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Conservation of 4 canals starts in Apr
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Water Supply and Sewerage Authority will start the conservation work of four canals in and around Dhaka city next month.

The four canals, Khilgaon-Bashabo Khal, Shahjadpur Khal, Shutibhola Khal and Abdullahpur Khal, will be

Mohila Dal committees announced
Delwar's daughter, Abbas's wife get key posts
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former lawmaker Noor-e-Ara Safa has been made the president of Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal while Shirin Sultana, also a

ARMS HAUL CASE CID gets two more months to probe
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday granted Criminal Investigation Department two more months for further

Prayer Timing
March 23

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-16	6-20
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

China keen to help build deep-sea port
Willing to establish Dhaka-Kunming rail link, says Dipu Moni
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said yesterday China is very much willing to establish direct rail link between Dhaka and Kunming, and help build a deep-sea port at Sonadia island for boosting trade and investment.

"Beijing also assured us of using the deep-sea port, which is very important for its viability," Dipu Moni said while briefing journalists at the foreign ministry about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's just-concluded state visit to China.

Since the planned seaport will require huge investment, assistance from more than one country will be needed, she said.

"When the seaport is built, China will also benefit from it as prices of Chinese products abroad will be less because of shortening of distance," the foreign minister said.

Noting that China has emerged as a very

powerful state and as an economic super-power, the foreign minister said Dhaka and Beijing decided to establish "closer comprehensive partnership of cooperation from the strategic perspective."

Dipu Moni said China decided to write off loans given to Bangladesh till 2008.

Asked about the recent Bangladesh-India Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) meeting in New Delhi, she said the talks were important to strike an agreement on sharing the Teesta waters, and progress was made in this regard.

"There are many realities and stages in the process of reaching an agreement. Not only the central government of India but also West Bengal state government is involved here," Dipu Moni said. She hoped that the two countries would be able to reach an interim agreement on the Teesta shortly.

DEFAMATION CASES Farroque asked to surrender
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed opposition chief whip Zainul Abidin Farroque to surrender before the trial courts concerned within eight weeks in connection with six separate defamation cases filed against him.

Local Awami League leaders filed the defamation cases with different courts of Shariatpur, Lalmonirhat, Pabna, Comilla, Faridpur and Chittagong after Farroque alleged that prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy was involved in illegal VoIP business.

Upon a bail petition filed by Farroque, the High Court however, directed the trial courts concerned to consider his bail prayers when he will surrender in connection with the cases.

RID PHARMA CASE WARRANTS SP asked again to explain OC's failure to report
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday, for the second time, asked Brahmanbaria Superintendent of Police (SP) to explain by April 25 why Sadar police station's officer-in-charge (OC) did not submit any report on execution of arrest warrants against three absconding officials of Rid Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Earlier, the same court asked the OC to submit report on execution of the arrest warrants against the three on eight consecutive dates.

Judge Mohammad Abdul Majid of the Drug Court passed the order after Special Public Prosecutor Mahmud Hossain Jahangir had appealed for taking stringent action against the OC for his negligence in submitting the report.

Meantime, the same court rejected a bail petition of Rid Pharma Ltd Managing Director Mizanur Rahman in the case filed against him on charges of manufacturing toxic paracetamol syrup.

Rid Pharma Director Abdul Goni and two pharmacists Mahbulul Islam and Enamul Haque have been on the run since the case was filed against them.



Bashar calls it quits
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's most successful captain Habibul Bashar on Monday announced that he was retiring from all cricket.

"It has been a terrific journey for me and after two decades of international, first class and club cricket I feel I have reached the end of the road. The Port City League (PCL) T20 in Sharjah next week will be my last competition as a player," said Bashar in his letter to the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

AL leader held for selling OMS rice in black market
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police yesterday arrested an Awami League leader in connection with selling OMS rice in black market at Baikali bazar under Khalishpur Police Station of Khulna.

The arrestee was identified as Mridha Belayet Hossain, AL general secretary of ward no-14.

Police seized four sacks of rice each containing 50 kg from the possession of the AL leader while he was taking the sacks away from his shop Belayet Enterprise at Muigunni to Baikali bazar on a three-wheeler van in the afternoon.

The AL leader, who was appointed as an OMS dealer of ward no-14, was later shown arrested.

Belayet admitted to police that he had so far sold fifty percent



Law enforcers yesterday bar visitors from entering Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi, saying the show did not have permission. The gallery organised an exhibition on extrajudicial killings.

DRIVE AGAINST ILLEGAL VOIP BTRC to switch on legal links
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is set to switch on private landline operators, which were suspended for their alleged illegal VoIP (Voice

Nizami calls journalists 'ignorant'
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday alleged that Islamist militancy in the country is being sponsored by Indian intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), and Israeli intelligence agency Mossad.

Nizami also once again

BHOLA-3 BY-POLLS BNP for army deployment
EC yet to take decision
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP asked the Election Commission yesterday to deploy army personnel to Bhola-3 parliamentary constituency for the April 24 by-election.

At a meeting with the EC, a BNP delegation demanded that no government officials are assigned to poll duties, and urged to engage EC officials in all important elections.

BNP standing committee member MK Anwar told reporters that the EC assured them of army deployment in the polls. Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda and Election Commissioner Muhammad Sohul Hussein were in the meeting.

However, Election Commissioner Sohul Hussein said, "We have not taken any decision regarding army deployment."

The BNP delegation feared that a free and fair election is not possible in the current law and order situation.

Anwar said, "We demand that the commission engage its officials at each union under the constituency to monitor each day's situation. The army should be deployed on the polling day".

The BNP leaders urged election commissioners to visit Bhola-3 constituency during the election.

EC secretariat officials said the EC wants to hold the by-election in Bhola-3 constituency without deploying army men.

BNP leaders also demanded that the EC do not allow local election observers during the polls.

BNP leaders Nazrul Islam Khan, Major (ret'd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed and Rizvi Ahmed were present at the meeting.

On February 3, following a Supreme Court verdict the EC declared that a by-election would be held in Bhola-3 constituency.

Earlier, the SC declared Major (ret'd) Jasim Uddin's election to

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 No Comments (0.78%)

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