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## Main goal is to make JS dysfunctional

*AL reacts to BNP's shadow budget*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming BNP chief Khaleda Zia's mooted of the alternative budget before the media unwanted, Awami League yesterday said her main goal was to make the parliament dysfunctional.

The ruling party also held Khaleda and former president Iajuddin Ahmed particularly responsible for the unconstitutional government assuming

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## South Africa 'United for Bafana'

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Tens of thousands of South Africa fans danced and chanted in the streets of Johannesburg on Wednesday, cheering their team as World Cup excitement reached fever-pitch two days before kick-off.

Clad in yellow shirts, scarves and hats and blowing their loud vuvuzelas, people of all ages joined a public parade to cheer on the team said to have helped unite a country still divided 16 years after the end of apartheid.

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# Outages batter life

*Technical glitches in Sylhet gas field worsen situation*

WASIM BIN HABIB

With mercury hovering around 35 degrees Celsius, another spell of power outages -- for at least six hours a day -- in the last several days has wreaked havoc on life in the capital.

The city dwellers complain that power cuts increased significantly yesterday and the day before whereas power supply showed some improvement in the last few weeks.

The officials concerned, however, blamed technical glitches in a gas field in Comilla, which resulted in less gas supply to power stations and lesser power generation.

"The problem in Comilla gas field has just

added to the existing gas crisis," said a PDB official. It would take at least two to three days to repair, he added.

Residents of different areas of the capital said they are experiencing power cuts five to six times a day, each lasting for at least an hour.

A resident of Taltola Wasequr Rahman said the power situation seemed to have improved in the last few weeks, as they did not face load shedding like last year's. But for the last couple of days the situation has gone beyond endurance.

Outdoors in the daytime feels like roasting in the sun while indoors you feel being boiled,

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## NIMTOLI FIRE Chemicals traders still untraced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although seven days elapsed after the Nimtoli inferno, neither the three-member probe committee nor the law-enforcement agencies could trace the owner of the chemical warehouse responsible for intensifying the fire.

They also could not identify the names and types of the chemicals stored in that building.

Both Fire Service Director

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## MONEY WHITENING IN BUDGET 2 sectors may get limited scope

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Scope for whitening money may be kept limited to only two sectors in the next fiscal year in the face of criticism and poor response to the offer, finance ministry sources said.

The facility will be provided if money is invested in Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund (BIFF), and no question will be raised about the source of the money.

The government has created the BIFF to finance big infrastructure projects including those in power and energy sector. Initially the government gave Tk 1,600 crore to the fund. There is scope for the private sector to invest in the fund.

Money whitening may also be allowed in cases of purchase of flats, apartments or floors for the next fiscal year (FY) but the tax rate may be increased, the sources said.

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## People not getting UP services

*PM tells JS*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in parliament portrayed a sorry state of the union parishes due to non-holding of elections to those bodies for around two years.

Representatives of the union parishads, the bottom tier of the local government, are not working for people, she said while replying to lawmakers' queries.

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# Cops start to guard rivers

*6 Dhaka OCs tell HC*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the officers-in-charge (OCs) of six police stations in the capital to submit to it every three months reports on their actions to stop dumping of waste into the Buriganga as per its earlier directive.

The OCs appeared before an HC bench in connection with a contempt of court petition filed with it for their non-compliance with the previous directive.

The bench comprised of Justice Md Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Justice Naima Haider.

On May 4, the same bench ordered them to deploy police on the banks of the Buriganga to stop dumping of waste into the river, and to submit reports on implementation of its order within a month.

The OCs yesterday told the court that they already started deploying police as per its earlier order.

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Sitting in the isle between her husband's and only son's graves wails Selina Begum yesterday. At the Shia graveyard in Hosni Dalan area lie more of her relatives she lost in the devastating June 3 Nimtoli fire. This is how she passes most of her time now.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

## Daughter's death news dims desire to live

MAHBUBA ZANNATH

For Saifuddin Ahmed, 35, life was a constant agony since the inferno at Old Dhaka. But he was holding on for the sake of his four-year old daughter, Hafsa. His hopes were shattered on Tuesday when he

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Prayer Timing		
June 10		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

## 8th Death Anniversary



We pray for Marhum M. Masihur Rahman on his 8th death anniversary today on 10th June, 2010. Marhum Masihur Rahman was the Founder Life Member of NSU Foundation, which established NSU. He was also the Member of

Parichalona Porshod, NSU and Board of Governors, NSU Foundation. He was a successful industrialist, promising banker and enthusiastic philanthropist who breathed his last on 10th June, 2002.

May Allah bless his departed soul and give the members of his family the strength to keep on bearing the loss.



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### STALKING

# Nahid warns of tough action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid went tough against stalkers branding them criminals and called upon all to wage a social movement against them.

While replying to lawmakers' queries yesterday in parliament, he said stalking cannot be regarded as mere eve teasing, rather it is a kind of repression of girls.

"We will enforce the law strictly and build resistance across the country against those criminals," the education minister said.

Earlier at a press conference, Nahid said the criminals will not be spared and a law will be enacted, if necessary, to punish them.

The press conference was organised to inform the media about the Education Day this year to be observed on June 13. The main theme of the day is "Ensuring security of female students". The ministry will also observe the day as Uttaktakaran Birodhi Dibash (anti-stalking day).

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## Mahmudur denied bail

*Police take him on remand*

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the recently closed daily Amar Desh, in a case filed against him with Kotwali Police Station for obstructing the police in discharging their duties.

Meantime, Tejgaon police took Mahmudur on a three-day

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**OnlinePoll**

How do you see the 'alternative budget' presented by leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia?

☐ Positive political move (46.56%)

☐ Unnecessary (52.73%)

☐ No Comments (0.71%)

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