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# 'Cyber war' for WikiLeaks

## Hacktivists bring down Swedish govt website

AFP, BBC ONLINE

Hackers stepped up their cyber war in support of WikiLeaks yesterday.

The Swedish government's website was forced offline after a group calling itself "Anonymous" vowed to intensify its "war of data" against Mastercard, Visa and other groups which have blocked funding to WikiLeaks.

Organisers of the group said thousands of volunteers had joined the defence of WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, who is in jail in London on an extradition request from Sweden over sex crimes allegations.

"This is a war of data, we are trying to keep the Internet open and free for everyone, just the way the Internet has been and always was," said a spokesman for Anonymous, a man with a British accent calling himself "Coldblood".

Anonymous is a loose-knit group of hacktivists politically motivated hackers. It is also helping to create hundreds of mirror sites for WikiLeaks, after its US domain name provider withdrew its services.

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Buses put their headlights and fog lamps on because of poor visibility in fog on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway around 11:00am yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

# Rains get weather cooler

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With winter knocking at the door, incessant rainfall inundated many places in the country and its capital taking a toll on life and trade.

The rainfall coupled with crisis of public transport and submerged streets in a gridlock caused immense sufferings to the commuters.

Parts of Dhanmondi, Mirpur, Shantibagh, Azampur, Moghbazar and Old Dhaka were inundated under knee-deep water, said residents of those areas.

Light to moderate rainfall occurred in most places of the country since last Wednesday due to a depression hanging over the Bay near the Indian Andhra Pradesh and adjoining areas.

"The highest rainfall of 50" SEE PAGE 7 COL 1

# All 60 opposition notices rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All 60 notices submitted by opposition lawmakers demanding discussions in parliament on price hike of essentials, law and order, stalking, spike in house rent in the city and other issues were rejected yesterday.

Deputy Speaker Col (ret) Shawkat Ali turned down the notices citing a set of oft-repeated reasons.

He said issues raised in some of the notices could be resolved by the respective authorities and under the existing laws, while the contents of some others were not clear and also based on assumption.

"I am sorry I can not accept any of the notices," said the deputy speaker.

BNP lawmakers Zainul Abidin Farroque, Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, ABM Ashrafuddin Nizam, Nazrul Islam Manju,

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# Summon, not order for arrest

*JS body wants change in law for journalists*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended that the House pass a bill seeking amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure 1998 scrapping the provision for directly issuing arrest warrant against journalists, writers and others for writing or saying anything defamatory.

It proposed introduction of a provision for issuing

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# BSF routinely kills on border

## US-based rights body spurs Dhaka to protect its nationals

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian border security force (BSF) routinely gun down civilians crossing the border with Bangladesh despite negligible evidence of any crime, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said in a report released yesterday.

Over 900 Bangladeshi nationals have been killed by the BSF over the last decade, many of them when they crossed into Indian territory for cattle rustling or other smuggling activities.

However, in several cases "we also found that Bangladeshi nationals were injured or killed due to indiscriminate firing from across the border", the report said.

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# EDN POLICY BNP backs hartal on Dec 26

UNB, Dhaka

The main opposition BNP has extended all-out support to December 26 countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal called by Sammilita Olama Mashayekh Parishad to protest the National Education Policy.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, during a press briefing at the

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# HOUSE OWNER'S ADVANCES Woman says no, gets burnt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A house owner allegedly set fire to a female tenant in the city's Kadamtoli yesterday for rejecting his reported advances.

Victim Achhia Begum, 38, wife of a rickshaw van puller, was rushed to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where she was fighting for life with 80 percent burn injuries.

House owner Fazar Ali, 55, however, said he neither set her on fire nor gave any indecent proposal. He said Achhia had illicit relations with a youth whom she introduced as her husband

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**ঝুঁকিপূর্ণভাবে বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের বুলস্তু তার ও বিতরণ লাইন অপসারণের জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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**Total votes: 649**

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December 10

|         | Azan  | Jamaat |
|---------|-------|--------|
| Fajr    | 5-15  | 5-50   |
| Juma    | 12-30 | 1-15   |
| Asr     | 3-45  | 4-00   |
| Maghrib | 5-19  | 5-22   |
| Esha    | 7-00  | 7-30   |

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