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Rights chief reminds govt of its duty
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday urged the government to get the probe into the disappearance of BNP leader Ilias Ali done in the shortest possible time and make the findings public.
"It is the government's
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ILIAS STILL MISSING Question over Rab raid

Attacks, arsons on hartal eve

Rab and police conducted a joint operation at Pubail in Gazipur yesterday to locate missing BNP leader M Ilias Ali but found no trace of him.
Law enforcers conducted the nearly four-hour operation based on information provided to Ilias' wife by an unknown caller, Commander M Sohail, director of Rab Legal and Media Wing, told The Daily Star last night.
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Bus was parked, driver asleep

A driver was burned to death and his assistant suffered injuries as their bus was set alight at the capital's
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A bus at the capital's Khilgaon burns with its driver inside yesterday. Inset, police pull the charred body into a van.

CASES AGAINST ILIAS Complainant goes out of trace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A local Awami League leader, who filed two cases against BNP leader M Ilias Ali, has remained out of trace for the last two days. Ilias went missing on April 18.
Bashrat Ali, labour affairs secretary of Biswanath upazila AL unit, filed the cases with the local police station on April 18, accusing him of bombing and vandalising his now-defunct business in 2001.
Interestingly, filling of these cases after 11 years of the incidents coincided with Ilias going missing along with his driver in Dhaka.
Basharat's son Shah Alam Khokon told
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HSC exams postponed to May 22
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government has postponed today's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations due to the hartal called by opposition.
The postponed examinations under eight general education boards have been rescheduled for May 22. Alim examinations under the madrasa board will now be held on
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Acceptance of resignation & our constitution



SHAKHAWAT LITON
What was otherwise ordinary news in the media that "Suranjit is back" to the cabinet has turned into a matter of important constitutional debate with the prime minister taking the position that a resignation is valid only if it is accepted and a section of jurists saying there is no need for acceptance. The constitution in this case makes no mention of the requirement for acceptance.
Article 58(1) (a) of the country's constitution says the office of a minister other than the prime minister shall become vacant "if he resigns from office by placing his resignation in the hands of the prime minister for submission to the president". (The entire article has been reproduced at the bottom of this report for a better understanding for the readers.)
"Is a minister a service holder that his resignation has to be accepted? There is nothing for acceptance of a resignation. If a minister resigns, it takes effect immediately," said eminent jurist barrister Rafique-Ul-Huq.
In his opinion, Suranjit Sengupta resigned as railway minister but became a minister again without taking an oath.
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BNP prepares for hartal series

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night instructed senior leaders of the party to get prepared for a non-stop hartal "if the government does not release" abducted BNP leader M Ilias Ali.
She gave the instruction during talks with party colleagues at her Gulshan office.
"Madam [Khaleda Zia] asked us to remain active during tomorrow's [today's] hartal," acting secretary general of BNP Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told The Daily Star after the talks.
The BNP spokesperson also said the leader of the opposition in parliament also told party leaders to prepare for a tougher movement against the government if their demands are not met.
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Containers under watch at Ctg port

