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**Ivanovic French Open champ**

AP, Paris  
This time Ana Ivanovic was ready for the French Open final. Showing no sign of the nerves that afflicted her a year ago, Ivanovic won her first Grand Slam title Saturday by beating Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-3. By reaching the final, Ivanovic had already assured herself of

**New cadre service for primary education on cards**

SURANJITH DEABNATH  
The government is going to create a separate cadre service for primary education in a bid to improve educational standard by recruiting more meritorious individuals as officials and teachers. The primary and mass education ministry has already sent for approval a proposal to the Chief Adviser's Office to create the new cadre titled "Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS)-Primary Education" under Public Service Commission (PSC). The proposal is likely to be approved at the next meeting of the Council of Advisers, ministry sources say. Officials concerned say the cadre service is most likely to come into effect through the next circular for BCS examinations. The officials and teachers already working under the primary and mass education ministry will have to sit for special PSC examinations to upgrade their job. The government has 29 cadre services for eight lakh officials. But no separate cadre service has been created for about 1.7 lakh primary teachers, who are working at around 38,000 government institutions across the country, say Banbeis records. Primary and Mass Education Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury said the ministry has been run by officers from other cadre services for long which hinders the dedicated improvement in primary education. "Initiatives were taken to launch a separate cadre group a few years ago and the process is now at the final stage. It is expected that the decision would be approved soon. Personally, I hope it will improve

**FOOD ADULTERATION Mobile court fines 6 shops, restaurant**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A mobile court accompanied by Rab personnel yesterday fined six food shops, a restaurant and a mineral water company Tk 3.9 lakh in an anti-adulteration drive in the capital's Uttara. Rab officials said the mobile court fined a fast food shop, two bakeries and a restaurant for preparing food items in unhygienic condition. It also fined a mineral water company for selling unpurified water and three fruit shops for cheating customers. The mobile court fined Asha Food Tk 1 lakh, Samrat Bread and Biscuit Tk 60,000, Habib Bread and Biscuit Tk 50,000, Khajana Restaurant Tk 1 lakh, and Rainbow Mineral Water Tk 50,000. Besides, three fruit stores -- Milon Fruit Shop, Muzibur Fruit Shop and Alibaba Falghar were fined Tk 10,000 each, said a Rab press release.



A woman dries damaged rose petals on a street near Shahbagh in the capital yesterday to sell them to herbal medicine makers. The flowers were damaged while being taken to Shahbagh flower market from across the country.

**Extortionists blast crackers, 2 injured**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Two employees of an electronics shop at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium in the city were injured in homemade bomb attacks by extortionists yesterday. Witnesses said four thugs threw two crude bombs at the employees of Farid Electronics at around 5:00pm, injuring Osman and Sabuj. They received first aid at a local clinic. "One of the bombs went off inside the shop while the other one hit a wall," officer-in-charge of Palton Police Station told The Daily Star. Police said an unidentified man demanded protection money from the shop owner over the phone a few days back, which he refused to pay.



A pedestrian-crossing signpost is placed in front of traffic lights at Palashi intersection in the capital, making it difficult for motorists to see the lights. Dhaka City Corporation's sweepers use the signpost to keep their brooms tied with, worsening the situation.

**86 ex-BNP MPs back Delwar**

UNB, Dhaka  
Eighty-six former MPs of BNP yesterday extended their full support to party Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain and expressed indignation at remarks by certain senior leaders against him. In a joint statement, the former lawmakers said indecorous remarks and insinuation are being made against Delwar at a time when leaders and workers of all tiers of the party stood united working with him at the instruction of detained party Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

**New rice variety to fight Monga this season**

PORIMOL PALMA  
Marginal farmers, who also traditionally face financial crisis due to Monga, can from now on have a harvest at this time," said Dr MA Mazid, chief of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) Regional Station, Rangpur. Mazid, who also heads the BRRI Dhan-33 and Monga mitigation programme, said, "Our target is cultivation of the new variety of rice in 1.07 lakh hectares of not so high and high land owned by marginal farmers in the five Monga-hit districts by 2010." When rice will be available in market and farm workers will get jobs due to early harvest of the new variety, the curse of Monga will be over, he said. Implementation of the programme is being monitored by the agriculture ministry. Monga is an annual phenomenon in October-November in Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha and Nilphamari districts with farm workers facing lack of jobs and marginal farmers facing economic crisis. This forces them either to leave for other districts for employment or puts them in dire straits. The plan to cultivate the new variety aims at creating

