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**TAXI REQUISITION  
3 cops asked  
to appear in  
court June 7**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday asked the three policemen, who were photographed while harassing a taxi driver over the requisition of a taxicab in city's Farmgate area on May 13, to appear in the court on June 7 to explain the incidents. The three policemen are Kabir Hossain, Abdul Malek

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**Mahmudur  
quizzed  
at jail gate**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police interrogated Mahmudur Rahman at Dhaka Central Jail gate yesterday in a case filed in connection with resisting arrest, assault on law enforcers and preventing them from doing their job. Following the interrogation, police went back to court and sought a five-day remand for him. The court fixed June 7 for hearing on the police plea. Sub-Inspector of Tejgaon Police Station Rezaul Karim, investigation officer (IO) of the case, quizzed Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur

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**2 held for link  
with Jaish**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested two people on charge of providing shelter to the members of Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Bangladesh early yesterday. A Rab team arrested the two--Mohiuddin Ahmed and his brother Salahuddin Ahmed--from Ashulia Bypile Bus stand on the outskirts of capital around 5:30am. Rab members were on a hunt for them after the elite force arrested Pakistani national Rezwan Ahmed with three locals busting

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**Billboard falls  
on city road  
None hurt; obstructs  
traffic for hours**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Yet another billboard collapsed on the walkway and portion of Airport Road at the city's Uttara yesterday morning. Nobody, however, was reported hurt. Wreckage of the hoarding caused a huge traffic jam in the area. It took Roads and Highways Department around two hours to cut into pieces the fallen hoarding and remove it from the street.

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**Youth killed  
in Rangamati  
gun attack**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**

A member of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) was killed and another injured in a gun attack allegedly by the activists of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) in Rajasthali upazila of Rangamati early yesterday. The dead was identified as Ananda Tangchangya, 22, son of Gonesh Tangchangya of a village in Rowangchhari

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**Prayer Timing**

June 4		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

**COLOURS SAY IT ALL**



Fresh water coming in from the Bangshi, left, shows how murky the water of the Turag has become. The photo was taken from the Amin Bazar bridge near Gabtali in the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**PM seeks  
more US  
investment**

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the United States to invest in Bangladesh in larger volume and laid emphasis on more US cooperation in energy and power sectors. The request came when US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty called on the premier at her office in the morning. The present government believes in press freedom and the press in the country is "enjoying highest freedom at

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**BNP yet to  
return to JS**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The BNP-led opposition did not return to parliament yesterday after storming out of the House Wednesday night in protest against shutdown of the daily Amar Desh and arrest of its acting editor Mahmudur Rahman. It is uncertain when the opposition would return, as they want to remain absent in the current session to mount pressure on the government to

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**Sal forest to turn  
into safari park**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government has taken an initiative to make a safari park in the Gazipur Sal forest aiming to save it from encroachment. Around 4000 acres of land of the forest have been designated for the safari park named after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said State Minister for Environment and Forest Hasan Mahmud yesterday at a press conference while announcing the programmes of the World Environment Day on Saturday. "No encroachment of forestland will take place in Gazipur in the future once the safari

park is done," the minister said in reply to a question. There was a time when varieties of wild animals like leopard, peacock, deer and different primates graced the Sal forest, but it has been turned into an industrial zone and a place of planted trees over the years. Citing official sources BSS reports, about 1987 hectares of forestland at Sreepur Range under the forest department will be developed as a wildlife sanctuary for both herbivorous and carnivorous animals. According to the forest officials, the forest

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**Mohiuddin declares  
poll manifesto**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

Awami League backed mayoral candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday declared his seven-point election manifesto with implementation of 'city government' topping the list. Shortly after the announcement, Mohiuddin, also a member of Nagorik Committee, said there is no alternative to implementing 'city government' for ensuring comforts and multiple rights of the city dwellers. Chittagong University Vice Chancellor Dr Abu Yusuf Alam, also a member of the committee, read the manifesto in a press conference at the main office of the committee around 3:30pm. The manifesto highlighted different development works conducted by the former CCC mayor Mohiuddin during his

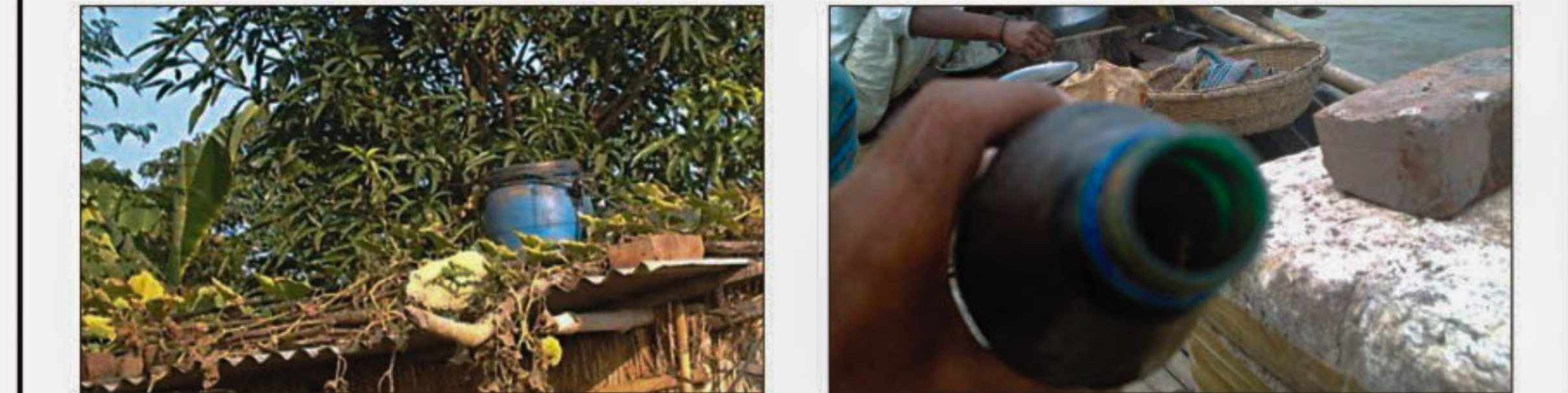
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**Manjur's campaign  
gets momentum**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

