

## Viruses

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engineered viruses.  
When a finger tapped the electrode, the viruses converted the mechanical energy into electricity.  
The research by a team in California has been published in the journal Nature Nanotechnology. Materials that can convert mechanical energy into electricity are known as "piezoelectric".  
"More research is needed, but our work is a promising first step toward the development of personal power generators, actuators for use in nano-devices, and other devices based on viral electronics," said Dr Seung-Wuk Lee at the University of California, Berkeley.  
The virus used in the research was an M13 bacteriophage, which attacks bacteria but is benign to humans.  
The Berkeley team used genetic engineering techniques to add four negatively charged molecules to one end of the corkscrew-shaped proteins that coat the virus.  
These additional molecules increased the charge difference between the proteins' positive and negative ends, boosting the voltage of the virus.  
Another advantage of using viruses for such tasks is that they arrange themselves into an orderly film that enables the generator to work. This attribute, known as "self-assembly" is much sought after in the field of nanotechnology.  
The scientists enhanced the system by stacking films composed of single layers of the virus on top of each other. They found that a stack about 20 layers thick exhibited the strongest piezoelectric effect.  
For the demonstration, they took a multilayered film of viruses measuring 1 square cm and sandwiched it between two gold-plated electrodes. These were connected by wires to a liquid-crystal display.

## 13 vehicles burnt, 200 smashed

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two buses and a car in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital.  
Several people including pro-BNP lawyers and 18-party leaders and workers, and journalists sustained injuries in the capital when agitated activists clashed with law enforcers in and around the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court.  
In Thakurgaon town, BNP activists vandalised several banks and business establishments and at least 100 vehicles, including police vans, buses, minibuses, cars and motorbikes, reports our correspondent.  
An hour after the violence, when police took position at Thakurgaon Chourasta (intersection), BNP activists engaged in a

clash with the law enforcers. Twelve people, including three policemen, were injured in the clash.  
Law enforcers had to lob 30 to 40 teargas canisters and shoot rubber bullets to calm the situation down, said Thakurgaon police.  
The activists also snatched the camera of Partha Sarothi, district correspondent of Mohona Television, while he was shooting the violence.  
Police arrested 11 people until 5:15pm, said acting superintendent of police Belayet Hossain.  
In Chittagong, around 15 people, including three policemen, were injured when police shot rubber bullets at the activists of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and the party men retaliated. The protestors

had blockaded the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Highway at Chandanaish upazila protesting the arrest of their leader Col (retd) Oli Ahmad.  
They also vandalised at least six vehicles at different spots, said Chandanaish police.  
In Sylhet, police used two teargas shells to disperse BNP and Swachhasebak Dal activists when they brought out a procession in the city. However, they finally brought out a procession from Zindabazar area and marched the streets up to Chouhatta.  
Witnesses said at least five vehicles were set ablaze in Zindabazar and adjacent areas.  
In Sirajganj, 20 people, including a policeman and a journalist, were injured

during clashes between police and BNP activists.  
Witnesses said BNP activists vandalised two minibuses and two CNG-run auto rickshaws and some shops during a procession in Barobazar area. Police charged truncheons to disperse the agitators. They picked up 15 people from the spot.  
In Pabna, Police detained BNP district unit joint secretary Shahidur Rahman Tutul Biswas from a procession.  
In Dinajpur, Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal, pro-BNP youth and student bodies, clashed with law enforcers when police intercepted their procession at Nimtolar more. Chase and counter chase took place. The activists finally reunited and brought out a procession.

## HC for probe into 'land grab'

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writ petition on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh with the HC seeking necessary order in this regard.  
The court issued a rule upon the government to explain why its failure to protect the land should not be declared illegal and why it should not be directed to recover the land from the possession of Aslam.  
The HC bench also asked the ruling party MP to appear before it on May 16.  
Accordingly, Aslamul appeared before the court of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim yesterday.  
The legislator told the court that he did not grab any land, as he and his family members own legal properties worth around Tk

5,000-7,000 crore.  
Aslamul said he purchased land near Govt Bangla College from Sundarban Courier Service on different dates between 2006 and 2010.  
He declared he would quit politics and the post of lawmaker, if anybody can prove that he has grabbed any land.  
He further claimed that the newspaper has published the report with a view to tarnish his honour and reputation.  
Defending Aslamul, Abdul Matin Khasru, Nurul Islam Sujan and Fazilatunnesa Bappy, also lawmakers, told the court that their client has not grabbed any land and the allegation made against him in the newspaper report is false, baseless and fabricated.

The lawyers complained that many newspapers do not publish facts.  
Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid said they have documents to prove the allegation against Aslamul.  
Manzill maintained that he has moved several public interest litigations before the HC on the basis of newspaper reports and it has been proved that 49 reports out of 50 were correct.  
The court at this stage, said it had issued several summons to rules on the basis of reports published in some credible newspapers and found most of the reports were correct.  
The court asked Aslamul, Mokfur Hossain, principal of the college, and Matin Abdullah, reporter of Bangladesh Pratidin, to appear before it on June 16.

## Anisuzzaman faces cross

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based on what he had heard from the victims and the witnesses to the atrocities.  
Cross-examining Anisuzzaman for the third day, Ahsanul Huq Hena, a defence counsel, had a few queries about the two incidents. Most of his questions were centred on the family members of Nutan, their encounters with him, Salauddin's political career and other issues linked with the Liberation War of 1971.  
In reply, Anisuzzaman said he had no reason to know why the Pakistani army had gone to Nutan's house on the day he was killed.  
On his earlier statement that he had got to know about the murder from Profulla Chandra Singh, the youngest son of Nutan, the witness yesterday told the court that he could not verify the story with locals.

