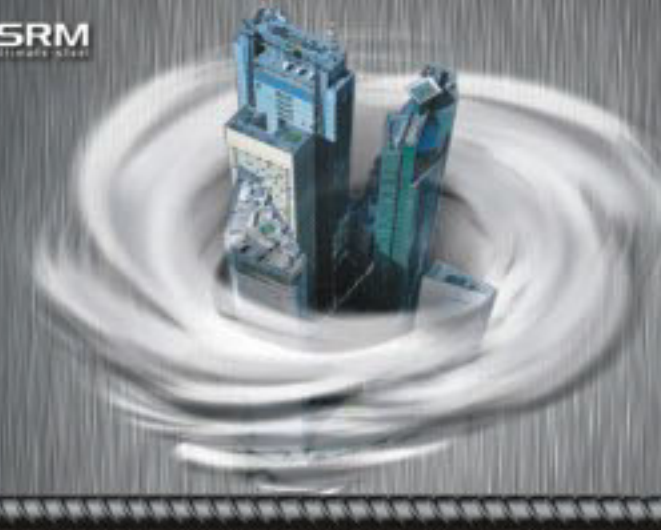


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Ex-IGP Nur made envoy to Morocco
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
The government has decided to appoint Nur Mohammad, former inspector
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COP ASSAULT CASE
Jamaat leaders granted bail
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to three Jamaat-e-Islami leaders including its Dhaka City Unit
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PRAYER TIMING April 8

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation



Children are seen at a rally organised by Islami Andolan Bangladesh at Muktangan in the capital yesterday. Ironically, chief of the same organisation day before yesterday spoke against the use of children during hartals and demonstrations.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Govt to create stand-by pool of teachers

WASIM BIN HABIB

The government has decided to create a pool of 20,000 primary school teachers to tackle teacher shortages at the primary schools in the country. The decision was taken at a special meeting of Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, at the Cabinet Division in the city yesterday. Under the pool, 40 teachers in each upazila will be appointed on the basis of a monthly salary of Tk 3,000. These teachers would

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Power to get costlier in rural areas

REB proposes 13pc tariff hike
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Rural Electrification Board (REB) has proposed an average 12.97 percent tariff increase at retail consumer level. The board placed the proposal before the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission during a meeting at the latter's office yesterday. The commission fixed April 28 for the hearing on the tariff hike. The REB proposed 11.75 percent rise in tariff for consumption of 0-100
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Publisher of a daily murdered
Body dumped in septic tank
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered the decomposed body of Hossain Altaf, publisher of now-defunct Dainik Bajrakontho, from inside the septic tank of his house in the capital's Uttara, nine days after he

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French forces hit Gbagbo troops

Rescue Japanese ambassador
REUTERS, Abidjan
French forces hit military vehicles belonging to troops loyal to Ivory Coast's Laurent Gbagbo during a helicopter-borne mission that rescued Japan's ambassador to the West African country yesterday. The French went in after Gbagbo soldiers broke into the residence, where Ambassador Yoshifumi Okamura and seven of his staff had taken shelter inside a safe room, armed forces spokesman Thierry Burkhard said.
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ONLINE POLL
Do you support the government's embargo on giving domestic gas connections and encouraging homeowners to use LPG?
Yes (47.2%)
No (51.0%)
No Comments (1.8%)
TOTAL VOTES: 390

TODAY'S POLL
Would you consider the probe report on share market debacle a job well done?
PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

QULKHANI
All friends and well wishers are cordially invited at the **Doa Mahfil** of Late Dr. Mohammed Alauddin at 6:30 pm today at his Residence in Road # 6, House # 9, Baridhara, Dhaka.
The Family

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT
Khaleda demands referendum
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday demanded a referendum before bringing any change to the constitution. "Taking people's consent is a must for bringing any fundamental change in the constitution, as people are the source of supreme power," she said at a reception programme of the newly elected Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) leaders. Khaleda termed the parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment a "one-party committee,"
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Dhaka WASA has taken emergency measures to reduce temporary water shortage during dry season

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