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A man boards a plane; what he will do now is anybody's guess

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14-party not worried

Believes expansion of BNP-led alliance won't make an impact on politics

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

Leaders of 14-party alliance believe that the expansion of their rivals' coalition would have no political implications since most of the new parties were "anti-liberation war elements" and they existed only on paper.

They believe that the present BNP-led 18-party

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KILLING OF 6 'MUGGERS'

Riddles rule Rab story

No case filed in 18 days; 'mugged' victim yet to appear in public; survivors give more twists to the incident

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The killing of six alleged muggers by the Rapid Action Battalion in Narsingdi on April 2 has now become a mystery as the law enforcers are not sure if any mugging really occurred that day.

Nobody is yet reported to have seen the 'businessman' who was 'mugged', as claimed by Rab. He talks on the mobile but has so far never appeared in public. So nobody is sure if he really exists. He has

not filed a case for the alleged mugging. Even the time of the 'mugging' and the types of notes he was carrying also differ from his version and that of Rab.

The survivors' versions of the event are also vague.

In the grisly Rab action on April 2, six alleged muggers died. Three survived. All the three survivors, who are branded as muggers by the Rab, deny their involvement in any crime. But one of them said the driver of the microbus had proposed

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127 feared dead in Pak air crash

110 bodies recovered

AFP, Islamabad

A passenger airliner crashed near Islamabad yesterday while trying to land in bad weather, officials said, with all 127 people on board believed dead.

The Bhoja Air flight from Karachi burst into flames after coming down in fields near a village on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital as it tried to land in rain and hail at the city's international airport.

The airline said the Boeing 737 was carrying 121 passengers, including 11 children, as well as six crew.

"There is no chance of any survivors. It will be only a miracle. The plane is totally destroyed," police official Fazle Akbar told AFP from the crash site.

So far 110 bodies have been recovered from the crash

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THURSDAY'S VIOLENCE

5,000 sued

New probe bodies formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 5,000 opposition party men stand accused in five cases in connection with Thursday's violence that erupted during a demonstration against the disappearance of BNP leader Ilias Ali.

Police filed the cases with the capital's Paltan, Motijheel, Ramna and Tejgaon police stations yesterday.

The accused include top leaders of pro-BNP organisations Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal,

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ILIAS ALI STILL MISSING

BNP threatens non-stop hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP plans a ceaseless agitation programme, including blockade and non-stop hartal, to mount pressure on the government to rescue party leader



Ilias Ali, who went missing on Tuesday night.

In protest, the main opposition party has already enforced hartals in four districts in Sylhet division, where Ilias comes from, and is

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Rab source held with Yaba tablets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested a source of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) with 200 Yaba tablets in Chittagong yesterday.

Ebaidur Rahman, 48, hailed from south Patenga area, was arrested at the house of one Abu Saleh at Abedin Colony around

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ILLEGAL STAY

Dubai deports 88 Bangladeshis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Dubai authorities yesterday sent 88 Bangladeshi expatriates back for working there "illegally".

They all landed at Chittagong Shah Amanat International Airport on a Fly Dubai plane at 8:30pm.

The returnees who went to Dubai for work at different times had to serve jail sentences as they had fled from their employers' firms, said Shahabuddin Chowdhury, inspector (immigration) of the airport.

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PM in Doha to attend Unctad meet

UNB, Doha

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the members of her entourage arrived in Qatar yesterday to attend the 13th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad XIII).

Chief of Organizing Committee of the Unctad XIII and Deputy Minister for Business and Trade of Qatar Saud Al Jufairi received the premier at the Doha airport.

After the warm reception at the airport, the prime minister was taken to Four Seasons Hotel in

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A man drives a passenger vehicle, locally known as Chander Gari, along a risky hilly road of Rangamati while talking on his mobile phone, a punishable offence. The photo was shot a few days ago.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ICU at CMCH in a shambles

Service disrupted due to staff shortage, lack of equipment

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

The intensive care unit of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) is barely functioning with just four doctors instead of required 20, thus being unable to deliver proper treatment to patients.

The nine-bed Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the hospital also lacks adequate life support

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