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This family has been waiting at the Sadarghat terminal for a launch to Pirojpur since yesterday noon. It's now 5:00pm and they are still there. Indefinite water transport workers' strike called Friday was partially observed yesterday putting a huge number of passengers in agonising wait and confusion.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Partial strike continues on riverways

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The indefinite water transport strike was partially observed yesterday, as some vessels continued to ply ignoring the strike enforced by the workers Friday midnight.

The strike disrupted movement of imported goods through Chittagong Port as the lighter vessels, that ferry cargoes from ships in the outer anchorage to the jetties and other destinations, remained stranded.

Besides, use of force by pro-ruling party workers on their pro-strike counterparts left at least five people injured in Chittagong and several others manhandled in Dhaka.

Around 23 launches, out of the scheduled 33, left

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Yunus sings for social business

Calls for creating a different world

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has called for establishing social business as a problem solver, not profit maximiser, to tackle global poverty and social injustice.

"If we had created another kind of business on the basis of selflessness, we could have created a different kind of world," said Yunus, the founder of Grameen Bank, yesterday.

He was giving a lecture on "Creating a world without poverty - social business bridging the gap" at the inaugural session of a three-day international conference.

Yunus said selflessness is at the heart of business that has created a string of socio-economic problems across the globe.

North South University, US-based Knowledge Globalization Institute and Suffolk University jointly organised the conference

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Muhammad Yunus

Gas station strike from today

UNB, Dhaka

Petrol pump and tank lorry owners and workers will go for an indefinite strike from today to press home their 13-point demand.

The demands include raising commission on the sale of petrol from present two percent to seven percent, enforcing the decision for setting up testing laboratories at the petrol depots, issuing arms licenses to the petrol pump owners and raising tank lorry fare.

Petrol Pump and Tank Lorry Owners-Workers Unity Council, a newly floated organisation comprising Bangladesh Petrol Pump Owners' Association and Tank Lorry Workers' Federation,

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think blaming past BNP-Jamaat government for current power and gas crisis in the country is justified?

Yes (60.4%)
 No (39.3%)
 No Comments (0.3%)

Total votes: 1451

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think police will be able to take strict actions against BCL wrong-doers following the home ministry directive?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

| May 9 | | |
|---------|-------|--------|
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-15 | 4-50 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-34 | 6-38 |
| Esha | 8-00 | 8-30 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

Liberal democrats in UK power talks with Conservatives

BBC ONLINE

Liberal Democratic leader Nick Clegg is meeting his MPs and peers to discuss a power-sharing offer from the Conservatives.

The Tories won most votes in the UK election but were short of a majority - Gordon Brown remains PM while Tories see if they can form a government.

Clegg also spoke to the PM by phone on Friday. He has offered talks if Lib Dems cannot agree with the Tories.

Clegg, Brown and Tory leader David Cameron appeared together at the Cenotaph for VE Day celebrations.

The Lib Dem leader has met senior Lib Dem MPs and is now meeting his wider parliamentary party to sound them out about the options, after the UK election resulted in a hung parliament.

'NEW POLITICS'

An estimated 1,000 people gathered outside the Lib Dem meeting in favour of electoral reform, chanting "Fair votes now". Accepting their petition, Clegg said: "Reforming politics is one of the reasons I went into politics."

He said he believed it was in the national interest "for us to use this opportunity to usher in a new politics".

Meanwhile Labour MP John Mann has called for Brown to step down as Labour leader - arguing his position "rules out the credibility of a Lib/Lab pact".

He said: "Gordon Brown has had a good run and whilst he was an excellent chancellor he has been seen as a poor prime minister who is out of touch and aloof. Labour lost votes because of this."

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Rushanara targets unity

UNB, London

Rushanara Ali, first ever Bangladeshi-born Briton elected to the British parliament, on Friday said her win materialised the long dream of all Banglees living in Britain and Bangladesh.

"From today I am MP for everybody. Please pray for me so I can fulfill my commitments," she told the news agency in her instant reaction.

Expressing her deep gratitude to her electorates,

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