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Khaleda 'whitened white money'
Insists BNP
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BNP once again denied the allegation of black money whitening against party chairperson Khaleda Zia, saying she only "whitened her white money".
"The chairperson whitened her white money following the NBR [National Board of Revenue] circular titled White Money Whitening under SRO [Statutory Regulatory Order] 98, 2007," said Ahmed Azam Khan, a member of BNP chairperson's advisory council.
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Nahid's rules-abiding MPO list draws flak

PM suspends the roll amid uproar at cabinet meeting; ministers flay education minister for not accommodating their choices

HASAN JAHD TUSHER
In the face of vehement demand of some cabinet colleagues, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the education ministry to suspend the effectiveness of the recently announced MPO list of non-government secondary and higher secondary educational institutions for three months.
The institutions on MPO list get government subsidy as monthly pay orders to meet a portion of their teachers' salaries and benefits.

"The prime minister ordered to create a new list based on the existing one, adding some new names to it and dropping some old ones," a senior minister told The Daily Star preferring anonymity.
The suspension came just 72 hours into the list's announcement, as some ministers and state ministers expressed serious resentment against Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a regular cabinet meeting because institutions of their choice are not on the list.
They alleged most of the institutions on the list were established during the last

BNP-Jamaat coalition regime while institutions established during the last Awami League government have been ignored, meeting sources said.
They also demanded that the premier increases the number of institutions on the list, and the budgetary allocation for MPO as well.
In the last two days some ministers, state ministers, and ruling Awami League lawmakers also wrote to the prime minister demanding a review of the announced list.
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CTG CITY POLLS EC goes for army, BDR

Declares schedule today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Election Commission will announce a schedule today to hold the Chittagong City Corporation polls by the third week of June with the deployment of army and BDR alongside police.
It plans to introduce electronic voting system in the CCC polls on a limited scale for further modernisation of election management.
The decision to deploy the army on a limited scale came at a meeting between the EC and high officials of Armed Forces Division, police, Bangladesh Rifles and Rapid Action Battalion.
Army personnel will be deployed in the electoral area three
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Tarique back to business

Holds first meeting with London BNP leaders
UNB, London
Tarique Rahman, BNP's senior vice-president, held a long meeting with London BNP and Juba Dal leaders on Sunday to discuss political situation in Bangladesh, apart from organisational matters in the UK.
This was Tarique's first ever meeting with the party's UK wing since his arrival in London on September 12, 2008 on parole for treatment of his spinal cord.
The meeting was held at the Ramna Plaza Restaurant
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Prothom Alo trashes reports by Bashundhara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
In response to reports by the Kaler Kantha and Bangladesh Protidin, the daily Prothom Alo in a press release yesterday trashed claims in the two dailies owned by Bashundhara Group.
Following is the press release:
Our attention has been drawn to two reports published yesterday (May 10, 2010) in daily Kaler Kantha and Bangladesh Protidin, both owned by Bashundhara Group. The Dainik Kaler Kantha report was headlined "Matiur
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Ensure safe fruits

HC asks govt to stop sale, storage of contaminated fruits

ASHUTOSH SARKAR
The High Court yesterday gave the government a number of directives to stop the use of chemicals for ripening and preserving fruits and the sale of those contaminated fruits, a public health concern.
The court, in response to a public interest writ petition, ordered Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) and Rapid Action Battalion to continuously monitor fruit depots in Dhaka so that contaminated fruits cannot be stored or sold.
It asked for everyday tests of fruits to be conducted at wholesale depots in the capital.
The HC also ordered the chairman of the National
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Two workers soaking mangoes in harmful chemical to artificially ripen those. Consumers of such fruits are exposed to serious health hazards.



STAR FILE PHOTO

Nothing is pure in world of foods

PINAKI ROY
Unadulterated food items have become alarmingly rare in the market these days, as wholesalers mix everything - from brick dust, soap ingredients to textile dyes -- with commonly eaten foods to cheat people.
These chemicals, if consumed, may cause cancer to different organs, acidity, kidney diseases, leukaemia and bone-marrow cancer, different studies reveal.
"These chemicals are good for any diseases."
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