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RMG workers go berserk

Ransack 6 factories in Ashulia; clash with police for minimum wage; production in 7 units halted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Operation of seven garment factories in Ashulia was suspended yesterday after several thousand workers vandalised six factories and clashed with police over implementation of the proposed minimum wage structure.

At least 30 workers and 10 policemen were injured in clashes between law enforcers and employees of Envoy Group, owned by the president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

Vehicular movement on the Dhaka-Tangail Highway remained suspended for over an hour.

About 8,000 workers of Envoy Group staged demonstration inside the factory shortly after 9:00am. They took to the streets and put barri-

cades on the Dhaka-Tangail Highway just before 10:00am, witnesses said.

The agitating workers vandalised nearby factories of DK Group, Washing and Design Ltd, The Rose Dress, Green Life, Scan Desk, and Shed Fashion in Jamgorah area.

Clashes between police and the workers erupted at about 10:00am after the law enforcers charged baton to disperse them and restore vehicular movement on the highway.

Police lobbed teargas canisters while the workers retaliated by pelting them with brickbats.

Six other factories suspended operation following the incident.

Workers of Envoy Group also staged demonstration on Saturday, prompting the authorities

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

HARBINGER OF MONSOON... a rainbow appears on the eastern horizon after a drizzle in the capital yesterday evening, ushering in the rainy season.

RAMADAN

Duty on sugar to be lifted temporarily

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The duty proposed on sugar in the next fiscal year's budget would be lifted temporarily on the eve of Ramadan, National Board of Revenue sources said yesterday.

The revenue board will issue a statutory regulatory order for (SRO) before Ramadan withdrawing the duty to keep lower the price of sugar in the holy month, NBR officials said.

However, the NBR officials have doubt whether the duty cut would benefit consumers.

The price of sugar did not come down much last year even after slashing the duty,

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AL, BNP high-ups busy in CCC campaign

No outsider to be allowed in Ctg after today; army deployed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Leaders from both Awami League and BNP-led alliances are now busy in carrying out campaign for their party-backed candidates, as no outsider would be allowed to stay here after today to avoid any sort of violence in the CCC polls.

Meanwhile, to maintain law and order ahead of the election, six companies of army are being deployed in the port city from today.

The army would be kept as reserved force till June 18, who would go into action responding to the call of magistrates at any time.

Earlier, two companies of BDR were deployed on June 9 to patrol the city till

June 18 while forty-one teams drawing forces from police and Rab were deployed to maintain law and order since June 3.

Addressing a street rally in front of Central Shaheed Minar yesterday afternoon, central AL leaders sought vote for Mohiuddin to help implement the electoral pledges of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and make the development process of Chittagong easier.

They vowed to help hold the election in a free and fair way and not to let the opposition BNP make the election a political issue for movement.

AL Presidium Member Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Tofael Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Amir Hossain Amu, Obaidul Kader, JSD leader Mainuddin Khan Badal,

Jatiya Party (Ershad) leader barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud, AKM Bahauddin Bahar were present in the rally.

Local lawmakers Nurul Islam, MA Latif, Mosharraf Hossain, ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury, Abul Kashem Master and Shamsul Haq Chowdhury also took part in the campaign for Mohiuddin.

AL-led grand alliance central leaders carried out mass contact and campaign throughout the day in different areas of the city in four groups seeking vote for Mohiuddin.

Mohiuddin carried out campaigns seeking votes in different areas of Halishahar.

BNP leaders from the centre and

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Vow to stop stalking

Education Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of students, teachers, guardians and many others vowed to resist stalking on the Education Day observed across the country yesterday.

With banners and festoons inscribed with slogans against stalking, they took to the streets of the capital and elsewhere to raise awareness of the social menace among people. Celebrities and activists of different social and human rights organisations also took part in the programmes.

The education ministry organised the anti-stalking programmes while observing the day.

In the capital, the ministry brought out a procession led by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid from Muktangan, which ended at the Central Shaheed Minar after parading different streets. Students and teachers of over a hundred institutions of the city participated in the programme.

Recently, a few incidents of suicide have caused concern to

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Additional spending justified

Ruling alliance MPs tell JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling alliance lawmakers including Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury in parliament yesterday justified the ministries' excess expenditure in the current fiscal and urged the House to approve it.

The House yesterday opened the discussion on the supplementary budget for 2009-10 fiscal amid absence of the BNP-led opposition lawmakers, who are boycotting the budget session. The supplementary budget is likely to be passed today.

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PM for 6-month maternity leave

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said maternity leave should be increased to six months from the present four months. "Maternity leave should be increased to six months. I think four months' maternity leave is not enough for the mothers to take best care of their new born babies," the premier said while speaking at a function at Osmani Memorial auditorium in the capital.

Bangladesh government and Unicef jointly arranged the function marking the Safe Motherhood Day observed on May 28.

A total of 27 health facilities from seven divisions have received best performance awards. The prime minister distributed the awards among the recipients.

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MOTHER, 2 KIDS' DEATH Investigators now suspect murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officers investigating the death of Farzana Kabir Rita and her two children, whose bodies were recovered Friday morning from their Jurain residence, do not rule out a homicide.

The building's caretaker and the driver of their private car remain missing since the incident, deepening the mystery.

"They might have committed suicide," Toufique Mahbub Chowdhury, deputy commissioner of Wari division, told The Daily Star. "But some questions arose as the driver and the caretaker have been missing since the incident."

And there is no answer yet on ransacking of a room in the

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OnlinePoll

Tax on sugar has been increased in the national budget, at the same time finance minister has claimed that the prices of sugar will not increase due to this. Do you believe such claim?

☐ Yes
 (41.20%)

☐ No
 (58.24%)

☐ No Comments
 (0.56%)

Total votes: 898

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the proposal for raising duty on cars ranging from 1,001 to 1,500cc on the plea of easing traffic congestion is justified?

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Prayer Timing		
June 14		
	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		

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BASIC Bank Donates Tk. 50 Lac for Nimtoky fire tragedy

BASIC Bank Donates Tk. 50 Lac to Prime Minister Relief and Welfare Fund for the victims of recently happened Nimtoky fire tragedy. Mr. Sheikh Abdul Hye Bacchu, Chairman, BASIC Bank Limited handed over the cheque for the same amount to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Other members of the Board of Directors, Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director and all General Managers of the Bank were Present on the handing over ceremony. BASIC Bank also Offered a job in the Bank to Md. Saydur Rahman Sumon, the husband of Ratna.