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March is month of victory!
Says Jamaat's 'freedom fighter'
Staff Correspondent

March is the month of tragic memories and of launching the war for independence of the nation. But for a Jamaat-e-Islami leader, posing as a freedom fighter, March is the "month of victory!"
President of pro-Jamaat freedom fighters' organisation
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2 'war criminals' get death in mock trial

1973 act comes into play

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two imaginary war criminals were sentenced to death by a make-believe tribunal in a mock trial yesterday, for carrying out, and aiding and abetting genocide during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.
The defendants were tried under the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act, 1973, as the tribunal declared the act adequate for trying the war crimes of 1971, when an army from an imaginary country "Moonland" invaded Bangladesh.

The condemned convicts were Ali Butchery, the chief of AL Badr, and Mr Karim, a commander of Razakar.
The Department of Law at Dhaka University (DU) organised the mock trial in the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) Auditorium on the campus.
The three-member tribunal was led by Justice AK Badrul Haque who pronounced the death sentences of Butchery and Karim.
"No sentence other than death can and should be delivered to them for their crimes like mass killings and wholesale destruction," the justice said.

Butchery was convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and peace, war crimes, and violation of international law, while Karim was convicted of aiding and abetting genocide and war crimes, and crimes against humanity.
The prosecution argued that the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act 1973 is sufficient to try the war criminals.
As the court asked whether the prosecution had any specific allegation against the accused, the latter informed the court that Butchery had committed

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A make-believe war crimes tribunal organised by Dhaka University Department of Law at TSC auditorium on the campus yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Jewellery shop looted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Some 500 tolas of gold ornaments worth Tk 1.52 crore and Tk 2 lakh in cash were stolen from a jewellery shop of Chittagong New Market on Wednesday.
Two staff identified as Ali
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Drik Gallery serves legal notice on govt

HRWatch says govt should allow photo show on 'crossfire'

The government has been served with a legal notice asking it to immediately remove police from Drik
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Miners' strike enters third day

Officials, staff still confined, but baby food allowed to mine complex

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The local miners, who have kept confined 760 people, including 370 staff to Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Ltd (BCMCL), allowed baby food to its complex yesterday, third day of their strike to realise their demand for pay hikes.
The miners also blockaded rail and road communications here last night after the meeting with the government's high ups ended without outcome.
Meanwhile, BCMCL officials and staff wearing black badges went on work abstinence yesterday afternoon protesting attack on their two staff by the miners.
Police took baby foods to the BCMCL complex. The food stocks in the complex have run out due to the indefinite strike started on Monday midnight.
Some 220 Chinese officials and employees and 150 BCMCL
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Late Col Jamil promoted to brig gen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Col Jamil Uddin Ahmad, who was the military secretary to the then president Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, has been promoted to brigadier general (posthumous).
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT HC asks for report on govt steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government and the authorities of different organisations to submit reports to it within two weeks on what steps they have taken to prevent sexual harassment
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RU Shibir chief held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University Shibir president Shamsul Alam Golap, who was arrested early yesterday, admitted to Rab of having instructions from some central Jamaat and Shibir leaders during and prior to RU violence that left a BCL leader dead, Rab sources said.
Rab intelligence wing members arrested Golap, prime accused in the murder case, in Pataalkandi area under Bhuapur Upazila of Tangail around 2:00am.
On February 9, Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Faruq Hossain was killed as Shibir launched an attack on BCL activists
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Shamsul Alam Golap

ঢাকা এলাকায় লোডশেডিং পুনর্গণিত সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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AL factions clash in Meherpur

4 bullet-hit among 50 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

At least 50 people were injured, four with bullets, in a clash between two factions of ruling Awami League in Gangni upazila of Meherpur yesterday.
One of the bullet-hit was Al Faruq Abdus Salam, younger brother of former lawmaker of Meherpur-2 (Gangni) Mokbul Hossain, while others were local AL and BCL activists, Ismail Hossain, Naharul and Selim.
Faruq and Ismail were rushed to Dhaka as their condition was stated to be critical and the two others were shifted to Kustia General Hospital from Meherpur General Hospital.
The clash took place over a previous enmity between the factions-- one led by Mokbul Hossain and the other by Gangni upazila AL president Sahiduzzaman Khokon and general secretary of the same unit MA Khaleq.
According to sources, Khaleq's supporters had arranged a

BHOLA-3 BY-POLLS EC sees no need to deploy army

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday ruled out main opposition BNP's demand for deploying army during the upcoming by-polls in Bhola-3 parliamentary constituency.
"There is no need for deployment of army in the by-polls scheduled for April 24. The law-enforcement agencies are able to maintain law and order there," Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakawat Hossain told reporters at his office.
Earlier on March 22, a

NOTICE

Today's issue of The Daily Star contains a 20 - page Independence Day special supplement on "EDUCATION- IDEAS & INNOVATIONS"

Prayer Timing

March 26

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

Source: Islamic Foundation

OnlinePoll

Do you think shutting down telecom companies for alleged involvement in illegal VoIP business and allowing them to restart operations shows that BTRC is confused about the issue?

Yes (81.4%)
 No (15.6%)
 No Comments (3.0%)

Total votes: 806

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think authorities concerned will be able to confiscate and remove all unfit age-old public transport from the capital as per communication ministry's announcement?

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