

A rescue at all too difficult place
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Hope was fading away fast for Alamgir as the rescuers were yet to find his wife and three children till yesterday afternoon.
By evening, Alamgir, a staff of a private mobile phone company, started to believe that his young family was no more alive.
At 10:45pm, his hope was even less as the rescuers pulled away the bodies of his two sons from the rubbles, and started knocking down the concrete structure of the toppled building, where at least six people including Alamgir's wife and daughter were still believed to be trapped.
Twenty-one hours since the collapse of the building, the rescuers could only begin

BUILDING COLLAPSE AT BEGUNBARI

Death toll climbs to 23

10 rescued out of debris; 5 still missing

SHARIFUL ISLAM, EMRAN HOSSAIN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Rescue workers yesterday pulled 19 more bodies from the rubble of a five-storey building in the capital's Begunbari area, taking the death toll to 23.
Eight women and four children were among the dead, said rescuers.
"It's no game. It's life," said Marzina Begum, who lost three of her grandchildren in the incident.
That was her reaction after onlookers gathered around the bodies of the children pulled from the rubble in the night.
The 50-year-old woman, distraught by the loss, was in a desperate search for her missing daughter-in-law.
Her son Md Alamgir said it would be less painful to die from taking poison than living with "this loss -- to see my children dead". Minutes later he passed out.
Fire-fighters rescued 10 people yesterday. Five residents of three tin-roofed houses ruined by the crashing building are believed trapped inside.
Twenty-four hours into the collapse, the rescuers struggled to conduct the operation, as the lanes to the site are too narrow for vehicles to pass.
As the day wore on, two divers from the fire brigade searched for bodies in a lake.



Kulum Begum bursts into tears after fire fighters retrieved three of her children, two dead, from the debris of the collapsed building at Begunbari in the capital yesterday. More photos on page 3, 16.
PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

HC records fatwa victim's statement

The B'baria girl was tortured for having an affair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 17-year-old girl yesterday stated before the High Court that she was tortured physically during a village arbitration in Brahmanbaria for having an affair.
The girl's mother also backed her statement at the court. However, they both denied any instance of a fatwa (religious edict) against the girl. She was reportedly given 101 lashes as a punishment for having an affair.
The HC bench of justices Syed Mahmud Hossain and Gobinda Chandra Tagore recorded their statements separately in a chamber attached to the courtroom.
The judges later said the victim told them that she was physically tortured and they

The battle of brands

AFP, Paris

Competition at the 2010 World Cup will not only be fierce on the football pitch but also at the sportswear shops, as historic brand leader Adidas faces off against rival Nike and a third challenger Puma.
The football championships kick off June 11 in South Africa as Adidas hopes to retain its claim to the title of the number one football brand against stiff challenge from the world's biggest sportswear manufacturer Nike.
Puma meanwhile is touting its African colours after backing four of the six teams from the continent, which is hosting the World Cup championship for the first time.



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Amar Desh acting editor sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent arrested Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman to jail in a case filed in connection with resisting arrest, assault on law enforcers and preventing them from doing their job.
Police filed the case with

BNP joins JS

Walks out twice over Mahmudur's arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led opposition finally joined the budget session in parliament that began yesterday but walked out of the House twice in protest against shutdown of daily Amar Desh and arrest of its acting editor Mahmudur Rahman.
They staged the first walkout in the afternoon minutes after beginning of the House proceedings, protesting against the

Unilever CEO arrives today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Paul Polman, chief executive officer of Unilever Plc, arrives in Dhaka today on a three-day visit.
The purpose of his trip is to gain an in-depth understanding of consumers and customers and meet different external stakeholders of Unilever, the



Paul Polman

'Shootout' kills gangster, aide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gunfight between Rab and a gang of criminals in the city's FDC area yesterday evening left the gang leader and his bodyguard killed.
The ringleader Selim alias Raipura Seilla, 38, who hailed from Raipura upazila of Narsingdi stayed at Nakhlapara in Tejgaon area. Another deceased was identified as Selim's bodyguard Jabbar alias Pichchhi Akash.
A patrol team of Rab 2 chased the gang when they were taking

ব্যাংকের ১১তম প্রতিষ্ঠা বার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে
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