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# Garment workers from different factories beaconing RMG unrest spirals

### 8 more garment units vandalised over pay hike demand

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 owners under his constituency about their

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 demand. He, however, warmed the workers that such blockade and vandalism would not be tolerated.

OC Delwar Hossain of Kafrul Police Station SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

### 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 **SEE PAGE 15 COL 7** 

### 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 SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

# 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 inlaw'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 **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3** 

Bss, Dhaka

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climate fund

Bangladesh is likely to get

additional grant from South

Asia Climate Fund raised by

the US and other partner

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and chief negotiator on cli-

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Bangladesh Speaker that

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help Bangladesh to face the

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Walton Factory at Chandra in

Gazipur last night. Seven

persons received burn injuries

while trying to douse the

sources said the fire might

have originated from short

circuit at the generator room

Announcement

The South Asia Centre for

Policy Studies (SACEPS) has

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mendations to the Sixteenth

Saarc Summit. The full

article has been published

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Locals and fire brigade

Gazipur

UNB, Gazipur

blaze.

Hasina's vision to create a green South Asia reflects in the current state of forestry

(18.2%) O Yes (78.3%)

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Do you think frequent unrest in the RMG industry has become a grave crisis that

needs a national response

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Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-29	6-34
Esha	8-00	8-30
Source:	Islamic Foun	dation

## 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 kilowatthour. 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

The country's power shortage hovers **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3** 

### 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. Mamun Hawlader 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 mar-

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

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Do you think PM Sheikh in Bangladesh?

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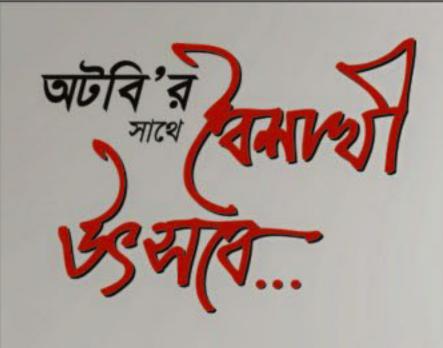
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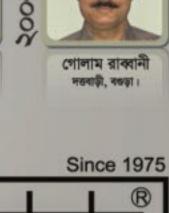












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