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20 hurt in CHT clash
UPDF office torched
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least 20 people were injured yesterday in a clash between indigenous students and Bangalee settlers over a trifling matter at Kawkhali upazila headquarters. The settlers set fire to the upazila office of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) during the clash. The brawl ensued at Kawkhali College when some Bangalee students beat up an indigenous student
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DEATH IN FACTORY
Workers clash with cops, 10 injured
A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 10 workers of a melamine factory were injured as they clashed with police over the death of a fellow worker in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj yesterday. Mazharul Islam, 25, was electrocuted when he was working around 12:00 noon. Doctors declared him dead after he was taken to the Narayanganj 200-bed hospital. As the news spread, some 400 workers of the factory took to the street around 2:00pm blocking the Dhaka-Sylhet highway for
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5 killed in road crash
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five people were killed in a road accident in Sylhet yesterday. The deceased are Hamdu Miah, 47, Akaddas Ali, 35, Maulana Ekhlasur Rahman, 40, Abdul Aziz, 30 and auto-rickshaw driver Suruk Miah, 35. Police said a Sherpur-bound truck from Sylhet rammed into a three-wheeler auto-rickshaw at
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Muggers stab 2 brothers
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers stabbed two brothers and made away with their cash and valuables at Dholaikhal in the capital's Sutrapur yesterday. The victims Faruk Talukdar, 30, owner of
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PRAYER TIMING February 22		
Azhan	Jamaat	
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-03	6-07
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		

TUMPA ABDUCTION, MURDER

Same gang killed her brother last May

KAILASH SARKAR and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The same gang that allegedly killed schoolgirl Tumpa after kidnapping her from the capital on February 14, had also killed the victim's brother eight months ago, police are now suspecting. The gang had been stalking Tumpa for three years, said the victims' mother Khairunnahar Shikha. Tumpa's brother Al Kawsar Masud alias Babla once slapped a guy of the gang for stalking his sister in Segunbagicha of the capital, and 15 days later on May 31 last year Babla's body was found floating in the Kakon River of Narsinghdi. Ayesha Akhter Tumpa, 15, a student of class-X of Begum Rahima Adarsha High



Tumpa



Babla

to six stalkers of Segunbagicha, led by a local young man named Asaduzzaman alias Hridoy, and she was raped before being murdered. She was abducted around 9:00pm when she was returning home by a rickshaw from Dhaka University campus after celebrating the Valentine's Day with her boyfriend Sayeedur Rahman Sayeed, 18, a student of Sheikh Borhan Uddin Post Graduate College. Investigation officer of the Tumpa
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KILLED AT CONSTRUCTION SITE

Double blow for victim's family

M RAHMAN

The parents of four-year-old Tawhid Hossain, who died in an accident at a construction site, are passing miserable days hiding from the influential owner of the building. As Tawhid's father fish vendor Israfil Hawlader filed a case, owner of the building advocate Lutfur Rahman Babu Bhuiyan sought an anticipatory bail from the High Court and evicted the family from the slum adjacent to the construction site. "Babu has not only driven us out but also kept all our belongings in the slum. I am now passing very hard times moving from door to door," said Israfil. He added Babu is also demanding Tk 15,000 he had given him for the funeral of his child. Babu also promised to compensate the family with Tk 1 lakh on an understanding that they would not go for legal action. The owner later allegedly told Israfil that he has managed the police and secured bail from the court. He would settle the issue in the court
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Khaleda moves to new house next month

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaelda Zia is shifting her furniture and valuables to a house at the capital's Gulshan, said party insiders. The leader of the opposition, who is now staying at her younger brother's Gulshan house, may move into the new house within the second week of next month, they said. "I hope preparations will be completed by the first week of March and then madam [Khaleda] will move there," one of her personal aides told The Daily Star yesterday asking not to be named. Sources said her personal staff and domestic helps are looking after the
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Libyan govt under mounting pressure

Gaddafi's son warns of civil war, death toll tops 233

BBC ONLINE

Col Muammar Gaddafi's regime is under pressure amid unprecedented protests in the Libyan capital and defections by senior diplomats. Protesters out on the streets of Tripoli late on Sunday were met by security forces using live ammunition and tear gas. Benghazi, the country's second city, now appears to be largely under the con-

trol of protesters. AFP reported that a suggestion in Brussels by British Foreign Secretary William Hague that Gaddafi might have left the country for Venezuela was swiftly denied by Caracas, home to the embattled Libyan leader's firebrand ally President Hugo Chavez. Two Libyan fighter pilots -- both colonels -- flew their single-seater Mirage F1
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Border guards of Bangladesh and India greet each other with flowers marking the International Mother Language Day yesterday over the barbed wire fence on the territory line in Benapole.



Australia paceman Mitchell Johnson is in his final delivery stride during the ICC World Cup match against Zimbabwe at the Sardar Patel Gujarat Stadium in Ahmedabad yeaterday. Johnson took 4 wickets for 19 runs. PHOTO: AFP

Another held on charge of Hena murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested another accused in the case for murder of teenage rape victim Hena Akhter who was whipped following a fatwa at Noria upazila in Shariatpur. Latif Mirmalot, one of the local arbiters on January 24 that ordered Hena to be whipped 101 times, was arrested at his relative's house in Siddheswari in the capital around 8:30am.
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SC APPELLATE DIVISION

Appointment of new judges underway

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

A number of judges will be appointed to the Supreme Court within three to four days on the recommendation of the chief justice, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday. "Appointment of new judges to the apex court is underway," he said. Insiders say Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque about a month ago recommended that the president appoint four senior High Court judges -- Justice MA Wahhab


Miah, Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice M Imman Ali -- to the Appellate Division. The law minister yesterday said his office had already sent the CJ's recommendation file to the Prime Minister's Office to forward it to the president. The file has yet to return to the Ministry of Law, Shafique added. He however could not confirm whether all the four judges, as recommended by the CJ, would be appointed at this phase,
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Language breaks the barrier

Bangladeshis, Indians observe Ekushey at Benapole border

A CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Hundreds of emotion-choked people gathered in no-man's land in Benapole yesterday morning to observe International Mother Language Day. People from Bangladesh and India thronged the area with banners, festoons and placards defying strict security measures. A temporary Shaheed Minar was erected to show respect to the language martyrs.
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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Awami League MP Abdul Jalil that the country's political leadership is now at the hands of businessmen?

Yes (85.62%)

No (11.69%)

No Comments (2.70%)

TOTAL VOTES : 445

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Awami League leader Abdul Jalil that BNP is not joining the parliament because it is not committed to the public and democracy?

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