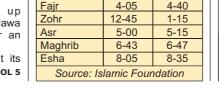
taken by her family. Police sent the

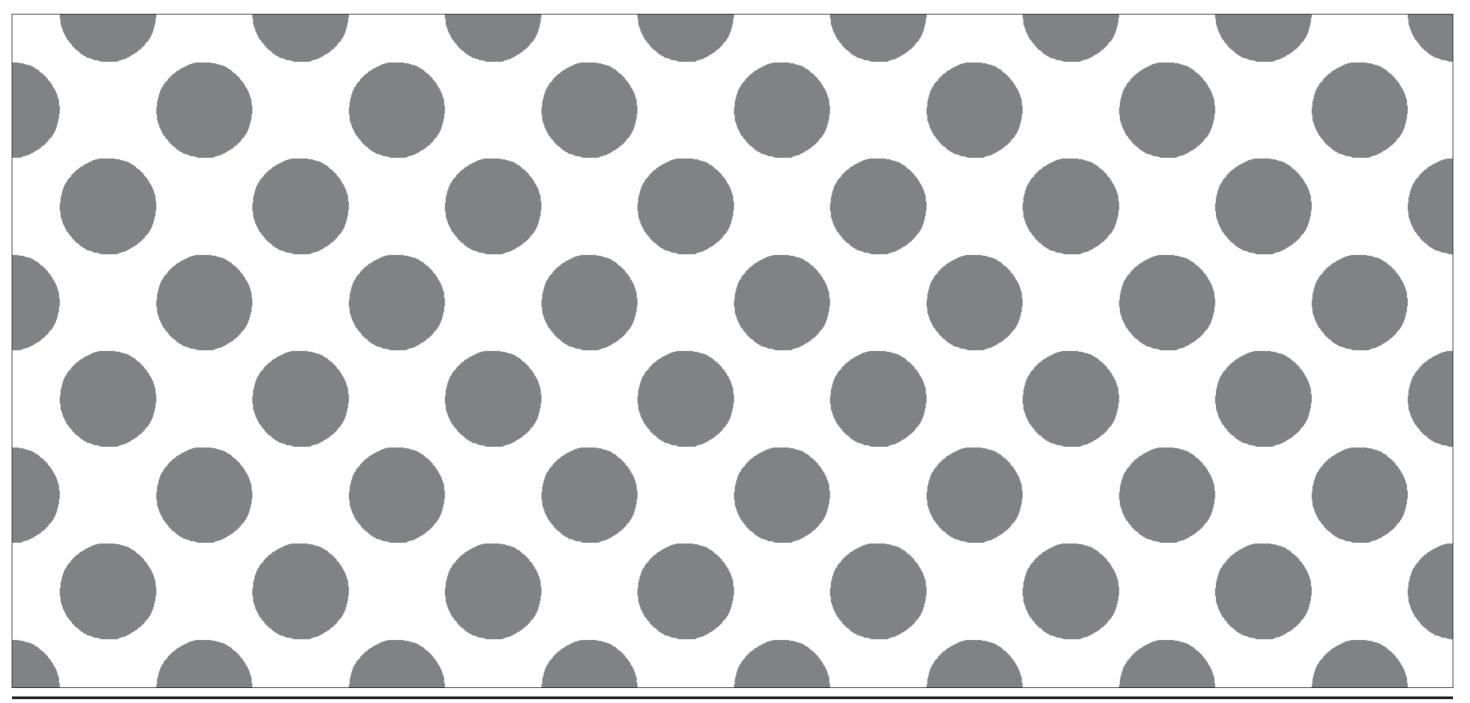
four other bodies to the hospital

The body of Ayesha Nessa was

barricades on the Dhaka-Mawa highway, disrupting traffic for an hour.

Police seized the bus, but its SEE PAGE 15 COL 5





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