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Secy served legal notice for banning free movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two human rights and legal aids organisations yesterday served a legal notice on the home secretary and police authorities asking them to inform the grounds of a ban imposed on men and women sitting together near a city lake.

The notice was served after The Daily Star yesterday

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CHANGES TO CHARTER

Take people's mandate thru polls: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said people's mandate on bringing about any fundamental change to the country's constitution must be taken through fresh elections.

"We already demanded an early election, which must

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SHOT INTO DISABILITY Cop who finds Limon guilty, now to probe Rab shooting

Family doubts fair investigation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The police officer who has submitted charge sheet against maimed Limon in a Rab case will also investigate the case filed by his mother against Rab members for shooting him into disability.

Sub-inspector Ariful Islam, the investigation officer of the two cases lodged by Rab with Rajapur Police Station, pressed charges against Limon and seven others in one of the two cases on April 24.

Ariful has also been entrusted with investigating the case against the Rab personnel, said Habibur Rahman, additional superintendent of police of Jhalakathi.

At this, Limon's family members expressed doubt over a fair investigation of the case they filed against members of the elite force and called for changing the investigation officer.

Despite repeated attempts, Ariful could not be reached for comments over the phone.

The Rajapur police initially refused to take the case against Rab members even after a court order. They, however, recorded the case on Tuesday night following a



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The boy in the photo is crying because his 11-year-old friend Rita, who used to sell flowers on the street, just drowned yesterday in Crescent Lake. They went to swim there ignoring a sign, bottom left, that says bathing, fishing and washing clothes are prohibited. People ignore the sign, bottom right, all the time.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ/ANISUR RAHMAN

3 factories fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined three dyeing factories in Narayanganj Tk 70 lakh and ordered to stop production and set up effluent treatment plant (ETP) by June.

During a drive at Fatullah, the DoE team found gross violation of government instructions for setting up ETP, and the factories discharging liquid waste directly into the Buriganga.

The three factories fined are Mother Colour Ltd, Abonti

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Huji boss captured

Sheikh Farid accused of Ramna Batamul carnage, other deadly attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion has trapped one of the most wanted leaders of banned Harkatul Jihad Al Islami (Huji) Rahmatullah alias Sheikh Farid who is an accused of different terror attacks including Ramna Batamul carnage.

Farid was playing a vital role to reunite Afghan war participants with some other top leaders of Huji for the last few years, sources in law-enforcement agencies say.

The elite force arrested him in Tongi Railway Station area around 8:00pm on Tuesday. He was returning to the capital from his Cox's Bazar hideout to see his ailing wife,



Sheikh Farid

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Businesses against CG

Says FBCCI chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry AK Azad yesterday said businessmen do not want to see any election under a

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Correction

In the headline 'Coal holds gas hopes' of our April 27 issue, we mistakenly mentioned coal to help ease gas crisis. In fact the story has got nothing to do with coal. The optimism arose following proposals for overhauling existing gas wells. We sincerely regret the inadvertent error.

Let fatwa prevail

5 Islamic scholars tell SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five Islamic scholars yesterday requested the Supreme Court to cancel a High Court verdict that declared fatwa (religious edict) illegal, saying that fatwa cannot be stopped.

Fatwa is part and parcel of Islam, Islamic culture and its principle, the scholars said while placing their opinions before the Appellate Division during the hearing of an appeal that challenged the 2001 HC verdict.

The scholars are Mufti Mizanur Rahman Sayed, Mufti Kefayet Ullah, Mufti Ruhul Amin, Mufti Kafil Uddin Sarkar and Dr Abdullah Maruf.

The director general of Islamic Foundation Bangladesh selected them for giving statements on the status and application of fatwa to the apex court as per its earlier directive.

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Police stop anti-women policy rallies

Activists barred from entering city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday obstructed a large number of leaders and activists of three Islamist organisations from entering the capital to join anti-women policy rallies violating a ban imposed by Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

The law enforcers did not allow four launches from southern districts to anchor at Sadarghat terminal as those carried leaders and activists bound for the rallies, witnesses said.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think action should be taken against the Mastermind school administration for giving corporal punishment to students despite government ban on such harsh action?

Yes 87.3%
No 11.4%
No Comments 1.3%

TOTAL VOTES : 754

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Dhaka Metropolitan Police should come up with explanation for the signboard it has hung that prohibits male and female to sit together by the Crescent Lake?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING April 28

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:20	4:55
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:45	5:00
Maghrib	6:29	6:34
Esha	8:00	8:30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Visiting World Bank Managing Director Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's office yesterday. Story on page 1.

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