He, however, said Salauddin's father Fazlul Quader Chowdhury and Nutan had been neighbours, and there had been communication between them.  
He added he had described the incident to many others, including Mahmud Shah Qureshi, dean of arts of National University, Rashidul Haque, then head of the mathematics department of Chittagong University, and Osman Jamal, an assistant professor of English at Chittagong University at the time.  
The 75-year-old academic said Salauddin Quader was known as "major" at the time of war, but there were no reasons for him to know whether the BNP leader used to carry any legal or illegal weapons at the time.  
No complaints had been filed against Salauddin at the People's Court of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal

Nirmul Committee, as the court was meant for the trial of Ghulam Azam, former chief of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Anisuzzaman said.  
Earlier on Tuesday, the three-member tribunal adjourned the proceedings on an understanding with defence counsel Ahsanul that the cross-examination would end yesterday.  
As the defence could not finish questioning the witness even by the third day, Tribunal Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq yesterday said the defence would get an hour today to wrap up the cross-examination.  
Justice Md Anwarul Haque and AKM Zaheer Ahmed are the two other judges of the three-member tribunal, the first of two courts formed to deal with crimes against humanity committed during the war for independence.

Salauddin, who is facing 23 specific charges of crimes against humanity, was produced before the court yesterday.  
The tribunal was also scheduled to record the cross-examination of the 28th prosecution witness in the case against another war crimes accused, Delwar Hossain Sayedee.  
Due to a lack of time, proceedings against the Jamaat nayebe-ameer, who is facing 20 charges of crimes against humanity, were deferred to today.  
**CORRECTION**  
In our Tuesday's story headlined "SQ Chy given last warning" we inadvertently stated that Prof Anisuzzaman took shelter at his friend's elder brother's house in Ramgarh under Jharkhand state of India on April 10, 1971. Actually, he had moved to Ramgarh in Chittagong. We regret the error.

## Goodbye, middlemen

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Hussein and Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri S Subramaniam.  
The visit took place at a time when Malaysia is set to recruit workers from Bangladesh after completing regularisation of irregular foreign workers under its amnesty programme that began in August last year.  
Around four lakh Bangladeshi workers are now in Malaysia, which froze recruitment from Bangladesh in early 2009 following numerous cases of exploitation of workers in 2007 and 2008. Many were jobless and stranded while many others suffered much more and returned home empty-handed.  
Mosharraf said Kuala Lumpur now wants a fully transparent recruitment process. "The Malaysian home minister clearly said it is the brokers both in Bangladesh and Malaysia who are creating problems. They are embarrassed at it."

At the meetings, Mosharraf pointed out the abusive practices of the recruiting agencies and brokers. He mentioned that Bangladesh has online database of overseas jobseekers, and the Malaysian authorities could allow direct recruitment of these registered jobseekers by their employers.  
"Those registering first would be recruited first. Thus, the middlemen could be eliminated," he said.  
Bangladesh Overseas Employment Services Limited (BOESL) and the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) will conduct the recruitment process. Presently, Bangladesh sends workers to South Korea under government arrangements.  
The minister said a Malaysian delegation will visit Bangladesh within a week or two to see the systems it has. Later, the Malaysian cabinet will scrutinise and finalise the recruitment process.

Recruitment from Bangladesh could start in two months or more, but it is sure that Malaysia would go for it. Under state arrangements, the cost of sending workers to Malaysia would not be more than Tk 50,000 each.  
However, if any employer bears the air fare, the cost would be limited to Tk 30,000-35,000. In 2007-08, the cost was around Tk 2 lakh per head although the government-fixed rate was Tk 84,000.  
Asked how he would handle the recruiting agencies who could create pressure on the government to allow them to send workers, he said "I will not backtrack. I am firm this time."  
He, however, said once the recruitment process is streamlined and workers can go at a low cost, private sector will take over.  
"The government does not want to do business, but at the same time it cannot sit idle if the private agencies and brokers create troubles for the workers," Mosharraf said.

## 2 ex-BCL men

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Uddin and former general secretary Saddam Hossain Tushar received death penalties. The mode of execution of the death sentences would be hanging till death.  
They were also fined Tk 50,000 each.  
Judge Ekramul Haque Chowdhury of the Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal announced the verdict in a packed courtroom.  
The verdict stood out among very few cases of murders inferred from campus-violence that were tried over the last few decades, said public prosecutor

Entajul Haque Babu.  
Five were sentenced to life term imprisonment including Waheduzzaman Babu, Mesbahur Rahim Sumon, Khalesur Rahman Rokon, Zahidul Islam Manik and Kaushikur Rahman Anik. They were also fined Tk 30,000 each.  
Uzzal, Masum and Abdul Matin were ordered to serve 10 years in prison and were fined Tk 10,000 each. The court however acquitted the three accused-- Shariful Islam, Nazmul Huda Nabin, and Nahid Sarwar.  
On January 7, 2010, a group of BCL men armed with sharp

weapons swooped on 22-year-old Sunny and stabbed him to death.  
Six people including, Moitree leaders Jewel, Bulbul and four policemen were injured during the attack, while another ten were injured in the clash that followed Sunny's death.  
Sunny's father Monwarul Islam Chowdhury filed a case with Boalia Police Station against ten BCL men including Nizam and Tushar on that day. Later, names of Babu, Uzzal and Anik were indicted in the charge-sheet. The accused

were expelled from BCL and RPI as well.  
The motive behind the murder was enmity between BCL and Moitree over a cricket match held on November 31, 2009. The grudge between the two groups intensified and led to the attack as attempts to establish supremacy in the campus.  
Sunny's father expressed his satisfaction over the verdict.  
City unit Moitree President Motiur Rahman said, it would help reduce violence on the campuses if the verdict was carried out.




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**Deadline for Application: 31 May 2012**

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