

Did you know? The Guri Dam is one of the largest in the world. It is located at Bolivar State, Venezuela on the Caroni River. It is 1300 meters long and 162 m high.



The fascinating world of construction. Brought to you by.

BSRM
the ultimate steel

Whirlpool Amazing Triple Offer
Unbelievable Saving up to Tk. 17,600* on Whirlpool Refrigerator

First ever in Bangladesh!

With specific models of Whirlpool Refrigerator:
Cash Discount up to Tk. 3,200*
Free Whirlpool Microwave Oven worth Tk. 6,900
Exchange Offer: Trade in used refrigerator** get cash discount up to Tk. 7,500*
Unbelievable Saving up to Tk. 17,600*

TRANSKOM
DIGITAL
Your Trusted Electronics Retailer
For More Information: 8855368-8, 01712 665463

Rab team confined

Satkhira villagers allege bid to implicate businessman, set them free after 5 hours upon apology

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Agitating villagers confined a team of Rapid Action Battalion to a house for over five hours early yesterday for allegedly trying to implicate a local businessman in an illegal arms possession charge. The villagers of Natuadanga village in Sadar upazila confined the Rab-6 personnel as the team led by Maj Kamruzzaman went to search the house of Shafiqul Islam, owner of a shrimp enclosure, around 12:30am. Shafiq, also organising secretary of Shibpur union unit Awami League, claims when the Rab men attempted to raid his house, he urged them to do it in presence of the villagers. He alleges the Rab members cut the balcony grills to enter the house and laid three shutter guns inside. On information, hundreds of villagers surrounded the house and confined the Rab men to it around 2:30am. A team of Satkhira Sadar police led by Officer-in-Charge Hashem Khan arrived on the scene around 5:30am but could not ease the situation. Another Rab team of 12 members also reached the spot to help the police. After over two hours of talks between the villagers and the

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



It's all because of WC

30 hurt; cops fire shots to tame fans of Brazil, Argentina

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A clash between football fans of Brazil and Argentina at two villages in Bera upazila of Pabna left 30 people, including five policemen, injured yesterday morning. Police and locals said the clash between the residents of Sheikhpura and Dakshinpara started around 10:00am after a brawl between the fans. The FIFA World Cup is due to begin on June 11. Both the groups used sharp weapons, sticks and bricks during the clash. Policemen of Bera Police Station rushed to the spot and tried to control the situation. They fired six shots into the air to disperse the groups, Officer-in-Charge Md Jillur Rahman said.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

EC to meet candidates

Plans to encourage them further to respect Ctg polls code

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) will have a meeting with candidates in the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls to improve further the atmosphere for the June 17 battle of ballots. The EC has decided to hold the meeting to encourage candidates to abide by the electoral code of conduct in electioneering. Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hussain said yesterday. The meeting is likely to be held on June 6 at Chittagong, said Sakhawat, who will attend it. "We will hear views of candidates and ask them to follow electoral code of conduct in carrying out campaign," he told The

SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Rivals go out to win over critics

DWAIPAYAN BARUA and NUR UDDIN ALAMGIR, Ctg

The mayoral candidates backed by the ruling Awami League and opposition BNP are courting party veterans and politically influential people, as formal campaign is not allowed till allocation of the election symbols on June 2. Meanwhile, in a late night development in the capital yesterday, AL finally gave its formal support to Chittagong city AL President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury as mayor candidate. At a meeting of its central working committee, the party also directed the other AL leaders, who have filed applications for mayoral candidacy, to withdraw from the race and work for Mohiuddin, AL Organising Secretary Ahmed Hossain told The Daily Star.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Cut carbon, compensate