BNP Vice-Chairman Abdullah Al Noman and leaders and activists loyal to him yesterday started electoral campaign for BNP-backed and Chattagram Unnayan Andolon mayoral candidate M Manjur Alam Manju. Noman formally started the campaign addressing as the chief guest at a joint rally of leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations under Chittagong-9 constituency. Manjur was special guest at the rally held at a community centre near Pahartali Baroquarter at about 3:30pm. As a part of strategy set for carrying out electoral campaign for the BNP backed mayoral candidate, the four BNP nominated candidates for December 2008 parliament election were

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**HUNT DOLPHINS, MAXIMISE PROFIT:** A Ganges River Dolphin bears the brunt of human greed. Clockwise from top, a hunted dolphin is carried on a boat. Slashed flesh of the aquatic animal is left to dry on a roof of a village house in Rajshahi. Fishermen ready to pour dolphin oil, extracted from its fat, in the water to attract fishes. Killing dolphin has become a booming business that threatens the rare species with extinction.

PHOTO: SMA RASHID

**Dolphins in danger**

**STAR REPORT**

Fishermen are killing endangered Gangetic River Dolphins on a vast swath of the rivers Padma and Jamuna, and using their oil to catch fish. The trade has become so lucrative that some fishermen have switched from fishing to catching dolphins. Each kilogramme of oil extracted from dolphins sells for Tk 400 to Tk 500. The fat from a healthy dolphin can produce 4 to 5 kg of oil. "We found groups killing dolphins at least at thirty places in the Padma and Jamuna," said Dr SMA Rashid, a wildlife expert who is now conducting a survey on Gharial, a crocodile species, now thought to be extinct in Bangladesh. The Padma has reached a greater depth at Yusufpur, at the mouth of the Baral river in Godagari. Because of this

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**1,200 MW more  
power by 2011**

**Jatiya Sangsad told**

**BSS, Sangsad Bhaban**

The process of setting up 1,000MW to 1,200MW quick rental power stations is going on to keep power shortage at a tolerable level in 2010 and 2011. State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Mohammad Enamul Haque said this in the House yesterday while replying to a supplementary question from treasury bench lawmaker Shafiqul Azam Chowdhury. "These plants can be set up quickly for generating power for three to five years," he said. The government took plans to add 9,426MW power to the national grid by 2015, he also told another questioner Begum Nilufar Chowdhury. Besides setting up gas-based plants, power stations would be set up based on coal, diesel and furnace oil and dual fuel and renewable oil in view of crisis of gas in the country, he added. Under short, mid and long-term plans, a total of 792MW power would be added to the national grid this year through public and private sectors, Haque said adding that another 920MW would be added in 2011; 2,269MW in 2012; 1,675 MW in 2013; 1,170MW in 2014 and 2,600MW in 2015.

**ENGLAND TOUR  
Tigers play  
2nd Test  
from today**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh will take inspiration from their good outing at Lord's when they take on England in the second and final Test at Old Trafford in Manchester from today. The match will be telecast live on Star Cricket and SuperSport 2 from 4:00pm. The Tigers left London with a defeat but Tamim Iqbal's century and dogged batting from Imrul Kayes and Junaed Siddiqui would give the visitors some confidence with the bat. Paceman Shahadat Hossain too did well, picking up a five-wicket haul in the Test's first innings. But the middle-order batsmen and the rest of the bowlers left a lot to be desired and they would have their hands full in Manchester where a

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**Muggers kill 1**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

One person was killed and his elder brother injured when muggers attacked them at the city's Bijoy Sarani under Kafrul Police Station at the early hours yesterday. The dead was identified as Monir, 15, and his elder brother Alauddin, 18, was injured. They were vegetable vendors at Mirpur-1 market. They were on the way to Karwan Bazar from their residence at Janata Housing in Mirpur-1 by a rickshaw van at around 2:00am, and when they reached Bijoy Sarani a gang of five to six muggers intercepted the rickshaw, said Alauddin. The muggers hacked them indiscriminately with sharp weapons while snatching Tk 7,000 and a mobile phone from their possession, he added. Locals took the victims to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared Monir dead.

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**OnlinePoll**

How do you look at the shutting down of Amar Desh and Channel 1?

Attack on the freedom of press (56.35%)

Legal course of action (43.23%)

No Comments (42%)

**Total votes: 3597**

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you support BNP's walkout from the parliament over the arrest of Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman?

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