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## GULSHAN LAKE Killing in progress

**W**ASTE dumping in the Gulshan-Baridhara lake goes on unabated, though the water body was declared an ecologically critical area more than a decade ago.

The declaration is inscribed on a notice board placed on Gulshan-Shahzadpur link road. The DoE has not carried out a single drive against law-breakers since the declaration was made public.

While land grabbers fill up the lake with earth, sand and construction debris, Dhaka Wasa storm drains release human and chemical wastes into it.

Anyone passing by the lake will experience a bad odour and see a thick layer of refuse floating on its surface. The lake has also become a breeding ground of mosquitoes. The photos were shot recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## Bush most unpopular US president

CNN ONLINE

More than three years after leaving office, former President George W. Bush remains unpopular with the public, according to a new national poll.

A CNN/ORC International poll also indicates that two-thirds

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## Communal riot in Myanmar

Border watch intensified

STAR REPORT

The Border Guard Bangladesh has increased patrolling and vigilance along the border with Myanmar in the wake of a riot between Rohingya Muslims and majority Buddhists in the neighbouring country.

"The patrolling has been intensified and forces have been made alert more than the normal process so that the violence in the neighbouring country does not affect border security", Maj Gen Anwar Hossain, director general of BGB, told The Daily Star yesterday evening.

Quoting the Myanmar media, AFP reported that sectarian violence between Buddhists

and Muslims had left at least seven dead.

Police and military units deployed in Rakhine state -- which borders Bangladesh -- had "systematically controlled" unrest, which erupted on Friday and saw hundreds of Buddhist villagers' homes set ablaze, state television said and added, "Stability has been restored since Saturday morning."

Unrest flared on Friday when at least four Buddhists were killed in riots in Rakhine, home to large numbers of Rohingya, a stateless Muslim group described by the UN as one of the world's most persecuted minorities.

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## BNP mulls hartal

Firm on tomorrow's rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP might call hartal from its rally in the city tomorrow if the government obstructs the rally and does not free its top leaders from jail.

The national standing committee of the party decided this at a meeting presided over by Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night, said BNP sources.

The main opposition party and its allies might also opt for protest rally, hunger strike and mass processions across the country if the government does not allow tomorrow's rally.

The meeting of the party's highest policy-making body lasted for more than two hours and ended around 11:30pm at Khaleda's Gulshan office.

A BNP leader hinted that the party will not go for tougher movement ahead of Ramadan if the government releases its

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## Starts a sad story with baby's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a newborn had to be handed over to the charitable organisation Anjuman Mufidul Islam for free burial as its parents did not take the body from hospital out of fear they would have to pay the hospital bill.

The hospital had informed the parents that they would not have to pay the Tk 27,000 hospital bill to take the body and held on to the body for 64 hours before giving it to the police, who in turn gave it to the charitable organisation for burial.

Rokeya Begum, mother of the baby, said she had given premature birth to a son at a hospital in Moghbazar on May 27. As his condition deteriorated, he was moved to a hospital in Mohammadpur the same day following doctors' advice.

Abu Saeed Mridha, the manager of the hospital in

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## Baby girl, grandma killed in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A six-year-old girl and her grandmother were found murdered at their suburban house in Sylhet's Purbo Doloipara yesterday.

The girl, Sadia Akhtar, was strangled and her paternal grandmother, Momena Begum, 70, was stabbed to death, relatives said.

Sadia's mother Rokhsana Begum, a school-teacher, and father Nasir Uddin Ahmed, an NGO staffer, were at work and her sister was at school

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Nargis Parvin, the first and only female train ticket examiner (TTE) of Bangladesh Railway, is at work on a Lalmonirhat-Burimari route train recently.

PHOTO: STAR

## One and only in railway

Lone female ticket examiner talks to Star

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

"Ticket, please", a soft but firm female voice often greets passengers of different intercity and mail trains of Bangladesh Railway (BR) in its Lalmonirhat division. Taken aback, passengers find a woman in a white coat as the source of the exclamation.

Nargis Parvin Tuni, the first and to date only woman traveling ticket examiner (TTE) of the

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## Visit brief, yet govt hopes high

Saudi prince arrives today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Saudi Prince Al Waleed bin Talal will arrive in the capital this morning on a brief visit to discuss investment and business opportunities in Bangladesh.

Although the prince will stay here for about four hours, the visit is being considered one of great importance as Bangladesh had been expecting big investments in energy sector and infrastructure development, foreign ministry sources say.

A business tycoon, the prince had already shown interest in making big investment in energy and tourism sectors here.

Earlier, while visiting the country in 2005, he had expressed interest in investing in the hospitality sector. He had proposed to buy either Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel or Hotel Ruposhi Bangla, the then Sheraton Hotel.

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Al Waleed bin Talal

**The Daily Star**

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you think it is justified for the finance minister to propose raising the minimum tax of an individual taxpayer Tk 3,000 from Tk 2,000 for fiscal year 2012-13?

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Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:50	6:55
Esha	8:15	8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation