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Safety net to include beggars

Govt plans to rehabilitate 2,000 beggars in Dhaka

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government will be rehabilitating 2,000 beggars of the capital city in a pilot project to be implemented by June.

This is the first time such an initiative has been taken up by the ministry of social welfare.

A high-ranking social welfare ministry official said the chosen beggars would be rehabilitated in Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Dhaka and Barisal districts. They would be provided with accommodation and loans for self employment under the pilot project.

Steps required for rehabilitation of the beggars would be decided in an inter-ministerial meeting, he said.

The ministry recently conducted a survey on 10,000

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Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton hold talks at the Gulshan residence of US ambassador to Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Jessore Jubo League men assault 5 journalists

STAR REPORT

A group of Jubo League activists assaulted five television journalists and damaged four video cameras when the newsmen tried to cover a BNP-enforced hartal in Abhoynagar upazila of Jessore yesterday.

The assaulted journalists are Jessore correspondents Akram Hossain of Channel i, Mamun of Desh TV, Torikul Islam Tarek of Diganta TV, and Ruhul Das of Maasranga Television and cameraman Jubair Hossain of Diganta TV.

The correspondents were all given first aid while cameraman Jubair was admitted to Jessore Sadar Hospital.

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Supermoon graces the night sky

BBC ONLINE

A "supermoon" yesterday graced the skies, appearing bigger and brighter than usual, as it comes closer to the earth.

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MOVE AGAINST HARTAL

Businesses to seek views of others

Prepare to sit with political actors for keeping economy safe

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

Top business leaders will seek opinions from different professionals before launching formal dialogues with political leaders, demanding a ban on hartal that causes disruption to economic activities.

Business leaders, particularly former

and incumbent presidents of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), have already held four meetings to prepare a set of guidelines for the discussion with political leaders.

They will sit again between May 12 and

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Rejoinder

AKM Nurul Faiz Bakul has protested a report published in The Daily Star on April 26, headlined, "Odyssey of a mother ends in joy". The report was about a legal battle for custodianship of an eight-year-old boy.

In his rejoinder, Bakul, father of the boy, denied the accusations of Nusrat Wahid, mother of the kid - Anan Intesar Bin Faiz -- regarding taking Anan abroad and his custodianship. He said a court on November 22, 2010

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Truck ploughs into home, 4 of a family killed

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A truck ploughed into a roadside home in Chandpur Sadar upazila early yesterday, killing four of the family in their sleep.

The dead are day-labourer Selim Sheikh, 45, his wife Faizunnesa Begum, 35, and their two children Russell Sheikh, 15, and Shilpi Akhter, 13.

Rakib Sheikh, six, Selim's nephew, who sustained injuries, was admitted to Chandpur Sadar Hospital.

Locals said a truck carrying cattle feed skidded off the

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'Missing' Ctg BNP leader returns home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

BNP leader Md Ziaur Rahman Zia who has been missing since last Friday



in the port city, finally returned home, yesterday.

The 35-year-old publicity secretary of Pathantuli ward unit of BNP, was missing since he left his

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50 Indian double-decker buses arrive

240 more in pipeline

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Fifty Indian double-decker buses will hit the city roads Tuesday. This will be the first successful project under India's \$1 billion credit agreement inked two years ago.

The new buses started arriving in small lots in the last two months.

These could have been seen on the Dhaka streets much earlier, had there been no dilemma over who is going to inaugurate the operations.

Communications ministry officials said they

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The double-decker buses bought from India are parked at Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) stand in Gazipur on Saturday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Ilias not held by lawmen

5 agencies place reports to HC

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Five law enforcement agencies have submitted reports to the High Court as ordered by it, claiming BNP leader M Ilias Ali is not in their custody since they have not picked up or detained him.

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Motaheer Hossain Saju, who received the reports from them recently, said this when contacted by The Daily Star yesterday.

The reports, prepared by the offices of the inspector general of police (IGP), Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Special Branch (SB) and Banani Police Station, claim they are making all efforts to find out Ilias Ali.

Following a writ petition filed by Ilias's wife Tahmina Rushdir Luna on April 19, the HC issued a rule upon the law enforcement agencies to explain within 10 days why

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The Daily Star



Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you support the ruling party's stance to go tough if the BNP-led opposition enforces hartal or observes similar programmes against the government in the coming days?

Yes (27.4%)
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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's visit will help ease the ongoing tension in Bangladesh politics?

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