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2 arrested for hill cutting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

A team of the Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday seized an excavator and arrested two people from Chhalimpur under Sitakunda upazila for cutting hills and damaging the ecosystem. Acting on a tip-off, the team led by its assistant director Tajminur Rahman in association with the police conducted the drive at Chittagong Development (CDA)

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ROBBERY IN CITY

4 held with looted goods

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday arrested four people in connection with the robbery at an apartment in the capital's New Eskaton on June 19 and also recovered some of the looted valuables. The arrestees Palash, 24, Milon Mallik, 27, and Abu Hanif, 38, took part in the robbery while Abu Taher, 45, disposed of the booty, DB officials suspect. Golam Mostofa Russell, assistant commissioner of DB

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Schoolgirl raped in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A 12-year-old schoolgirl was gagged and gang raped in captivity for two days before she was rescued Monday night from Sahebpara area in Lalmonirhat town. The victim, a student of class-VII of Jadur Tair High School of Jadur Tair village under Saghata upazila of Gaibandha, is now undergoing treatment in Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital. "The victim is now out of danger," District Civil Surgeon Jahangir Alam Sarker said. Residential Medical

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TIB STUDY ON 9TH PARLIAMENT

JS body formation a major success

98 bills passed in 135 work days; absence of MPs, sitting delay cause loss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inclusion of the opposition in parliamentary committees is a positive step towards establishing accountability, while low turnout of lawmakers in parliament sittings hinders the democratic process, said a study of Transparency International, Bangladesh. Formulation of 48 parliamentary bodies in the first session of the ninth parliament, accommodating members of the opposition, and setting up of two committees headed by opposition politicians was hailed in the TIB study. The research also finds as many as 98

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INSTALLATION OF 3 MAJOR PIPELINES

Petrobangla wants restricted bidding

SHARIER KHAN

Petrobangla is seeking government approval for a tender restricted to four companies that were pre-qualified three years back for a pipeline project. The move apparently aims at slashing the lengthy tender process for installing three major and urgently needed pipelines to drastically increase gas supply in less than two years. To have this tender exempted from the public procurement rules, Petrobangla in a letter on May 3 sought government approval for it under the Special Act for Quick Supply Increase of Power and Energy, 2010. Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL) under Petrobangla will float the tender. The letter particularly mentioned restricting the tender to bidders selected under an Asian Development Bank-financed project to lay pipeline and install necessary accessories. Only four companies --two Indian and two Chinese-- were selected in this tender three years ago. An eight-member committee headed by the additional energy secretary is likely to approve the tender at a meeting tomorrow. The restricted initiative is being heavily criticised by other bidders which are asking the authorities to explain why they would not go for an open tender to ensure a fair price when such a process could be completed within 28 days. They said restricting the tender to just four bidders

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BNP city unit organises a rally in front of the party central office yesterday to protest against the recent hike in fuel prices and transport fares disrupting vehicular movement at Naya Paltan in the capital.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON
An official takes a sample of factory waste being dumped into a canal in Kaliakair. The Department of Environment fined four factories of Gazipur over Tk 1 crore for dumping untreated waste in the surrounding area.

POLLUTION

Four factories fined Tk 1cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment yesterday fined four dyeing and textile mills Tk 1.06 crore in Kaliakair upazila of Gazipur for polluting water bodies and arable land and operating without clearance from the authority. It also directed the owners of the factories to fix their effluent treatment plants within the next three months, in default of which gas and electricity lines to the factories will be severed. Yesterday, a team, led by DoE Director (monitoring and enforcement)

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NGOs contribute to poverty reduction

Matia tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury in parliament yesterday said non-government organisations are working in the country alongside the government to eradicate poverty. "As a result, poverty rate in 2010 has been come down to 31.5 percent from 40 percent of 2005," Matia said replying to query, citing data of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. M Israfil Alam, the ruling Awami League lawmaker from Naogaon-6, wanted to know whether the bureau or divisional or district commissioners regularly check activities of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) a non-government organisation, and its partners, and what was the finding.

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New law on cards to make EC stronger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will take steps to enact a law on chief election commissioner and election commissioners' appointment procedure in a bid to make the Election Commission (EC) stronger and widely acceptable. Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad yesterday told this in parliament in reply to lawmakers' queries. In a scripted reply, Azad, also in charge of the election commission secretariat in the parliamentary business, informed the House that the EC has already formulated a draft proposal titled "Chief Election

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Lagarde 1st female IMF chief

BBC ONLINE

France's Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, 55, has been named the first woman to head the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Lagarde fought off Mexico's Agustín Carstens for the job, although an IMF statement said both candidates "were well qualified". She received backing from America and Europe and key emerging market nations, including China,

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No more hike in CNG auto fare

Owners, drivers call off strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided not to increase the fares of CNG-run three-wheelers any more as demanded by owners

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PRAYER TIMING

June 29

	Azan	Jamaat
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 think BNP should send a representative if invited by the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry to give its opinion on any issues including a new formula for caretaker government?

Yes

(65.2%)

No


(33.1%)

No Comments

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