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# RMG unrest spirals

## 8 more garment units vandalised over pay hike demand

Garment workers from different factories beaoning their colleagues in Vision Apparel Private Ltd to leave work yesterday morning in the capital's Mirpur area. Demonstrating workers demanding pay hike vandalised at least eight garment factories in the area yesterday.

*Inset, section of a rally staged by the agitating workers on a school ground at Mirpur in the afternoon.*

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN AND RASHED SHUMAN

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Workers vandalised at least eight garment factories in Mirpur area and clashed with police for the third consecutive day yesterday demanding pay hike.

The management of 20 garment factories, including the eight, could not resume their production due to the workers' unrest, officials of the factories told The Daily Star.

Five people were injured as police charged batons on the workers during the blockade at Mirpur sections 13 and 14.

Meanwhile, mostly affected Opex Garment Limited, a sister concern of Sinha Group at Mirpur, resumed its production yesterday after two days unrest following a consensus with workers.

Several hundred workers from the factories barricaded the road at Mirpur 13 and 14 around 10:00 am for minimum monthly salary of Tk 5,000 and increase of their attendance allow-

ance. The workers are now getting minimum monthly salary of Tk 1,662.50 only

At one stage, Mirpur 13 and 14 turned into a battlefield after the police charged batons on the agitating workers.

Sources said the workers damaged glasses of eight to ten factories, prompting the authorities to shut down production. At 1:00 pm, police brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, Kamal Ahmed Mazumdar, local MP, met several thousand garment workers and a few owners at Ali Hossain High School field and urged them to return to their work as the government would announce minimum wage within next three months.

He assured them of talking to the garment owners under his constituency about their demand. He, however, warned the workers that such blockade and vandalism would not be tolerated.

OC Delwar Hossain of Kafrul Police Station

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## CPB cultural programme attacked

20 hurt in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A group of people foiled a cultural programme of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in the city last night in a sudden attack on the stage that left 20 people injured.

The attackers shouted repeatedly saying these people (the organisers) are making the country India and the countrymen "Kafir" through such programmes during prayer hours, witnesses said.

The identities of the attackers could not be known immediately but witnesses said a few of them were bearded and

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# Goutam's killers were drunken, panicked

## Shot the cop in panic, investigators conclude

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

The murder of sub-inspector Gautam was not planned. The killers in drunken stupor and panic shot the policeman, as he was about to draw his service arms while frisking the suspects, say detectives.

Investigators reached this conclusion after they caught Kailla Zakir alias Selim from his in-law's house in Shariatpur Tuesday night and arms supplier Sohel with a private car from the city's Khilgaon the following night.

The two were produced before a Dhaka court that placed them on a four-day remand yesterday.

With these findings, now ends the controversy over recent arrests made by Rapid Action Battalion, detectives claimed.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC)

Mahbub Alam of Detective Branch said, "We have not yet found any involvement of Kailla Zakir and Haider arrested by Rab in the killing."

Earlier on April 26, Rab-10 arrested another Haider and another Kailla Zakir in this connection. The battalion on that day handed over the two to DB, who are now investigating the case.

The ADC said Zakir alias Selim was paraded before Haider alias Ahmed Ali alias Hadi, who was arrested by Wari Police Outpost personnel on April 24, at DB office. They could recognise each other.

Zakir alias Selim said when he came to know from TV news that Haider was arrested by police he fled to his in-law's house.

He told investigators, as they reached a lane near Mohiuddin Market near Dholaikhal after taking drugs, they were intercepted by three

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## Fire burns factory in Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

A fire gutted valuables of Walton Factory at Chandra in Gazipur last night. Seven persons received burn injuries while trying to douse the blaze.

Locals and fire brigade sources said the fire might have originated from short circuit at the generator room

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# Subsidised rental power projects get go-ahead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet purchase committee yesterday approved two rental power deals for 300 megawatt to ease the persisting power crisis by August.

As power generated under the three-year deals would be much costlier than its sales rate, the purchase committee has in principle decided providing the Power Development Board a monthly subsidy of Tk 200 crore.

The power ministry had earlier initialled

contracts with British Aggreko for installing 200 MW power units in Khulna and Ashuganj, and with local Desh Energy for a 100 MW unit in Siddhirganj. The plants would operate on diesel.

Aggreko would sell power to the PDB for a price of around Tk 14.4 per kilowatt hour and Desh Energy around Tk 13.32 per kilowatt hour. The PDB would sell it at a rate of only Tk 2.37 per kilowatt hour.

The country's power shortage hovers

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## Bangladesh elected UNDP executive board member

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been elected member in the executive board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) from the Asian Group at an election held at the UN headquarters yesterday morning.

The country will work as a member of the board guiding the UNDP's worldwide activities for a three-year term from 2011 to 2013, according to a press release.

Bangladesh won the board membership winning more votes than the Philippines and South Korea.

Of the 53 member states (one remained absent during voting) of United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Bangladesh won 39 votes, the Philippines 15

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# Killed for protest against stalking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth died Wednesday night after struggling for life for three days as he was severely beaten up for protesting stalking of his cousin.

Mamun Hawlader, 22, a cellphone mechanic at Gulistan underpass market, succumbed to his injuries at Special Care Hospital on Panthapath in the capital.

Some culprits have been stalking his cousin, a class X student, for about three months which he had protested several times.

On April 25, Shohag alias Nirob, the main stalker, called him over phone and asked him to show up at a refueling station in Jatrabari for a compromise.

When he reached the fuel station, Shohag along with three associates including his brother Saiful swooped on Mamun with rods, hockey-sticks and sticks, said the victim's uncle Billal Hossain, who was on the spot.

Shohag runs a cosmetic shop at Jatrabari Samad Super market.

"Later, 12 to 14 more people joined them and beat up me, Mamun's brother Russell and his friend Al-Amin too," Billal said.



Mamun Hawlader

## Dhaka to get more from climate fund

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh is likely to get additional grant from South Asia Climate Fund raised by the US and other partner countries and private corporations.

Mike Forman, deputy assistant to the US president and chief negotiator on climate change and environmental issues, disclosed this when he received Speaker Abdul Hamid at the US National Security Council in Washington, a Bangladesh embassy news release said yesterday.

Forman assured the Bangladesh Speaker that President Obama is personally pursuing the idea of South Asia Climate Fund and would like to help Bangladesh to face the challenges of climate change.

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**Announcement**  
The South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) has published a set of recommendations to the Sixteenth Saarc Summit. The full article has been published on page 11 in today's issue of The Daily Star.

**OnlinePoll** ✓  
Do you think PM Sheikh Hasina's vision to create a green South Asia reflects in the current state of forestry in Bangladesh?  
 Yes (18.2%)  
 No (78.3%)  
 No Comments (3.5%)  
**Total votes: 481**  
**TODAY'S POLL**  
 Do you think frequent unrest in the RMG industry has become a grave crisis that needs a national response to save the sector?  
 Please cast your vote at [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

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April 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-29	6-34
Esha	8-00	8-30

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