

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 mainly consumed by poor people.

"But the ministry has made the prices equal, fearing adulteration of the fuels," they said.

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Hartal hits Narsingdi town, demos staged

Khokon, rebel candidates file nomination papers

BDNEWS, Narsingdi

The supporters of rebel BNP candidates yesterday staged demonstrations, rallies and processions in the district town protesting the nomination of Khairul Kabir Khokon for Narsingdi-1 by-election.

The life of the town virtually came to a halt due to the daylong hartal enforced by the rebel candidates, who fell from the grace of the BNP Parliamentary Board in contesting the June 22 by-election.

Amidst strong protest by rebel candidates, Khokon, a former general secretary (GS) of Dhaka University Central Students Union (Ducusu), submitted his nomination paper to the deputy commissioner's office at about 12:30pm amid police protection.

A total of 15 candidates, including five rebel BNP candidates, submitted their nominations to the returning officer.

The rebel candidates are Mia Mohammad Selim, Jubo Dal vice-president, Meshbauddin Bhuiyan Iran, district BNP vice-president, Harun-or-Rashid, general secretary of BNP Narsingdi town committee

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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.

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 outlawed 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

Iraqi car bomb blasts kill 16

Japanese hostage slain

AFP, REUTERS, Tikrit/ Baghdad

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-Azzawi.

Around 45 others were wounded in the attack in Sinjar, west of the main northern city of Mosul.

In the rebel hotbed of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, three men were killed late Friday when a roadside bomb they were planting

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Tk 24 lakh looted in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

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, 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

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Tigers learn a harsh lesson at Lord's

AL-AMIN from Lord's

The first English test turned into a 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 for 159 in 39.5 overs. The home side scored a huge 528 for three

declared in their first innings with opener Marcus Trescothick, later named man-of-the-match, hitting a monumental 194 and captain Michael Vaughan making 120.

It looked set for even a quicker finish after overnight batsman Aftab Ahmed (32), who hit the fourth ball of the day for four though covers, got out in the same over - trapped leg before off a Matthew Hoggard vicious in-swing.

Mohammad Rafique was out first

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BSF kidnaps farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) abducted a Bangladeshi farmer on Friday while he was working in his cropland at Kushkhali, a bordering village in Sadar upazila.

The victim is Liakat Hossain, 40.

Quoting local people, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) said a group of BSF men from Dupli border outpost in India intruded into Bangladesh territory and abducted the farmer.

When contacted, Lt Col Mominur Rahman, commanding officer (CO) of 41 Rifles Battalion,

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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 killers and rapists of an indigenous 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.

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11 killed, 70 hurt in road crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven people died and 70 others were injured in road accidents in Rangpur, Munshiganj and Gazipur yesterday and on Friday night.

Our Rangpur correspondent reported that the accident occurred on the Dhaka-Dinajpur highway at Jigatala under Taraganj upazila at 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.

The dead are Shakil, 32, Azizul, 42, Liton, 23, Amena Begum, 50, and Alamgir, 40.

The injured were admitted to Taraganj Upazila Health Complex, Rangpur Medical College and Hospital (RMCH) and private clinics in Rangpur town.

In Munshiganj, five people died and 30 others were injured when a Barisal-bound bus from Dhaka 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 Sulpur village, Mamun, 30, a 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 in Mymensingh district.

The body of Ayesha Nessa was taken by her family. Police sent the four other bodies to the hospital morgue for autopsies.

Angry protesters put up barricades on the Dhaka-Mawa highway, disrupting traffic for an hour.

Police seized the bus, but its

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CTG HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Rab nabs 3, seizes truck

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three members of a truck-robbery syndicate on Friday mid-night 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

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Prayer Timing		
May 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-43	6-47
Esha	8-05	8-35

Source: Islamic Foundation