Climate change victims ask developed world

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People affected by natural disasters in coastal and char areas urged the developed world to cut carbon emissions and give financial compensations at a discussion on climate impact in the capital yesterday. They also appealed to the government for immediate repair of the coastal embankments damaged by cyclone Aila in Khulna and Satkhira regions in May last year. The Climate Poverty Hearing was jointly organised by Oxfam GB Bangladesh and Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihood (CSRL) at the National Press Club. Sarbanu Khatun from Satkhira, Jahanara Begum from Sunamgonj and Hamida Begum from Gaibandha described the damage done to them by natural disasters, and how they were deprived of food, shelter, health and education as a consequence of the climate change. Hamida said her family used to live by growing onion, garlic, peanuts, oil seeds, and maize on char land. But the intrusion of saline water has destroyed the crops for the last couple of years. "I have three school-going children but they cannot attend school, as I am unable to feed them," she said. "We do not ask for loans, nor charity or relief from the developed world. We want them to cut carbon emissions and we want to survive on our own resources," said Hamida. Sarbanu's husband had given his agricultural land to shrimp farmers as he failed to grow traditional crops due to saline water. He then started to collect honey from the Sundarbans for a living, but one day a tiger killed him, Sarbanu said. She added that she with her four children has been homeless since Aila hit the area.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

Highway blocked for MPO

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Teachers and students of Baroicha College in Narsingdi barricaded the Dhaka-Sylhet highway for two hours yesterday morning demanding inclusion of their institution in the latest list of Monthly Payment Order (MPO).

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



BNP-backed mayoral candidate Mohammad Manjur Alam meets anti-British revolutionary Binod Bihari Chowdhury to seek blessings in fighting CCC poll while Awami League-blessed ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury throws arms around once rival Nurul Islam.



PHOTO: STAR

কৃষক আমাদের জাতীয় বীর! কৃষক আমাদের অর্থনীতির মেরুদণ্ড!

কৃষক, গ্রামীণ অর্থনীতি ও উন্নয়ন বিষয়ক ধারাবাহিক অনুষ্ঠান

কৃষক ও উন্নয়ন

এর ৬ষ্ঠ পর্ব দেখুন আজ রবিবার বিকাল ৪-৩০ ঘটিকায়

বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশনে

উপস্থাপনায়ঃ খোন্দকার ইব্রাহিম খালেদ

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

রিপোর্ট: ৪৮/১০
তারিখ: ২০-০৫-১০
জিটি-২৪৬৬

Tongi overpass opens today

BSS, Gazipur

The much-awaited Shaheed Ahsanullah Master Flyover adjacent to the south side of Tongi Rail Station will be open to the public today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the flyover built at a cost of around Tk24 crore. With the opening of the flyover, traffic jam in Dhaka and Tongi will be reduced to a

SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

Prayer Timing		
May 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-40	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Lack of coordination affects dist AL activities


ALCWC meeting told; Hasina urges Khaleda to withdraw hartal

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Lack of coordination among ruling Awami League lawmakers, leaders and workers in many districts across the country is affecting party activities, organising secretaries of the party said in their reports submitted to AL President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last night. At a meeting of the AL Central Working Committee at the Gono Bhaban with Hasina in the chair, they also said organisational strength of the party in those districts is decreasing, according to meeting sources. The meeting relieved Noakhali district unit AL President Mohammad Hanif from his position on charge of involvement in anti-organisational activities. The decision is based on recommendations by the district unit earlier. A report from Patuakhali district AL was placed at the meeting seeking organisational action against party lawmaker from Patuakhali-3 Golam Mawla Roni for anti-party activities. Hasina directed the organising secretaries to deal with the

SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

رَبِّ ارْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّنِي صَغِيرًا



Marhuma Afsari Rahman
wife of Marhum Rezaur Rahman of Siddique Manjil, Comilla

This day in 2008 you left us to join your husband for eternal peace in Jannath. You are out of sight for years but never out of mind. We feel both of you in our every moment of life. May "Allah" bless both of you eternal peace in Jannath. Ameen.

Justice Mamnoon Rahman
Kohinoor Rahman
Maisha
Maha

Dr. Masroor Rahman
Dr. Farhana Rahman
Muntaha
Minnah