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FORCED DISAPPEARANCES

Special force responsible

Khaleda warns Rab, cops at Gazipur rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday accused the government of using a special force comprised of intelligence, Rab and Chhatra League-Jubo League men to commit forced disappearances.

Addressing a rally at Kapasia upazila in Gazipur, she said those



who were involved in killings and disappearances would be put on trial.

"As the Awami League resorted to terrorism and killings, people didn't vote it to power for 21 years. This time, if it loses power, it will not be able to return to power in the next 42 years," she told the gathering, at the Welfare

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No mid-term elections

Congress reacts to Mamata's remark

THE TIMES OF INDIA ONLINE

Ruling out a mid-term poll, the Congress yesterday reacted to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's claim that the Lok Sabha polls would be held in advance, and said the United Progressive Alliance (UPA)-II will complete its full term.

"I have not gone through the statement given by Banerjee, but one thing is clear the UPA-II will complete its term and elections will be held on the scheduled time. There is no question of any mid-term poll, Dr

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Housewife set ablaze by husband, in-laws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 28-year-old mother of two daughters is writhing in a hospital bed with most of her body burnt and wrapped in bandages.

Mousumi Akther Sumi was set ablaze allegedly by her husband and in-laws yesterday at their house at Krishnapur of Comilla

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A bird too appears panting in the heatwave that has been sweeping the country for about a week. The photo was shot in the Jatiya Sangsad area in the capital.

PHOTO:
SK ENAMUL HAQ

Hit hard by summer heat

Frequent power cuts make Dhaka life all the more difficult

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The scorching heat, high humidity, frequent power cuts and perennial water crisis have made life miserable in the capital in the last few days.

The situation is also contributing to the spike in diarrhoea cases. More than 500 people are getting admitted to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B) every day, a doctor of the centre said.

Shahnaz Begum, a dweller of Karail slum in the capital and a domestic help in

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Body of youth found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals slit a youth's throat at Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday.

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PRAYER TIMING		May 13
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Magrib	6-36	6-40
Esha	8-00	8-30

OIC MINISTERIAL MEET

Dhaka pushes refugee issue

Tables proposals to resolve crisis

BSS, Dhaka

The First International Ministerial Conference on Refugees in the Muslim World began in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, yesterday with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni heading a Bangladesh delegation to it.

The two-day meeting is the first of its kind under the aegis of the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) where UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is one of the co-organisers.

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Dipu Moni

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