

AL lawmaker Sirajul joins BNP

**BDNEWS, Dhaka**  
Kazi Sirajul Islam, a lawmaker of main opposition Awami League (AL), yesterday formally joined the ruling BNP.  
Kazi Siraj, who was elected MP twice from Faridpur-1 constituency on the AL ticket, came to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) at about 3:00pm.  
He offered a bouquet to prime minister Khaleda Zia, expressed his  
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Stop land grabbers from becoming MPs

**Roundtable suggests law reforms**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition Advocate Abdul Hamid yesterday said the land grabbers should be disqualified from contesting the parliamentary elections.  
"They seem to have become influential in the country's politics and it is an ominous sign for us," said Hamid, addressing a roundtable discussion organised at the National Press Club by the Forum to Resist Land Grabbers.  
It is unfortunate that day by day the land grabbers are getting alarmingly closer to state power, he said adding that the political parties should come forward to resist such crooked attempt.  
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Tk 6,850cr lost to power crunch

**Reveals CPD report**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The country lost Tk 6,850 crore or about 2 percent of the GDP in the fiscal year to power supply shortage, a CPD report reveals.  
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PM to visit Qatar next week

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is scheduled to visit Qatar in the second week of this month to attend the Second South Summit of the Group of 77 to be held on June 15-16 at Doha, capital of Qatar.  
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Hundreds of chemical containers are washed in the Buriganga water every day, adding to the pollution of the already endangered river. The photo was taken yesterday.

Woman held with Tk 4cr heroin at ZIA

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Customs officials on Friday night held a woman and seized four kilograms of heroin worth over Tk 4 crore at Zia International Airport (ZIA).  
Rabeya Khatun arrived in Bangladesh from Karachi by Biman flight No. BG 032 that landed at the ZIA at 7:55pm.  
The customs officials on suspicion challenged her at the Green Channel.  
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Power Division eyes 500mw from Tata

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Power Division of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources in its position paper on the proposed \$2.5 billion investment deal of the Tata Group yesterday suggested to buy 500 megawatt electricity from Tata on some conditions.  
The division placed its position at a preparatory meeting for the second round talk of the negotiation committee held at the finance ministry's conference room with the committee chief Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmed in the chair.  
In the set matrix of the position the division said, "Buying of 500 megawatt power from Tata could be considered."  
The division said the tariff rate for the proposed power purchase  
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Criminal Arman remanded after hide-and-seek drama by Rab

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A top criminal of the country, Arman Khan, was remanded for seven days last night after a hide-and-seek drama by the law enforcers since his  
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Two robbers killed in Ctg 'crossfire'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
Two accused of a robbery case were killed in separate incidents of "crossfire" between police and their gang at city's Bayezid Bostami and Khulshi areas in the early hours yesterday.  
Robbers Md Khorshed alias Chandu, 23, and Rashed, 28, were accused in the Friday's robbery at East Shamserpura under Chandgaon Police Station, in which Monsoor Alam was shot dead and Abul Bashar was bullet injured.  
Soon after the robbery, the law enforcers from Chandgaon and Panchlaish police stations in a joint raid in Hamzarbagh and Muradpur areas arrested seven robbers including Khorshed and Rashed. They also recovered three firearms from them.  
Sources said a joint team of Chandgaon and Bayezid Bostami police stations took Khorshed on Friday night to different areas of the city to recover arms and looted goods. As they reached Fata Pahar near Burma Colony at 3:15am, Khorshed's gang hiding there opened fire on the police team to free Khorshed.  
Khorshed was seriously injured falling in the line of fire as the police retaliated by firing.  
The police took critically injured Khorshed to Chittagong Medical  
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28 more fly in from Jordan today

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Twenty-eight more Bangladeshi fortune seekers, allegedly cheated by a travel agency, will return from Jordan today.  
They are among 115 job seekers allegedly subjected to maltreatment by the employers in the Arab country. They will be flown in by a Gulf Air flight.  
With their dreams of a new life dashed, 61 of the workers, employed by Al Shahed Apparels Textile in Al Hasan Industrial Area of Ramta, Jordan, have already returned home.  
A few of the 27, who returned on Friday, visited the UNB office yesterday to tell their tales of abject misery. M Babul Miah of Jamalpur said  
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Prayer Timing		
June 5		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

