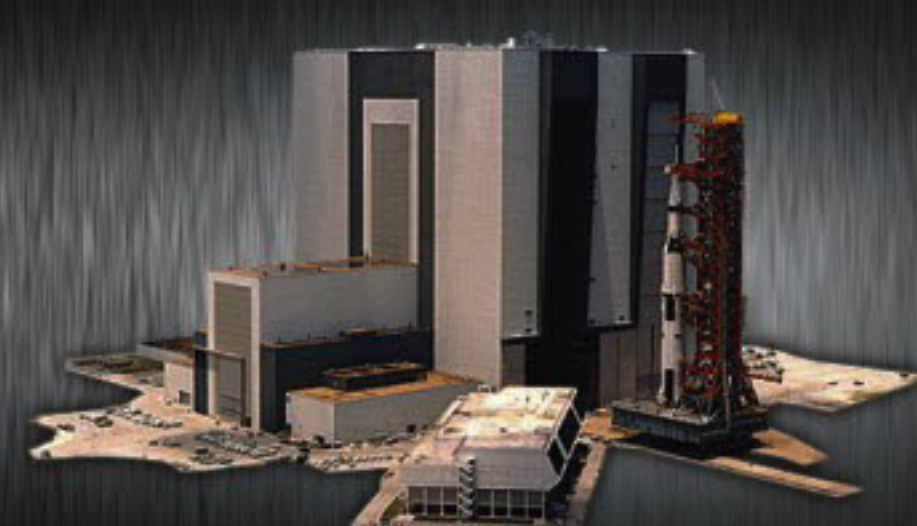



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Mobin Chy remanded

Abbas, Annee shown held in different cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP Vice-chairman Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury was remanded yesterday on charges of obstructing police from discharging duties and vandalising vehicles during Sunday's hartal called by the opposition BNP.

Meanwhile, BNP standing committee member Mirza

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40pc wetlands go in 20 years

Drainage fails as indiscriminate filling up of lowland, flood flow zones goes unabated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 40 percent of the wetlands of Dhaka city has disappeared in 20 years due to indiscriminate filling up of lowland and flood flow zones that also has reduced its drainage capacity.

Quoting a study of the department of Urban and Regional Planning of Buet, Prof Sarwar Jahan, president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said this at a roundtable at the National Press Club yesterday.

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Boy strangled 'in his sleep'

Killer held; discrepancies in statements

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shamsuzzaman Arif, prime accused of six-year-old Samiul Azim killing, yesterday confessed to strangling the boy to death before media.

A Rapid Action Battalion team arrested Arif at Pubail, Tongi early yesterday. The law enforcers also arrested his brother Nuruzzaman alias Nuru at the capital's Badda, as Arif at first told them that his brother had killed Samiul.

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Arif

TELECOMS BILL JS committee not happy

Opposes govt's getting sweeping authority

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday opposed the government getting sweeping authority to issue licences to telecom- and ICT-based entrepreneurs and make financial and policy decisions in the sector by curtailing the BTRC's jurisdiction.

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A man wades through knee-deep water at Mouchak intersection in the capital yesterday noon. The area gets waterlogged even after a couple of hours' downpour.

Monsoon soaks country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country experienced both drizzling and heavy rainfall yesterday, and this will continue for a couple of days more, meteorologists said yesterday.

"The monsoon came in the first week of this month. But now it is active causing the rainfall," said an official at the Met office in Dhaka.

In the capital, many areas went under ankle to knee-deep water due to 49 mm rainfall in 12 hours till 6:00 pm yesterday, causing sufferings to residents.

Commuters on their way to office or other work suffered badly as rainwater submerged streets, lanes and by-lanes in different areas with consequent tailbacks.

The affected areas include parts of Mirpur and Pallabi, Kazipara and Shewrapara.

"We were forced to wade through three-foot deep water on way to office as even rickshaws were not available," said Rakib, a resident of Kazipara.

"I had to cross knee-deep water on foot to reach a nearby

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PHOTO: ALAM POLASH

A fishing boat on the river Meghna yesterday. With monsoon at its peak, it is high time the river yields a rich hilsa catch. But fishermen in Chandpur report scarcity of the fish this season.

Hilsas scarce

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Even though a few weeks have passed since hilsa fishing season started, fishermen of the district fail to make good catches of fish.

The Jatka Protection Week ended in May and a lot of hilsa fish is expected in the river this time, said fishermen.

The wholesale fish markets in the area have a small supply of hilsa, much to the worry of the fishermen and traders.

Sources said a small number of hilsa are being netted mostly in current nets but those are being

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21 auto-rickshaws recovered

4 carjackers arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives recovered 21 stolen CNG-run auto-rickshaws and arrested four members of a car lifter gang from different areas of the capital and outside it early yesterday.

Gang leader Mohammad Shahid alias Kana Shahid was arrested in airport areas at about 1:00am. And acting on information from him, his accomplices Makbul Bhuyan alias Kabir, Dulal, and Mintu alias Noakhaillia Mintu were arrested in Keraniganj within hours.

Deputy Commissioner of DB Monirul Islam told journalists that due to continued stealing of CNG-run auto-rickshaws over the last few months, they intensified their vigilance and have 'detected' 15 auto-rickshaw lifter gangs and 50 of their members so far.

On the recoveries and arrests made yesterday, Assistant Commissioner Mohammad Mukhlesur Rahman said three DB teams did this in simultaneous operations in and outside the capital.

Following information extracted from the arrestees, they

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MOTHER, 2 KIDS It was suicide

Confirm autopsy report, handwriting experts; probe also finds instigation behind deaths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sedative intake caused the deaths of Farzana and her children, confirmed investigators yesterday after receiving the post-mortem report.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Detective Branch (DB) Monirul Islam said, "We have received the autopsy report and handwriting experts' opinion today (Monday). The report reads, 'death due to respiratory failure from ingestion of Benzo Diazepines'."

According to the CID handwriting experts, the suicide

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OnlinePoll

How do you look at the arrests of BNP leaders Mirza Abbas and Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury?

- It was justified (53.0%)
- A bad decision of the government (44.2%)
- No Comments (2.8%)

Total votes: 1161

TODAY'S POLL

What do you think about Syed Ashraf's statement that AL will not take responsibility for BCL wrongdoings?

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Prayer Timing

June 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-57
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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