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Yet another shocking arbitration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Village arbitrators shaved the head of a woman accusing her of adultery at Binahali of Adamdighi upazila here yesterday.

Garment worker Lovely Begum, 26, has been married to Abdul Kader for the last 14 years.

Lovely said they went to Dhaka five years ago looking for work. They secured jobs at a garment factory but a few months later, Kader quit his job and became solely depended on her

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Human resources key LDC concern

PM at UN summit in Istanbul

UNB, Istanbul

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said enhancing productive capacities and improving human resources to get benefit from globalisation are the main concerns for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

She highlighted the concerns while speaking as the key-note speaker at the thematic session on 'enhancing productive capacity of the LDCs' at Lutfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre in Istanbul.

The thematic debate was co-chaired by

Foreign Affairs Minister of Senegal Madicke Niang and Under-secretary of State of Development Policy and Cooperation Ritva Koukku-Ronde.

Hasina urged all to discard past myopic strategies and opt for a win-win arrangement benefiting all.

The first Action Plan of the LDCs in '80s recognised that LDCs must produce more goods and services to escape from poverty and deprivation, the premier said.

"To be able to do so, LDCs would need to improve human resources, ensure macro-economic stability, enhance trade

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Elderly dies in clash for water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An elderly man died Sunday night in a clash over collecting tap water in the city's Goran.

Family members alleged the victim, Golam Mostafa, 55, was beaten to death during the clash.

Some witnesses, however, told police that Mostafa might have died of a heart attack during the tussle.

Dhaka Medical College morgue

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Stipend stopped for not being maid

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

The headmistress of Parul Government Primary School in Pargachha upazila has stopped giving stipend money to a very needy schoolgirl after she refused to continue as a domestic help in her house.

Ironically, this very headmistress persuaded the girl's family to get her admitted to the school promising government stipend, family members say.

Headmistress Kaniz Fatema did keep her promise, but she did so as long as the

girl worked as her domestic help.

Shyamoli, the nine-year-old class-I student of Parul village, received only one of the three equal instalments of Tk 400 last year. She also did not get the first instalment this year, which was distributed among the students on Sunday.

The Upazila Primary Education Department told The Daily Star on Sunday that they have been sending the money -- Tk 100 per month -- for the girl all along since January 2010.

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Shyamoli with her grandmother Halima Khatun.

