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**Maj Gen Sheikh Mamun new DGFI chief**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has made a change in director general of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) within a week through appointing Maj Gen Sheikh Mamun Khaled as DG, DGFI on Sunday.

Earlier on June 12, Brig Gen Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed was made the DG of the DGFI, according to sources of Inter

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# Clampdown on Turag grabbers

## 8 sand-laden vessels, 3 dredgers seized; 3 more companies fined

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An enforcement team of Department of Environment (DoE) seized eight illegal sand-laden vessels and three dredgers from the river Turag during a drive yesterday.

The team also fined three business institutions Tk 17 lakh for filling up 12,192 square-foot of the river Turag with sand near the landing station of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) in Chhinnirtek area, a DoE press release said.

All three business concerns penalised are BIWTA-employed contractors.

The width and navigable channel of the river have shrunk in Chhinnirtek area due to massive sand filling in the river causing damage to the river's ecology.

The seized vessels were laden with about 3,200 metric tonnes of sand. The team seized the vessels and dredgers

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One of the dredgers used in extracting sand to fill wetlands and water bodies in and around the capital was seized by the Department of Environment yesterday. Inset, cargo boats for carrying sand were also seized.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**CRIMINAL CASES**

### 13 BNP men get HC bail

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four weeks to 13 BNP leaders and activists including lawmaker Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee in three criminal cases.

The cases were filed with Dhanmondi, Ramna and Shahbagh police stations on

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# MONEY LAUNDERING LAW Govt nod to amendments

## Target to remove hassles in bringing back laundered money

**REJAUL KARIM BYRON**

The government moves to amend the anti-money laundering law with a provision to make documents from foreign countries acceptable in the court to bring back laundered money.

The cabinet approved the draft amendment to the Money Laundering Prevention Act at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday.

It includes a number of clauses to retrieve the laundered money, and treat manipulation and irregularities in the stockmarket as a crime under the law.

The draft amendment includes a provision that if a Bangladesh court gives order for bringing back laundered money, the attorney general's office could request the country concerned to make arrangements for returning the money, said a finance ministry official seeking anonymity.

The draft amendment also broadened the definition of money laundering that would refer to any illegal transfer of money or amassing wealth or assets abroad, keeping abroad assets that are of the country's interest.

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# Govt for dropping case against AL MP

## Terms Habibur Mollah's tax evasion case 'politically motivated'

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

The government has recommended withdrawal of a tax evasion case against Awami League lawmaker Habibur Rahman Mollah considering it "politically motivated and meant for harassment."

After receiving the government's recommendation, Special Public Prosecutor Kabir Hossain on Wednesday submitted a petition with the Special Judge's Court-3 for withdrawal of the case.

Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain

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### 5 educationists made national professors

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Five eminent educationists have been made national professors for five years, a government press release said yesterday.

They are Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim, Prof AF Salahuddin Ahmad and Prof Rangolal Sen of Dhaka University, Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam of Jahangirnagar University and Prof Shahla Khatun of

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The repair work for concrete lids is obstructing traffic flow on Selina Parveen Road at the capital's Moghbazar. Locals allege the slabs are found broken within a few days of their repair. They wish the authorities speed up the work and do it properly this time.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

### PM annoyed at Kobori-Shamim face-off

**Asks for taking action**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Annoyed at the face-off between Awami League lawmaker Sarah Begum Kobori and leader Shamim Osman on Saturday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed party General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam to take organisational action against the person responsible.

"The prime minister has reacted sharply with the incident and asked Syed Ashraf to look into the matter and report at the party's next working

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### Mob beats burglar to death

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An irate mob beat an alleged burglar to death after locals captured a gang of three burglars early yesterday in Keraniganj, the city's outskirts.

Mohammad Sumon, 30, and two of his unidentified cohorts were battered severely at Hasnabad around 4:00am.

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### AL MPs express resentment over budget discussion

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Several Awami League lawmakers yesterday said it was useless for them to discuss the proposed budget for 2011-12 fiscal year as what they said it is the prime minister and the finance minister who decide on any possible change.

AL lawmaker Abdul

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# PM for women's active role in development

**BSS, Dhaka**

The government had been implementing various programmes to bring the country's women to mainstream development activities as the progress could not be attained keeping women behind, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

"Since women constitute half of the population of the country, they have to take part in socio-economic activities with their male counterpart for effective overall sustainable advancement of Bangladesh," she added.

The PM said this while addressing a function jointly organised by Jatiya Mohila Parishad and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs at Osmani Memorial Auditorium marking the centenary of birth of eminent Poet Begum Sufia Kamal.

Presided over by State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, the function was also addressed, among others, by Prof

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# No strong proof against Pintu

## Claims his counsel in BDR mutiny case; court adjourned amid chaos

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A counsel of former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu claimed before a Dhaka court yesterday the witnesses of the BDR carnage case could not provide it with any strong evidence against Pintu.

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**PRAYER TIMING** June 21

|         |       |      |
|---------|-------|------|
| Azan    | 4:05  | 4:40 |
| Fajr    | 4:05  | 4:40 |
| Zohr    | 12:45 | 1:15 |
| Asr     | 5:00  | 5:15 |
| Maghrib | 6:52  | 6:55 |
| Esha    | 8:17  | 8:45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

**The Daily Star**

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you think National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports' half-day hartal against government's production sharing contract with a US oil company is justified?

|             |         |
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| Yes         | (53.9%) |
| No          | (42.4%) |
| No Comments | (3.7%)  |

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Do you agree with former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad that cases were filed against him for political reasons and to tarnish his image?

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