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**Gayoom due today**

UNB, Dhaka

Former president of the Maldives Mamun Abdul Gayoom arrives in Dhaka today. During his four-day visit, Gayoom will attend the 4th convocation of University of Science and Technology of Chittagong (USTC) to be held at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre on June 29. He will address a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital at 6:00pm on June 27, according to a USTC release.

# Businesses for political stability

*Demand industry-friendly climate*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Businessmen yesterday demanded an industry-friendly environment and adequate supply of gas and power for economic growth of the country. Political stability is a must for continuing the extraordinary exports growth, they said. Their comments came on the sidelines of the "Bangladesh Business Awards" ceremony at Sonargaon Hotel in the capital. The Daily Star, the country's most-read English newspaper, and DHL Express, the world's leading logistics company, crowned five business personalities and business houses for making significant strides in the country's growing economy. "Liquidity shortage is slowing the implementation of projects," said Saiful Islam, who won the "Business Person of the Year" award last year. "We have not suffered from funds problem during the global financial crisis. But the stock market crisis has led to a liquidity crunch, as many banks have invested in stockmarket beyond permissible limits," said Saiful, also chairman of Western Marine Shipyard Ltd, a leading

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PHOTO: COURTESY  
Activists of a BCL faction move to take on their rivals on Rajshahi University campus yesterday. Inset, weapons recovered from Bangabandhu Hall, a dormitory of the university.

**CNG-run auto drivers call strike**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Drivers of CNG-run auto-rickshaws yesterday called for an indefinite strike from July 3 to press home their 10-point demand including an increase in the fare in accordance with the price hike of CNG. Dhaka Zilla Auto-Rickshaw Shramik

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# BEA now supports money whitening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The apex forum of economists yesterday retreated from its stance against allowing money whitening, and backed the government decision to allow black money in two sectors. "In principle, we are against the amnesty. The reality is that the market needs money," said Dr Abul Barkat, president of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA), in an analysis on the proposed budget for fiscal 2011-12 at the BEA office. A huge amount of untaxed money needs to be brought back into the money market that has been facing severe liquidity crunch for a relatively longer period this year,

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# BCL factions clash at RU

*Sharp weapons recovered from rooms; 2 held*  
RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University authorities recovered a cache of blunt and sharp weapons, and bottles of Phensedyl syrup and liquor raiding a dormitory yesterday. RU Proctor Prof Chowdhury Muhammad Zakaria in association with law enforcers raided

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# Border survey not for land transfer

*Clarifies foreign secretary; says it's for resolving disputes with India*  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India have been conducting a survey on the adversely possessed lands and enclaves to see the latest situation there. No land will be transferred during the survey, Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes said yesterday. About the protest against the survey in Sylhet border areas, the foreign secretary said the Joint Boundary Working Group (JBWG) is assessing the social, economic and other aspects of the areas. The survey is not intended to relocate the people inhabiting there. Demarcation of adversely possessed land and exchange of enclaves will be

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# CHAR BESTIN Forest Dept to sue 15 for tree felling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Bhola forest department is set to sue 15 people including three former union parishad chairmen in two cases today for chopping down over 30,000 trees at the Char Bestin mangrove forest in the coastal areas.

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**2 killed in workplace incidents**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two construction workers died in separate incidents in the capital's Badda and Lalbagh areas yesterday. The deceased Shariful Islam, 25, fell from the sixth floor of an under-construction building at Badda while Amirul Islam, 19, was electrocuted at a construction site inside Eden

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From a map, officials of Department of Environment identifying a canal which is earth-filled by a dyeing company for setting pipes of treatment plant at Birulia in Savar yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# Dyeing factory fined Tk 30 lakh for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment yesterday fined dyeing factory Apparel Village Ltd Tk 30.31 lakh for polluting water bodies and cultivable land at Birulia in Savar. The penalty came after a team of Rapid Action Battalion-1 led by DoE Director (monitoring and enforcement) Muhammad Munir Chowdhury conducted a raid on the factory. The DoE ran the drive upon receiving complaints that Apparel Village has been discharging untreated liquid waste into a nearby canal and farmland for 10 years.

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# NIKO VERDICT Mosharraf denies taking bribe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain, who had to resign from the cabinet over taking a Tk 1 crore sports utility vehicle (SUV) from Niko in 2005, yesterday protested the verdict of a Canadian court finding the oil company guilty of bribing him. Before giving the verdict, the Canadian court should have conducted its own investigation whether he accepted any bribe, Mosharraf said while talking to The Daily Star. "The court imposed the fine and acquitted Niko, but

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# Canadian senator's role under probe

STAR REPORT

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is investigating Liberal Senator Mac Harb for criminal breach of trust, alleging that he travelled to Bangladesh on a special passport reserved for federal officials, where he

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**PRAYER TIMING** June 26

Azhan	4-05	4-40
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-57
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you agree with BNP that Arafat Rahman Koko's conviction is politically motivated?

Yes (54.9%)  
No (43.6%)  
No Comments (1.5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 537

**TODAY'S POLL**

How do you look at the attack on the protest programme against the government's repression on the victim Limon Hossain in the capital?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

**পরিবেশ বান্ধব পাট বাঁচাতে গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি**

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার "পণ্যে পাটজাত মোড়কের বাধ্যতামূলক ব্যবহার আইন" ২০১০ পাস করেছে। এই আইনের উদ্দেশ্যঃ

- \* পলিথিনের ভয়াবহ বিপর্যয় থেকে পরিবেশকে রক্ষা করা;
- \* বায়ুদূষণ, মাটিদূষণ ও পানিদূষণ রোধসহ নদী-নালা, খাল-বিল, সমুদ্রকে বাঁচানো;
- \* ৪ লক্ষ পাটচাষীর পাটের ন্যায্যমূল্য প্রাপ্তি নিশ্চিতকরণ;
- \* ৩ লক্ষ পাটকল শ্রমিকের কর্মসংস্থানের নিশ্চয়তা বিধান;
- \* ৫ কোটি মানুষের স্বার্থযুক্ত পাটশিল্পকে বাঁচিয়ে রাখা এবং
- \* পাট ও পাটশিল্পের উন্নতি ঘটিয়ে দেশের অর্থনীতিকে মজবুত করা।

এই আইনের লক্ষ্যঃ

অভ্যন্তরীণ বাজারে সকল প্রকার খাদ্যশস্য ও নির্ধারিত পণ্যাদি পরিবহন ও মজুদে পাটপণ্য ব্যবহার করা বাধ্যতামূলক।

আইন ভঙ্গকারীর দণ্ডঃ

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**পলিথিন বর্জন করবো পাটপণ্য ব্যবহার করবো।**

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