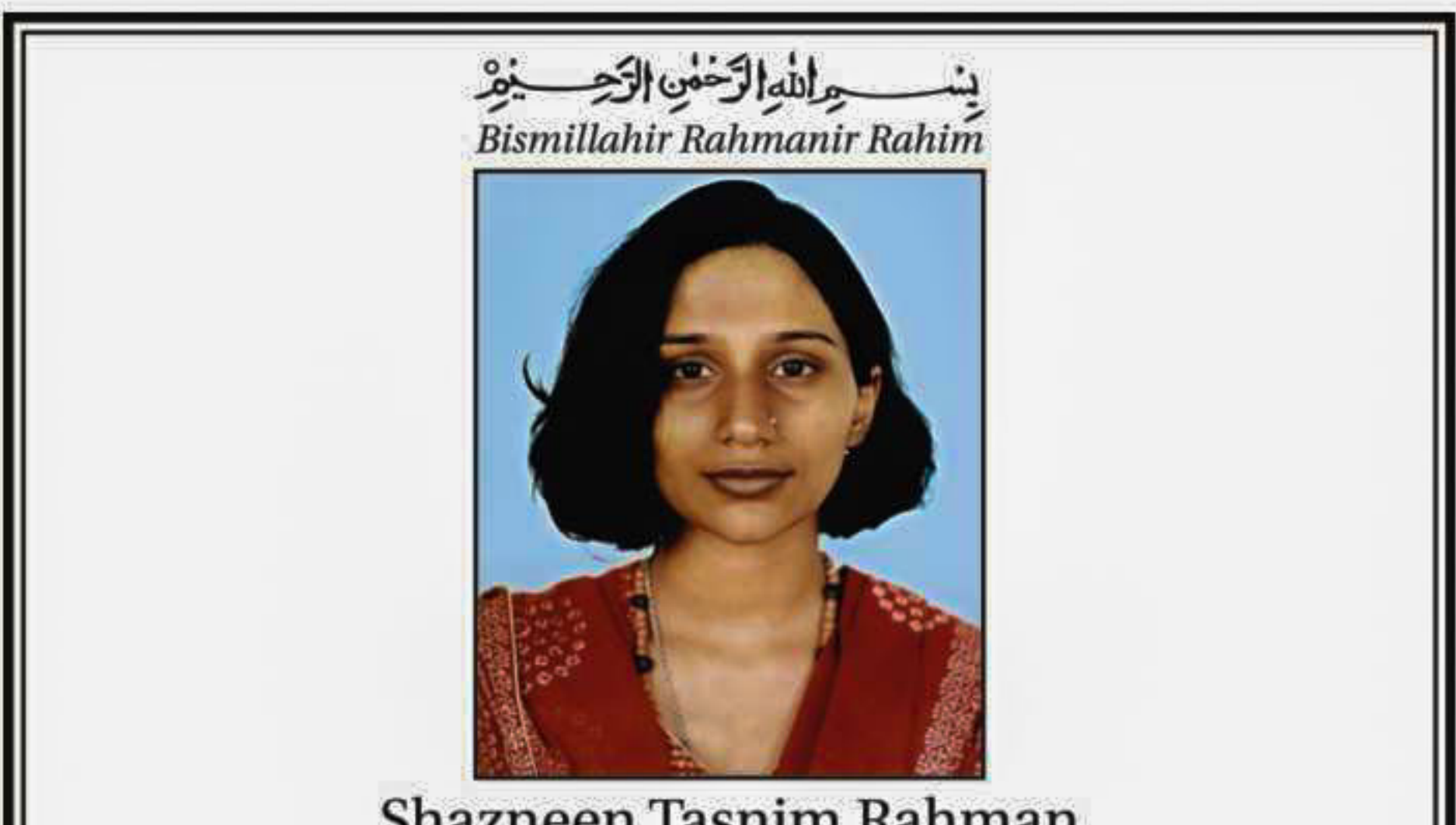
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has kept all the containers unloaded from a foreign vessel under observation suspecting illegal items or explosives in any of those.
The containers have been placed in different yards of the port, said CPA Director (security) Lt Col Moazzem Hossain.
Turkish-flagged cargo vessel Cristina A, carrying
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at World Leaders' Investment Summit in the Qatari capital Doha yesterday.
PHOTO: PID

SPIRALLING FOOD PRICES PM wants global response

Asks for global reforms in financial governance at Unctad conference
BSS, Doha
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday underscored the need for massive global reforms in present economic and financial governance side by side with a strong political will for the betterment of all.
"As we try to find solution, we must accept the fact that the present economic and financial governance requires reform ranging from reforms, and any reform cannot but be inclusive," she told the opening ceremony of the 13th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad XIII) at the Qatar National Conference Centre here.
She added: "We have to have faith in the ability of the multilateral processes to deliver. This
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SHAZNEEN'S 14TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 23, 2012

Another year has gone by, and time is again at hand for us to share with you our grief of having lost, on this day, our youngest beloved daughter, Shazneen, at the brutal hands of a band of murderers that snuffed the life out of a child who would have now been a young woman of 29 years.
On this occasion, every year, we share our irreparable loss with all of you, young and old, who have known her, loved her, played with her, went to school with her, to enable all of you to remember Shazneen and pray for her so that the Almighty grants her a place in the Heavenly Abode.
During the past year many of you have shared your fond memories of Shazneen with us. We, the immediate family, owe you all a debt of gratitude for your words of solace and prayers that we can never express sufficiently. Thank You is all we can say in return, but we do so with the deepest sense of gratitude and humility.
The day has returned when we invite you all to join us in a collective prayer.
Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to join us at a Milad-Mehfil to be held **tomorrow, Monday, April 23, 2012 after Asr (5:30pm)** at House No. NE(J)-4, Road 83, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka - 1212.
Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family

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AZAD ON IRAN NUKE Doubts in Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Dhaka has expressed its surprise over a news item published on the website of the official news agency of Islamic Republic of Iran that reads Bangladesh is proud of Iran's nuclear achievements.
The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) creed a news item from Liberville in Gabon on April 20 quoting
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