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## Nadal wins Wimbledon classic

AFP, London

Rafael Nadal beat defending champion Roger Federer in five sets to win the Wimbledon men's singles title on Sunday.

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## Hasina for tough measures against the corrupt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming corruption the enemy of development, Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina urged the caretaker government to take tough measures against the corrupt.

She was talking to the leaders of the Canada chapter Awami League before heading for London Saturday night, according to New York-based news agency News World.

Saying it is well-known for whose unbridled corruption, misrule, nepotism and politicisation the country has plunged into deep crises, the former prime minister called on all to work for her party's victory in the next general election so the country does not go through such situation again.

She said she could take up any challenge in the interest of her fellow countrymen.

The Awami League chief may return to Washington DC on July 20.

## ZIA ORPHANAGE CASE Court asks for probe report by Aug 4

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the investigation officer (IO) of a corruption case, filed against detained former premier Khaleda Zia, her eldest son Tarique Rahman and five others, to submit the probe report by August 4.

The case was filed against them last Thursday in connection with embezzling over Tk 2.10 crore by forming a fake establishment named Zia Orphanage Trust.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court also allowed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to interrogate detained former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu at jail gate in connection with two cases for misusing government relief materials.

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## Govt still working on 'minus-2' formula: Delwar

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday said the caretaker government is still busy implementing its 'minus-two' formula, meant for banishing the chiefs of the two former ruling parties.

"Sheikh Hasina was sent abroad while efforts are underway to send BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia abroad, but she wants to die at home," he said.

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Prayer Timing		
July 7		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Govt targets child labour phase out

### Okays nat'l policy to rehabilitate 1m children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday finalised the draft of National Child Labour Elimination Policy-2008, seeking to phase out child labour and rehabilitate over 1 million children engaged in risky jobs.

At a meeting at the secretariat the labour and manpower ministry also resolved to have 30,000 working children enrolled for primary education and introduce stipends for them.

Identifying ship breaking as the most hazardous job, it decided to commission two taskforces—one to be comprised of government officials and the other of non-

government ones—to visit Chittagong and report back on child labour situation there.

Labour and Manpower Adviser Anwarul Iqbal who chaired the meeting said a long term initiative to eliminate child labour would follow once the draft policy is approved by the cabinet.

"Hopefully, we will place the draft before the council of advisers by the end of this month," he told reporters after the meeting that gave a unanimous consent to the draft.

Government officials and representatives of NGOs, factory owners and employees were involved in scripting the draft over four long

years.

The policy suggests fixing the working hours and wage for child workers.

Despite policies and laws against child labour, thousands of children are employed in bidi (hand-rolled cigarette), leather-tanning and construction industries, farming, forestry and fishery. Besides, a huge number of them work as domestic help, porter, transport worker and street vendor.

Successive governments in the past took steps to tail off the exploitative practice, but it continued unabated due to poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and lack

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## Why contempt of court law not unconstitutional

### HC issues suo moto rule on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a suo moto rule upon the government, asking it to explain within one week why the Contempt of Court Ordinance 2008 should not be declared unconstitutional.

The HC bench of Justice ABM Khairul Haque and Justice Md Abu Tariq issued the rule during the hearing on a contempt of court rule against 18 journalists of the weekly Shirsho Kagoj.

The court also fixed July 13 for hearing of the rules.

Following petitions from 14 journalists of the weekly including Editor Ekramul Haq, the HC on June 11 exempted them from personally appearing before the court.

The court also appointed five legal experts as amicus curiae

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Dashing Sri Lanka opener Sanath Jayasuriya is all set to have a go at a delivery on way to hammering a gusty 125 off 114 in the Asia Cup final against India at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

## Mendis spins Lanka to Asia Cup glory

AFP, Karachi

Sensational spinner Ajantha Mendis took six wickets for just thirteen runs to help Sri Lanka beat India by 100 runs in the final here on Sunday to successfully defend the Asia Cup title.

As expected the 23-year-old spinner mesmerised the Indian batsmen with career-best figures to cause a slump which saw India lose nine wickets for 97 runs and were bowled out for 173 in 39.3 overs.

Sanath Jayasuriya hit a fighting 125 to help Sri Lanka post a decent 273 in their 50 overs on a flat National Stadium pitch.

Mendis, playing for the first time against India since making his debut in April this year, bowled eight overs of beguiling spin to beat his previous best of 5-22 against United Arab Emirates in the first round last week.

He also bettered the best bowling figures in Asia Cup history, erasing the 5-19 record set by Aaqib Javed for Pakistan against India at Sharjah in 1995.

The spinner from Moratuwa finished with 17 wickets in the batsman-dominated tournament.

India got off to a rapid start, reaching 36 by the fifth over when Gautam Gambhir (6) was caught in the covers of Chaminda Vaas.

Mendis came into bowl the 10th over with Schwag (60) dealing only in boundaries. Off his second ball, Mendis lured the Indian opener and had him stumped.

Schwag hit 12 boundaries during his 36-ball knock.

Two balls later, Mendis beguiled Yuvraj Singh with a straighter delivery to bowl him without scoring and in his third over bowled Suresh Raina (16) with another peach to leave India at 93-4.

In his fourth over, Mendis trapped Rohit Sharma (three) with another one that skidded before spinning partner Muttiah Muralitharan ended a resolute 35-run stand between Dhoni and Robin Uthappa (20).

Mendis returned for his second spell to remove Irfan Pathan (two)

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## Khaleda appeals to SC for staying charge framing in Gatco case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained former premier Khaleda Zia has filed a petition with the Supreme Court (SC) for staying the hearing on charge framing in the Gatco case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice MA Matin yesterday fixed July 10 for hearing of the stay petition before the full bench of the court.

