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It's sexual harassment
Rights activists on 'eve teasing'
BSS, Dhaka

Rights activists yesterday called for using the term "sexual harassment" to describe bullying of young women saying the words "eve teasing" were too lenient a term to describe the nasty crime of the perpetrators.

"In no way it should be seen as a minor offence, which is meant by the use of term 'eve teasing'...it is actually sexual harassment and it's perpetrators must face severe legal actions," civil society activist and economist Prof Anu Mohammad told a discussion.

He said use of the term "eve teasing" in a different way intended to make a "serious crime" as simple as a "fun" when the victims' security was exposed to danger.

Several of the speakers demanded enactment of

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Bridge lasted 3 months

ABDUL WAHED, Kurigram

About 15 thousand people of ten villages of Mohanganj union under Rajibpur upazil are facing problems while going to the upazila headquarters as Kolkihara Bridge on Mohanganj-Rajibpur road collapsed, only three months after its construction.

"We have to walk a long way as no vehicles ply the road because of the broken bridge. We have to use alternative road to reach upazila headquarters," said Joyen Uddin of Kolkihara village.

Construction work of the 33-feet-long and 14-feet-wide bridge across the dying river Kolkihara started in January this year and completed in June, said locals. Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation arranged the construction of the bridge at a cost of Tk 18.65 lakh.

The bridge partially collapsed within a month after construction as floodwater hit the area. It fully collapsed in September due to the second phase of flood. The second flood washed away soil from the approach roads on both sides of the bridge, said Ali Akbar, a villager.

Locals alleged that the contractor did not properly fill up the approach sections of the bridge with soil. Even a ditch beside the bridge was not filled up.

However, contractor Mahabubur Rahman claimed that the construction work of the bridge was completed as per schedule. But due to heavy rain and early floods, they could not fill up the

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A recent photograph shows the bridge at Kolkihara of Rajibpur in Kurigram broken in the middle. PHOTO: STAR

MADDHYAPARA
Miners on indefinite strike
Protest against termination of 5
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Miners of Maddyapara Granite Mining Company Ltd (MGCL) here went on indefinite strike yesterday protesting termination of five fellows and demanding withdrawal of case filed against them by the authorities.

Production at the mine remained suspended for the day as 292 miners and workers kept away from work since 7:00am and staged demonstration in front of the main entrance, witnesses said.

The agitating miners also placed a seven-point demand including regularisation of jobs, employment of local youths in the company, starting of three shifts and removal

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More hartals, if necessary
Warns BNP; Khaleda sits with Jamaat
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders have warned that the party will call a series of hartal after that on November 30, if necessary, to stop government repression on leaders and activists of the party.

M o u d u d A h m e d, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy and ASM Hannan Shah, national standing committee members of BNP and other leaders gave the warning at two programmes in the capital yesterday.

And BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain criticised the government for "mass arrest" of party leaders across the country ahead of

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493 BNP men held

16 hurt in cop action during protest programme across country

STAR REPORT

At least 16 leaders and activists of BNP received injuries in clashes with law enforcers and around 493 were arrested across the country yesterday, the second day of the main opposition's protest programme.

In Barisal, at least six BNP activists were injured when police and Range Reserve Force (RRF) charged batons and hurled around 25 tear gas canisters to disperse a procession brought out to drum up support for Tuesday's hartal called by the opposition.

Police rounded up 13 activists including Bakerganj unit Jubo Dal president Nasiruddin Hawlader.

Locals said BNP activists brought out processions on Fakirbari, Kanchpatri and Kalibari roads supporting the hartal and protesting government activities around 11:00am.

According to Officer-in-Charge Jahangir

Hossain of Barisal Kotwali Model Police Station, they picked up the activists as they proceeded with the processions defying police resistance.

At Rali Bazar in Ishwardi Upazila, 10 people including three policemen were injured in a clash between law enforcers and BNP activists. The clash erupted when the upazila unit BNP brought out a procession in favour of the hartal and hurled brick chips prompting the law enforcers to charge batons.

Of the injured, Sub Inspector Md Abdul Hakim was taken to Ishwardi health complex, said Officer-in-Charge Md Samiul Alam of the police station, adding that they picked up six BNP activists from the spot on charge of violence.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday arrested 350 people claiming most of the arrestees to be accused in different

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Call off hartal

Knitwear makers urge BNP
STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Knitwear makers yesterday urged the main opposition to call off its hartal on Tuesday to help them keep up the growth momentum in the apparel sector.

Leaders of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association also asked Bangladesh Nationalist Party to think of alternative political programmes.

"The hartal culture should not continue, as it paralyses economy," said Habibur Rahman, BKMEA's acting president.

"Strike seriously affects our

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EPZ IN DHAKA

50 hurt as RMG workers clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 50 people, including 15 women workers, were injured yesterday in a clash between workers of a garment factory at Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) and law enforcers over alleged extended working hours at the factory.

The incident occurred at Actor Sports Ltd as the workers started demonstrating against compelling them to work on Fridays.

Ansar personnel deployed at the DEPZ charged batons on the agitating workers. Some ansar men and factory officials were also hurt in the hour-long clash that started around 9:00am, stated police sources.

Some furniture and window panes of the garment unit were also damaged during the clash.

Reaching the spot police team entered the factory compound and clubbed the protesting workers to disperse them, eyewitnesses said.

Talking to The Daily Star, senior official of the factory denied

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Obama plays Basketball, gets hurt
REUTERS, Washington

US President Barack Obama was accidentally elbowed in the face while playing basketball on Friday and received 12 stitches to his lip, the White House said.

Obama, a keen basketball player, had been playing with friends and family in a

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Morning dew on blades of grass as if they are dressed in diamonds. The photo was taken at Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

DIPLOMATIC DISCLOSURE

US alerts allies on Wikileaks release

BBC ONLINE

The US has briefed a number of foreign governments, including the UK, about the possible release of diplomatic files by whistleblower Wikileaks.

Reports say Turkey, Israel, Denmark and Norway have also been warned to expect potential embarrassment from the leaks.

The top US military commander Adm Mike Mullen said the release of diplomatic cables was "extremely dangerous" and could put lives at risk.

Wikileaks has said the US authorities are afraid of being held to account.

It has not confirmed exactly when the documents will be made public.

The website, founded by Julian Assange, said earlier this week that the release would be nearly seven times larger than the nearly 400,000 Pentagon documents related to the Iraq war it published in October.

Analysts say the US and its allies have the potential to be embarrassed by the publication of candid assessments of foreign governments by its officials.

State department spokesman PJ Crowley warned on Wednesday that the release could weaken trust in the US as a Diplomatic partner.

"When this confidence is betrayed and ends up on the front pages of newspapers or lead stories on television or radio, it has

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Student jailed for stalking

UNB, Sherpur

A mobile court yesterday noon convicted a college student for stalking two school-going girls and sentenced him to six months imprisonment at Godanarayan in the district town.

The convict was identified as Shakil Hasan, 18, son of Kutub Uddin of Charkharchar area of Sadar upazila. Shakil is a 2nd year student of Sherpur Polytechnic College.

Police said Shakil was stalking two female students of Class IV and VII of Vimganj High School for the last one month.

On Friday evening villagers

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Prayer Timing
November 28

	Azan	
Fajr	5-10	5-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

OnlinePoll ✓

Do you think vandalising and torching vehicles by some Dhaka University students centering a road accident on the campus is justified?

Yes (24.8%) No (72.2%)
No Comments (3.0%)

Total votes: 572

TODAY'S POLL

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