**Pakistan asks UN to probe Benazir killing**

AFP, United Nations  
Pakistan's new government has officially asked the United Nations to investigate the assassination of Benazir Bhutto last December, UN spokeswoman Michele Montas said Friday. She said the request was contained in a letter from Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi delivered to UN chief Ban Ki-moon by the Pakistani ambassador here Friday. "The Secretary General has not taken a decision on it yet. He has

**Hillary suspends historic campaign, endorses Obama**

AP, Washington  
Hillary Rodham Clinton ended her historic campaign for the presidency yesterday and told supporters to unite behind rival Barack Obama, closing out a race that was as gruelling as it was groundbreaking. The former first lady, who as recently as Tuesday declared herself the strongest candidate, gave Obama an unqualified endorsement and pivoted from her role as determined foe to absolute ally. "The way to continue our fight now to accomplish the goals for which we stand is to take our energy, our passion, our strength and do all we can to help elect Barack Obama, the next president of the United States," Hillary said in a speech before cheering supporters packed into the ornate National Building Museum, not far from the White House she longed to govern from. "Today as I suspend my campaign, I congratulate him on the victory he has won and the extraordinary race he has run. I endorse him and throw my full support behind him and I ask of you to join me in working as hard for Barack Obama as you have for me," the New York senator said in her 28-minute address. With that and 13 other mentions of his name, Hillary placed herself solidly behind her Senate colleague from Illinois, a political sensation and the first black to secure a presidential nomination. Obama, in a statement, declared himself "thrilled and honoured" to have Hillary's support.

**Asian powers, US voice concern over oil spike**

AFP, Aomori  
The United States and Asia's four largest powers voiced "serious concern" Saturday about a record spike in oil prices but vowed to keep scaling back politically sensitive fuel subsidies. Oil prices, which have soared five-fold since 2003, posted their highest ever one-day gain of 10.75 dollars to close at a new record of 138.54 dollars in New York after hawkish remarks by an Israeli official on oil producer Iran. Senior officials from the United States, Japan, China, India and South Korea said in a joint statement after talks in Aomori, Japan

**Prayer Timing June 8**

	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

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, Building Construction Act, 1952 এর Section 18 এ প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাবলে সরকার এই সংক্রান্ত পূর্বের বিধিমালা রহিত করিয়া ঢাকা মহানগর পরিকল্পনাভুক্ত এলাকার জন্য ঢাকা মহানগর ইমারত (নির্মাণ, উন্নয়ন, সংরক্ষণ ও অপসারণ) বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ প্রণয়ন করিয়াছে। এমতাবস্থায়, ঢাকা মহানগর পরিকল্পনাভুক্ত এলাকায় ভূমি ব্যবহার ছাড়পত্র, বৃহদায়তন বা বিশেষ প্রকল্প ছাড়পত্র, নির্মাণ অনুমোদনপত্র, বসবাস বা ব্যবহার সনদপত্রের আবেদনকারীগণকে বর্তমানে কার্যকর "ঢাকা মহানগর ইমারত (নির্মাণ, উন্নয়ন, সংরক্ষণ ও অপসারণ) বিধিমালা, ২০০৮" অনুসারে দলিলপত্রাদি ও নকশা দাখিল করার জন্য এবং প্রযোজ্য অন্যান্য ক্ষেত্রে উক্ত বিধিমালা অনুসরণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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**MINDLESS CRUELTY TO WILDLIFE**

Trapped and bound, the squirrel has lost its freedom to a teenager, who now takes pleasure in his new "toy". The photo was taken in Rahmatganj in Chittagong yesterday.

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