The case is pending in the

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## Holding fair polls under emergency difficult

Says UK Envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Stephen Evans yesterday said it is difficult to hold general elections in Bangladesh in a free and fair manner with the state of emergency in place.

The outcome of the coming general election would be doubtful

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## DCC employee shot dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants shot a Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) electrician dead at Sutrapur in the city last night.

The victim was Mohammad Wasim, 32, of Shariatgupta Road at Doayaganj under Sutrapur.

Arman Ali, cousin to the deceased, said a gang of 3-4 men shot Wasim in the head near his house around 11:45pm.

"Hearing the gun shot and Wasim's cry, his family members and I ran out to the street but the criminals ran away before we reached the spot," Arman said.

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) sources said Wasim died soon after he was brought in.

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Rise in water level and erosion by the Kazibasha river leave many households like this one under threat at Poddar Bazar in Khulna.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Culprits behind messy roads to face music

### Body to check untimely road digging, delay in repair works

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday formed a committee to identify and punish the officials responsible for untimely road digging and delay in repair works that caused untold sufferings to city residents this year.

The government asked the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and Dhaka Wasa to complete the repair works by July 15, and also directed the agencies concerned to finish their tasks by May 15 next year before monsoon.

LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal formed the committee at a meeting with the officials of DCC and Dhaka Wasa on finding ways to complete

the road-digging works timely and drain out the rainwater.

The five-member probe committee, headed by Joint Secretary (Development) of local government division Mizanur Rahman, will submit its report by July 21.

Road digging takes place during monsoon every year and the current year is no exception to this, the adviser told reporters.

He said it happens due to the irresponsibility of some government agencies and the probe committee would try to find out why the DCC fails to complete the tasks timely.

The committee will also study the policy on road digging and

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## ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH Khoka appeals for quashing case proceedings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday filed a petition with the High Court (HC) for quashing proceedings against him in a case filed in connection with accumulating wealth illegally and concealing wealth information to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

An HC bench comprising Justice Sharif Uddin Chaklader and Justice Md Emdadul Haque Azad yesterday heard arguments of the petitioner's counsel, barrister Rafique-ul-Huq, and fixed today for hearing arguments of the ACC, which filed the case.

Rafique-ul-Huq yesterday told the court that according to the ACC Act, the investigation report of a

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# 11 Pak cops killed in Red Mosque rally blast

AFP, Islamabad

A suspected suicide attack targeting police deployed at a rally to mark the first anniversary of the bloody storming of Pakistan's Red Mosque killed at least 11 policemen yesterday, officials said.

The powerful explosion happened just after thousands of Islamist hardliners had called for the public hanging of President Pervez Musharraf at the angry protest in the capital Islamabad.

More than 100 people were killed in the siege and storming of the al-Qaeda-linked mosque by government troops in July 2007 and the raid sparked a wave of suicide attacks across the country.

"We have 11 policemen dead

and it appears to be a suicide attack," the senior security official told AFP adding that dozens of other people were wounded.

"The blast happened 15 minutes after the meeting dispersed. A heavy contingent of police was at a main crossing several hundred metres from the mosque and they were targeted in the attack," the official said.

Television footage showed bearded students frantically running towards the scene of the explosion and ambulance crews bringing the wounded to hospitals.

Police officer Masood Ahmed said eight policemen were confirmed dead so far and that the toll was expected to rise.

Earlier Islamic students from

across the country thronged outside the radical mosque amid tight security by thousands of police who erected barbed wire barricades to stop vehicles entering the area.

Police also set up pickets and searched people for arms.

In fiery speeches, Islamists condemned the 2007 military operation against the mosque, blaming Musharraf for the carnage, which they claimed was carried out at the request of the United States.

"Musharraf, then interior minister Aftab Sherpao, and others who were responsible for the bloodbath should be tried and hanged publicly," Islamist leader Idrées Haqqani said as the crowd

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Portrait of a bride in an ensemble by Farzana Shakil at the Dhaka Fashion Week-2008 yesterday. The event, organised by Tupa and Associates, was presented by Marico in association with The Daily Star.

PHOTO: STAR

## Landslide kills 4 of a family

STAR REPORT

Landslide caused by torrential rains killed four members of a family at Kalyanpara in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday, three days after landfall Thursday killed nine people there.

The dead were identified as labourer Nurul Hashim Lal, 30, his wife Madina Khatun, 22, their daughter Rehana Begum, 7, and son Redwan, 3. The couple's three-month-old son survived the disaster, reported news agency UNB.

Meantime, another person was killed in a landslide at Mahajanpara in Cox's Bazar town, reported our Chittagong correspondent.

Officer-in-charge at Teknaf Police Station said the four were buried alive when a large chunk of

earth came tumbling down onto their thatched house at the foot of a hill at about 12:30pm. Police recovered the bodies.

The family, who were to leave the house yesterday at the behest of the local administration, were having their lunch at the time.

Deputy Commissioner Sajjadul Hasan said authorities had evacuated 120 families from vulnerable areas at Kalyanpara after the Thursday tragedy.

Many residents were, however, unwilling to move to safer places even after repeated announcement, he said.

"I've now instructed the law enforcers to forcibly move them to safer places," he added.

Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar Sajjadul Hasan, Upazila

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## IN REMEMBRANCE



With fond memories we remember Late Begum **Fazilatun Nessa** to-day Monday, July 7, 08.

We feel her absence in every step of the way. Relatives, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to remember her in their prayers.

On the occasion of her **4th Death Anniversary Qur'an Khatam, Prayer and Feeding the destitute** has been organized.

**Sons & Daughters-in-law, Daughter and Son-in-law and Grand-children**