### Ahab threatens to teach Jamaat-BNP 'a lesson'

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Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab) leaders at a public meeting here yesterday threatened to teach the ruling BNP-Jamaat alliance 'a lesson' in the next general elections if the four Ahab leaders including its Ameer Asadullah Al Galib are not released from jail immediately.

"Election victory of the two major parties (BNP-Jamaat) in many constituencies depends on our support. We will teach them a lesson if our leaders are not freed" acting Ahab Ameer Muhammad Muslehuddin said at the meeting held under police protection.

Rajshahi Ahab chief AK Azad chaired the meeting, also addressed by Khulna Ahab General cretary SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

### AL won't give its symbol for Narsingdi-1 by-polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) will not give the Nagorik Committee-backed candidate Asaduzzaman its election symbol 'boat' to contest the Narsingdi-1 by-polls scheduled for June 22

AL chief Sheikh Hasina on Thursday night notified Asaduzzaman about her party's decision of boycotting the by-polls to protest the unilateral appointment of the new chief election commis-

Hasina refused to give her party's symbol to Asaduzzaman, who met her at her Dhanmondi office, AL sources said.

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#### 3 killed, 50 hurt as tornado hits Netrakona

BDNEWS, Netrakona

Three people were killed and 50 others injured as a tornado lashed Netrakona Sadar, Madan and Atpara upazila yesterday evening

The identity of the dead could not be known immediately. The injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH), Madan and Atpara health complexes.

Locals said the tornado devastated 20 to 25 villages of three upazilas. Electric poles were uprooted in the affected areas, snapping power supply

Being informed. State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar went to his constituency Madan in Netrokona.



Locals of ward No 21 in the city's Badda area yesterday bring out a procession carrying pitchers, to protest inadequate supply of water, gas and power.

## Hot spell to continue for another week

Water, power crises add to sufferings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The scorching heat wave that has been sweeping over the country for some time now making life miserable has already claimed over 30 lives in the last two weeks.

At least eight people, including a woman, died from heat stroke in Sherpur and Habiganj districts in three days till Thursday, according

Meanwhile, there seems to be no immediate end to this condition and the heat wave will remain high for about another week as the monsoon has remained stagnant near the Akiab coast in Myanmar, some 70km off Teknaf, for the last couple of days, the duty forecasting officer of the met office yesterday told The

The intensified heat wave and high humidity levels hindered life at all levels, as people are falling ill or show reluctance to leave home in the sweltering heat.

With the blistering hot spell continuing across the country, most of the educational institutions in the Port City announced an early summer vacation this year, another UNB

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## 17 die in fresh bout of Iraq violence

Seventeen Iragis died in the country's latest round of unchecked violence, sources said yesterday, as security forces pressed on with their operation to root out insurgents in the capital.

Five people, including a child and two Iraqi soldiers were killed in several attacks north of Baghdad. security forces said.

In Samarra, insurgents took on a police rapid reaction force in a firefight that killed the child and one other person, a senior officer said.

Ten Iraqis were killed and 12 wounded late Thursday in a suicide car bomb attack north of Baghdad, a

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**UNB**, Gazipur

US military source said

"There was a suicide car bombing outside a home near Balad late Thursday. Ten Iragis were killed and 12 wounded," said Major Wes Hayes, adding that coalition forces had responded and the Iragi authorities were now at the scene.

In southern Iraq, Shia cleric Ali Abdel Hussein was killed by gunmen in Basra overnight, his son and a hospital source said

'Two men armed with pistols shot my father last night," near a mosque in a northern neighbourhood, Mohammed Ali Abdel Hussein said. "I chased them and they shot at me too.'

Turkman police General Sabah

Bahlul Goralton was assassinated

as he left Friday prayers in northern Kirkuk, the second such killing in the ethnically tense oil hub in less than two weeks, police said.

His death came after Kurdish police general Ahmad Saleh al-Baranzanchi was murdered in late May in an attack claimed by al-Qaeda-linked militant group Ansar al-Sunna.

Inhabited by Kurds, Sunni Arabs and Turkmen, Kirkuk was heavily Arabised under the regime of

Saddam Hussein Kurds now want the oil-rich city to

be the capital of their autonomous region, while Arabs complain

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# GLOBAL 'WAR ON TERROR'

Jatiya Oikya Mancha Convenor Dr Kamal Hossain has said the country's 14 crore people will force the government to seek apology for the recent incidents on the Dhaka University (DU) campus.

"Make a list of armed cadres and godfathers...One day they'll have to be accountable to the nation," the Gono Forum president urged people addressing a public meeting at Mukta Mancha in the district town

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US must gain trust of

# Muslims, says Lee

The United States must use its "soft power" to gain the trust and confidence of Muslims worldwide if it is to "prevail over terrorism". Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loona said yesterday.

Opening an international security conference, Lee said one reason why many moderate Muslims are reluctant to condemn and disown religious extremists was the "wide gap that separates the US from the Muslim world"

He said the large-scale US assistance to Indonesia, the world's biggest Muslim nation, in the aftermath of the December 26 tsunami disaster had not completely erased the resentment many Muslims feel toward the United States.

"The sources of this Muslim anger are historical and complex, but they have been accentuated in recent years by Muslim perceptions of American unilateralism and hostility to the faith." Lee told the audience, which included US

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### Cops allegedly torture BCL leader in Ctg

Police detained a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader allegedly without any specific allegation and severely tortured him that triggered widespread agitation in the port city yesterday.

SM Anam, senior vice-president of the BCL city unit, is receiving treatment at Chittagong Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) with bullet wounds in both of his legs. His condition was stated to be critical. as he remained unconscious.

Sources said Pahartali police on Wednesday midnight detained Anam from a Dhaka-bound Greenline bus at Alankar crossing He along with his friend Shameem was going to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury

On information, his elder brother rushed to Pahartali Police Station but the cops denied having arrested anybody that night. Hospital sources said a sub-

inspector of Pahartali police admitted Anam to the CMCH at about 5:00am yesterday. Doctors said Anam, with marks of torture all over his body, was still unconscious and not out of danger City unit BCL, student wing of

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June 4	
Azan	Jamaat
4-05	4-40
12-45	1-15
5-00	5-15
6-45	6-50
8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation	
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## Bangladesh flounder again

AL-AMIN from Chester-le-Street

The opening day of the second Test at the Riverside ground on Friday can be best described as an action replay of what had happened on the

first day at Lord's two weeks ago. It was however not the England captain Michael Vaughan who tossed the coin rather a tiny tot

flipped it in mid-air and outcome was the same, the home captain won it and decided to bowl on a grevish

It was then left to Bangladesh's batsmen to try and survive against the fiery four-pronged pace attack, which they failed. The tourists were limping at 66-5 by lunch and when



innings quickly folded at 104 in 39.5 overs, four runs short of what they had achieved at Lord's.

Opener Javed Omar with 37 was the top-scorer in a brittle batting card, where wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud with 22 was the other batsman who reached double figures. Local hero Steve Harmison wrecked the innings as the tall fast bowler grabbed five for

England needed only 20 overs to cross the nondescript Bangladesh total, but at the expense of two wickets compared with one at Lord's. And it was only because of some

fired up bowling from Narail quick Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza. The only Bangladeshi bowler who also took the first two English wickets at Lord's, had Andrew

Strauss for eight and dismissed Vaughan for 44. England were 107-2 after 21 overs with another 27 overs remaining in the day's play.







