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Marilyn Monroe's photo has been chosen for the festival's poster

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No sunglasses for free? Clash

One dies, 20 hurt as Jagannath University students clash with old city traders



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died and 20 others were injured yesterday in a two-hour-long clash between students of Jagannath University (JnU) and traders of Patuatuli Market.

Deceased Sunil Ghosh, 65, a sweeper of the Sadarghat branch of Janata Bank, suffocated in tear gas used by law enforcers to calm the fury, Kamal Uddin Ahmed, proctor of the university, told The Daily Star.

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CNG stations to remain shut for 6hrs from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to keep shut CNG filling stations across the country for six hours daily, instead of four hours, for two months from today to produce more electricity for irrigation during the Boro season.

The energy ministry made the decision at a meeting to have an additional 35 million cubic feet of gas diverted to power plants every day, said Abul Aziz Khan, managing director of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Ltd.

CNG filling stations will remain closed from 3:00pm to 9:00pm, instead of the current closing period from 5:00pm to

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WATER IN POLLUTION PERIL



The man in this photo is washing out toxic chemicals of a barrel in the Buriganga near Sadarghat yesterday, evidence of the government's failure to keep its promise to protect the river from pollution. World Water Day, 2012, is being observed today with the theme "Water and Food Security", but the situation in Bangladesh has changed little despite repeated calls to end pollution.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

400 LAUNCH ACCIDENTS IN A DECADE Regulators to be blamed mostly

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Gross negligence on the part of the authorities in ensuring safety measures, coupled with a lack of awareness among passengers, caused more than 440 passenger launch accidents in the last one

decade. As many as 2,700 people died in these accidents.

And such fatal mishaps continue to recur, the latest being in the Meghna on March 13 claiming at least 147 lives, as vessel owners and the government

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Launch was overloaded

Finds probe into Meghna tragedy

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

A probe committee on the MV Shariatpur-1 launch tragedy has found that the vessel capsized promptly in the Meghna as it was hugely overloaded with goods and operated by unskilled master and engine operator.

The 31.6-metre long double-decker passenger vessel

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Don't trust army

Mujib told Bhutto

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

On March 22, 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman arrived at President's House in the morning to continue his

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All eyes on Mirpur

Bangladesh face Pakistan in Asia Cup cricket final today

SPORTS REPORTER

Most of Bangladesh will be glued to TV screens, while a lucky few will find their way to Mirpur, today when Bangladesh take on Pakistan in the final of the Asia Cup at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

It will be a watershed moment for cricket in Bangladesh which will be telecast live from the venue

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JS BOYCOTT CULTURE

AL, BNP on same boat

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The constitutional provision that does not allow an MP to remain absent from parliament for 90 consecutive sittings has compelled both Awami League and BNP lawmakers several times to return to the House.

Incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her arch rival former premier Khaleda Zia also had to do it on several occasions to save their membership in parliament.

Ironically, both of them, when in power, strongly criticise their opponent for this practice.

Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia and her party deputies have, however, beaten all previous records created by Sheikh Hasina and her MPs in the eighth parliament.

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