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**Sultana Kamal elected TIB chairperson**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Executive Director of Ain O Salish Kendro and former adviser to the caretaker government Sultana Kamal has been elected Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).  
Selina Hossain, an executive board member of Unesco, has

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KHAGRACHHARI VIOLENCE

# Victims still homeless

*Dist admin yet to prepare affected people's list*

**KAFIL MAHMUD, Khagrachhari**

Five days after the violence between Bangalee settlers and indigenous people in Ramgarh, rehabilitation of the affected people faces delay as the district administration is yet to prepare a comprehensive list of those affected.

The deadly clash over a land dispute on Sunday left three people dead and scores of houses burnt and vandalised. Many are starving under the sky under this situation.

So far, the Khagrachhari administration has identified 58 families as affected although the Hafchhari Union Parishad chairman gave a list of 105 families to the District Council Chairman Kujendra Lal Tripura.

Locals demand compensation for 130 families of Chankhola Para, Kacubauinti, Purba Bara Pilak Para and Reangmarang Para.

Deputy Commissioner Anisul Haque Bhuiyan, however, told The Daily Star that they are working to prepare a

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These indigenous people have taken shelter under a tree as their houses were burnt to ashes in the last week's violence over a land dispute in Ramgarh upazila of Khagrachhari. The district administration is yet to rehabilitate them.

PHOTO: STAR

**3 commit suicide**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two teenage girls and a youth allegedly committed suicide in the city's Agargaon, Kakrail and Kadamtali areas in the last two days.

Thirteen-year-old Sathi Akhter took her life by taking poison following an altercation with her parents at their Agargaon BNP slum residence on Thursday night, police said.

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# Expats get MRP service

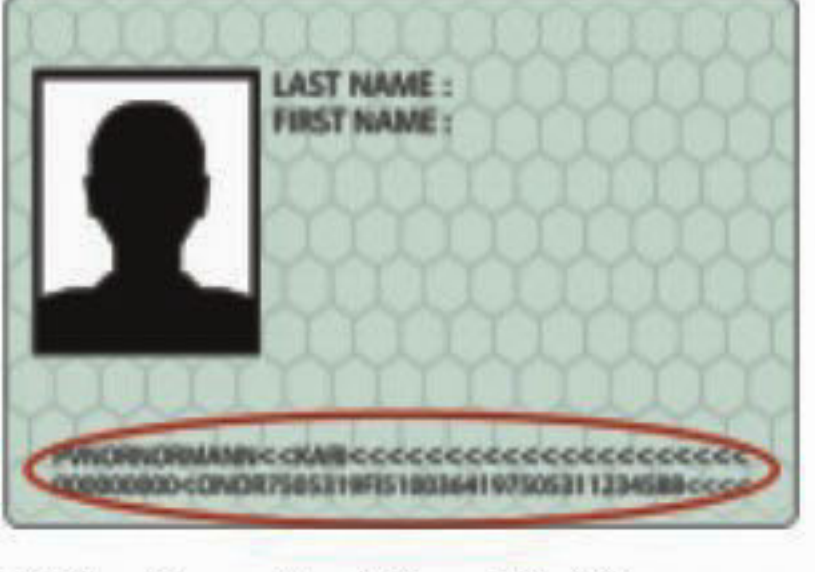
*Introduced in 4 missions; 2 others in process*

**M RAHMAN**

Bangladesh has introduced machine-readable passport (MRP) service in Singapore, Malaysia, Abu Dhabi and Dubai missions as part of its effort to provide Bangladeshi expatriates with the service in its 65 missions worldwide.

The service will be introduced in Jeddah and Riyadh missions next month, considering the huge number of migrant workers in the Middle East, said Mohammad Shihab Uddin Khan, deputy director of the MRP and MRV project.

Mobile teams with expertise in



Malaysia on April 6 and in Singapore on April 11 after Bangladesh missions in Dubai and Abu Dhabi had been equipped with facilities to issue MRPs nearly a month back.

In her inaugural speech in Malaysia, Sahara said mobile teams

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Dhabi and Dubai missions to facilitate the MRP seekers. Each mission office can now handle a maximum of 100 applications a day which is too small against the huge number of applicants.

The mission offices will also have to replace manual passports with MRPs gradually, he said.

MRP books will be printed in Agargaon passport office in Dhaka, not any foreign offices, and then sent to mission offices abroad, said a home ministry official wishing anonymity.

The mission offices will collect

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**Justice not done in 13yrs**

*Shazneen's death anniversary today*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On this day 13 years ago, Shazneen Tasnim Rahman was raped and murdered in their house at Gulshan

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# 3 MAJOR POWER PROJECTS Summit to sign deals finally

**SHARIEF KHAN**

Six months after winning bids, local power company Summit is set to sign final agreements on April 24 for three major power projects with a total production capacity of 1,017 megawatt aimed at bringing them online within 2013, Power Development Board sources said.

Summit won the bids for Bibiyana phase 1 and 2 gas-fired private power (341 MW each) projects and Meghnaghat dual fuel 335 MW private power project back in October-November last year by offering the lowest prices. These power plants will serve as basic power stations.

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**3 stalkers jailed**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three youths were sentenced to jail for stalking a college girl in Jamalganj upazila under Sunamganj district yesterday.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Abul Hashem declared four months' jail term to Mujaffar Miah and two months' each to Alal Miah and Rafique Miah.

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Bangladesh Paribesh Banchao Andolan brings out a boat rally on the Buriganga near Weisghat yesterday demanding the river be demarcated properly and made free from pollution and encroachment.

PHOTO: STAR

# PM attends 2 UN meets in May

**REZAUL KARIM**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit Turkey and Switzerland next month to attend two United Nations-sponsored conferences.

She will attend the 4th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) in Istanbul scheduled for May 9-13, said sources in the foreign ministry.

On her second trip, the premier will fly to Geneva to join the 64th World Health Assembly from May 16-17.

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# YUNUS IN POLITICS US cable leaked

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi**

Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus, appeared to have been aware of the risks and consequences of a move he made to enter Bangladesh's politics, according to US diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks.

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think the government's decision to relocate all chemical warehouses and factories from Old Dhaka to Keraniganj or Kamrangirchar is justified?

Yes (82.0%)  
No (13.7%)  
No Comments (4.3%)

TOTAL VOTES : 256

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think Home Minister Sahara Khatun's opposition to forming a House body to probe Rab's role in the shooting of Limon is justified?

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# Syrian security forces kill 70 demonstrators

**AFP, Nicosia**

More than 70 people were killed yesterday by security forces who fired on anti-regime demonstrators across Syria, according to a new toll reported by activists and human rights groups.

"The Syrian security forces committed massacres in several towns and regions today, so far killing 72 people and wounding hundreds," said the London-based Syrian Human Rights Committee in a statement received by AFP.

Several Syrian rights activists also published provisional lists recording the

# BNP executive committee meeting today

**RAKIB HASNET SUMAN**

Even though the BNP national standing committee nominated Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir for acting secretary general of the party, the BNP post may come up for discussion today in the National Executive Committee meeting.

Party insiders said some influential leaders of the party are trying to convince the rank and file

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**PRAYER TIMING April 23**

Asan Jamaat  
Fajr 4-25 5-00  
Zohr 12-45 1-15  
Asr 4-45 5-00  
Maghrib 6-27 6-31  
Esha 8-00 8-30

Sources: Islamic Foundation

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