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Blair pelted with eggs, shoes in Dublin

Angry protestors threw objects at former prime minister Tony Blair as he arrived at the first public signing session to promote his memoirs yesterday in the Irish capital Dublin.

Around 200 noisy protestors had gathered for the event and witnesses said plastic bottles were thrown at him as his motorcade arrived, although did not land near him.

Media reports suggested

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CHARTER FOR DEMOCRACY

Saarc delegates work on draft

UNB, Dhaka

Representatives of the Saarc member states in a two-day inter-governmental meeting that began yesterday have almost finalised the draft of 'Saarc Charter of Democracy', said Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes.

Emerging from the ongoing meeting at Hotel Sheraton in the city, Quayes said at a press briefing that they would come up with the complete outcome on the draft today.

"We've progressed much...we can say nearly 80 percent work is done. We hope we'll

be able to come up with the final outcome today," he said.

Asked about the contents of the draft, Quayes declined to divulge anything. He said, "We've the responsibility of preparing a draft...it'll go through two more processes once the draft is done. We're working on it and all the members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) countries are very sincere about the issue."

Earlier, the two-day meeting tasked with finalising the draft of the 'Saarc Charter of

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1 killed as AL, BNP clash

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A clash among the activists of local BNP and Awami League (AL) yesterday killed a BNP activist and left more than 10 others injured at Koilakh village under Bajitpur upazila of Kishoreganj district.

The victim Mohammad Shipon, 30, son of Nurul Islam, died at around 7:30pm at Bhagolpur Zahirul Islam Medical College Hospital as he was hacked and stabbed by sharp weapons.

Locals and police said the

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DEATH OF 3 KIDS

2 staff taken off from duty

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Two community clinic staff were removed from duties yesterday following three ten-month-olds' death after the employees vaccinated the babies at the district's Hizla upazila on Wednesday.

Barisal District Civil Surgeon Anil Chandra said health assistant Taslima Parvin, also in charge of Kalikapur Health Community Clinic, and health worker Md Syed Jawad were withdrawn from all Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI) activities.

Toma, Tisha and Pranto were vaccinated against measles under EPI at the clinic Wednesday afternoon. They died in the small hours of Thursday.

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you agree with AL activist Ibrahim's wife that investigators forced MP Shaon's driver Kala to confess to killing Ibrahim to let Shaon off the hook?

Yes (89.9%)

No (7.3%)

No Comments (2.8%)

Total votes: 574

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the law that makes the MP's salary and allowances tax-free?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net



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Urchins scramble for clothes as things go out of hand during a clothes distribution ceremony of a social organisation at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.



Land broker killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A land broker was strangled at his office in Bashundhara Residential Area in the capital yesterday morning.

The deceased is SM Jahangir Alam, 50.

He was found dead at his office on Road-17 of Block-F

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MAWA-KAWRAKANDI ROUTE

Passengers suffer for hrs in Padma

2 stranded ferries salvaged after prolonged efforts

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Two ferries, stranded in the shoals of the Padma, were salvaged yesterday after prolonged rescue efforts on Mawa-Kawrakandi route.

RO-RO ferry Shah Mokhdum, with 10 buses, eight private cars, two trucks and around 600 passengers on board, sailed from Mawa around 6:30am yesterday and got stuck in a shoal on its way to Kawrankandi around 8:00am, said Sirajul Islam, manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (Mawa station).

Rescue vessel IT 97 itself got stranded after about one and a half hours' effort to salvage the ferry. A second rescue vessel IT 94 joined the rescue operation but failed to do much due to heavy tide.

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Wife killed over dowry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man allegedly beat his wife to death over dowry in Kamrangirchar area in the capital on Friday.

Kamrangirchar police recovered the body of the housewife, Laily Akhter Bristi, 18, yesterday morning and arrested her husband Delwar Hossain.

Neighbours told police that the couple were locked in a fierce fight on Friday night and at one stage, Delwar started beating his wife.

Sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam told The Daily Star the body bore several hitting marks.

In primary interrogation,

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