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UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided not to allow import of battery-run three-wheelers. The decision was taken at an inter-ministerial meeting on battery-run three-wheeler and other

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31ST BCS EXAMS Preliminary test May 27

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The preliminary test of 31st Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations under the Public Service Commission (PSC) will be held on May 27. The decision on the examination was taken at a meeting of

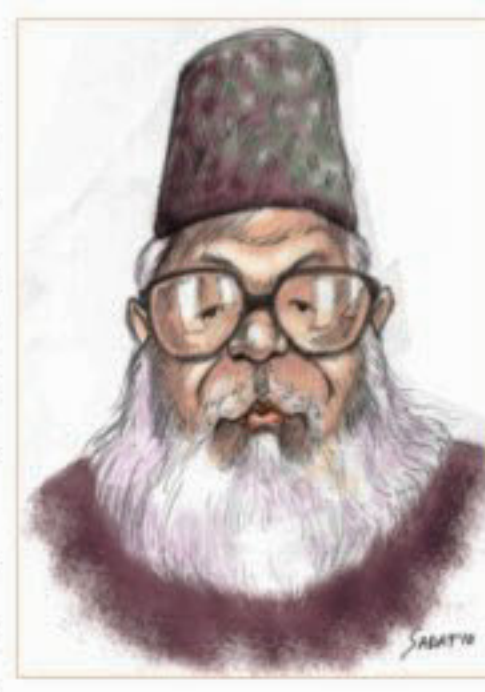
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# It was a genocide

*Nizami finally admits during interrogation; claims he was involved with Al-Badr, Al-Shams in 1971 under 'death threat'*

**RASHIDUL HASAN**

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday admitted that genocide and mass rape took place during the Liberation War but denied his involvement in such heinous activities. The Jamaat chief however claimed he "had to be involved" with Al-Badr and Al-Shams, auxiliary forces of Pakistani occupation army, in the face of death threats. Nizami made the statement during a daylong interrogation by the investigation



agency probing the war crimes at a "Safe Home" in Dhanmondi in the capital. The investigation agency said they would again appeal to the International Crimes Tribunal for permission to quiz Nizami for what they said he did not give a clear picture about his role in 1971. Jamaat and many of its leaders several times said no Liberation War took place in 1971. They claimed it was rather a civil war and a war between India and Pakistan, adding, none

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*Mugged, he helps get 'em caught*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A mugging victim chased down four criminals on a microbus and managed to get them caught by waylaying their vehicle with the help of police at Paikpara in the city's Mirpur yesterday. Anwar-ul-Azim, accounts officer of Partex Group helped arrest muggers Moniruzzaman Ripon, 32, Milon Mia, 29, Shekhar Ahmed, 28,

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# CORPORAL PUNISHMENT Student left in critical state

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

A school teacher beat up a girl student here on Wednesday allegedly for not enrolling in a coaching centre that the teacher runs. Rizia Sultana Sathi, 13, a student of class eight of PWD High School at Noornagar of the town, was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital. Her condition was critical, said attending physician Jotirmoy Saha. Marks of caning were found all over Sathi's body and she was suffering from delirium and high fever.

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**Rizia Sultana**

# Rejoinders, our reply

The Daily Star received two rejoinders to its May 3 report headlined "Six hours of abuse" -- one from the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education and the other from the Vatapara Non-government Primary School authority -- both terming the report untrue. The ministry rejoinder signed by its Public Relations Officer Rabinranath Roy dubbed The Daily Star report "totally fabricated, baseless and false" claiming that the state minister had no programme in that area

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# Cop Akram, 11 others acquitted

*All were sentenced to life term for Rubel murder in custody*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday acquitted former assistant commissioner (AC) of police Akram Hossain and 11 others in the sensational BBA student Shamim Reza Rubel murder case of 1998. An HC bench of Justice AKM Fazlur Rahman and Justice Muhammad Abdul Hafiz came up with the verdict after granting 13 petitions the accused filed in 2002 challenging the trial court's decision in this case. The Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in

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# Indian vice president in Dhaka

**UNB, Dhaka**

Indian Vice president Mohammad Hamid Ansari arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a two-day visit to join the 150th birth anniversary celebration of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore. Foreign Minister Dipu

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# CHANGES TO CHARTER Review of talks from Sunday

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The parliamentary special committee on constitutional amendment will start reviewing on Sunday the recommendations made to it by different political parties, eminent jurists, civil society personalities and editors of national dailies in the just concluded series of talks with it. The committee will then prepare a detailed report with a set of proposals for bringing changes to the constitution, which will be placed in the House. Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair of the House body, said this at a press briefing yesterday at the parliament media centre.

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# Stalkers kill victim's husband

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**

A man was stabbed to death by a gang of stalkers for protesting harassment of his wife in Dinajpur town on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as Limon Misra, 28, employee of an automobile shop and a resident of Kalitola village under Dinajpur sadar upazila. Police arrested an

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think religion based political parties and organisations should be banned?

Yes 50.1%  
No 47.9%  
No Comments 2.0%

TOTAL VOTES : 603

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think US contradictory statements regarding Osama's death are undermining its success?

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**PRAYER TIMING** May 6

Azan	Jamaat
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Juma 12-30	1-15
Asr 4-45	5-00
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