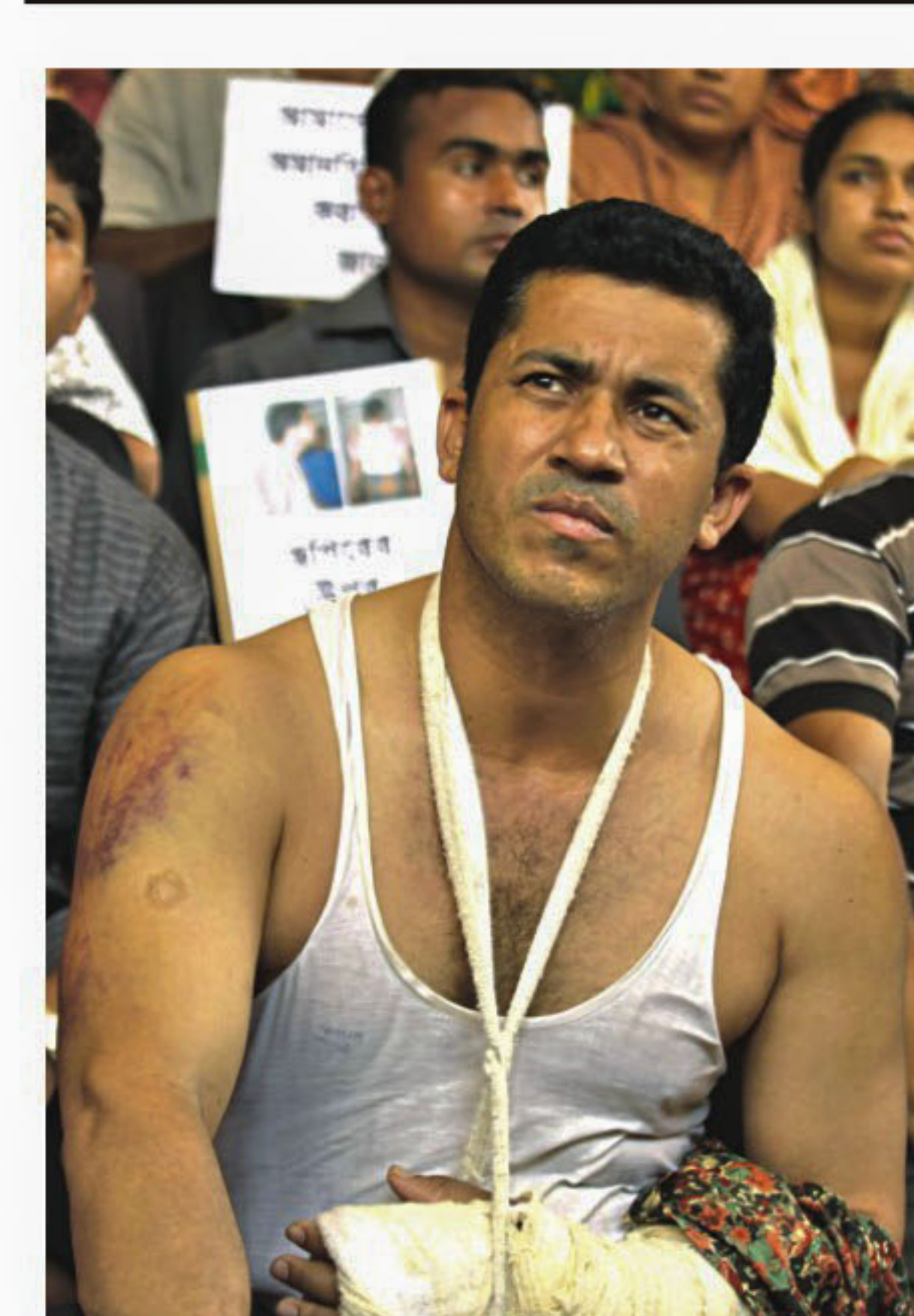
Bangladesh co-chair of Climate Fund

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and Sweden have been nominated co-chair of Green Climate Fund.

According to the decision taken in the World Climate Conference in Cancun, Mexico in 2010, the first meeting of Transitional Committee was held in Mexico city on April 28-29 with a view to formulating 'Green

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No work at Grameen

Staff protest against torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Employees of Grameen Bank yesterday observed a one-hour work abstinence at the bank's headquarters at Mirpur in the capital, protesting the abduction and torture of one of their colleagues.

Some 800 employees joined the protest around 3:00pm under the banner of Grameen Bank Employees' Association.

During the peaceful sit-in on the bank premises, they demanded immediate arrest of the people involved in the May 6 abduction of Sagirur Rashid Chowdhury, an accounts officer of the bank.

Sagirur, a former

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Sagirur Rashid Chowdhury, an accounts officer of Grameen Bank, attends a sit-in at the bank's headquarters in the capital yesterday. His colleagues called for the event protesting his abduction and torture on Friday.

Child-clubbing cops warned

HC asks 2 Khulna policemen to explain torture on theft suspicion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The High Court on Sunday issued a rule upon two police officials of Khulna Sadar Police Station to show cause within next two weeks as to why legal action against them should not be taken for abusing a

Machine readable visa launched

M RAHMAN

The government yesterday started issuing machine readable visas (MRV) from the passport office in the capital's Agargaon and aims to expand it to other divisional offices within a fortnight.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun launched the process by handing over

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Khaleda visits UK, US from May 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will leave Dhaka on May 14 on a two-week visit to the United Kingdom and the United States.

In the UK, she will meet her elder son Tarique Rahman, also senior vice chairman of the party, in London and stay there until May 21.

Then she will move for the US and will be

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BNP announces fresh anti-govt agitation

10 hurt in post-rally internal clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday announced a fresh agitation programme to press home its various demands and to protest deterioration of law and order and recent price hike of fuel.

Mirza Fakrul Islam Alamgir, acting secretary general of BNP, made the announcement at a rally in front of the party central office at Naya Paltan in the city.

Soon after the rally, a clash broke out between activists of an associate body and a front organisation of the main opposition party that left at least 10 persons injured including BNP's student affairs

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP will be able to hold its planned agitation programmes without any obstruction from the government or ruling Awami League?

Yes 13.6%
No 84.5%
No Comments 1.9%

TOTAL VOTES: 317

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at the prevailing law and order situation in the capital?

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PRAYER TIMING May 10

Azan	4-10	4-45
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-36	6-40
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation