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Gas supply cut for 3 days this week

2 companies to do maintenance work

International energy companies Chevron and Tullow will run maintenance works at their Bangladesh units this week, which would cut gas supply to the national grid by one third for at least three days.

The gas supply shortage is not an issue of major concern as there would be a sharp fall in the demand during the Eid vacation beginning from today, state-owned oil, gas and mineral corporation Petrobangla said. Chevron's Bibiyana field, the largest in the country with an output of about 810 million cubic feet of gas (mmcf) per day, would start maintenance work Friday night or Saturday early morning, said Muhammad Imaduddin, director of production sharing contract of Petrobangla. Bibiyana's operation will remain shut for 72 hours.



PERILOUS JOURNEY TO BLISS

People packed like sardines on a launch head for their homes in the southwest to celebrate eid with their loved ones. The mad dash to home ahead of the festival reached its climax yesterday with the holidays beginning today. The photo was taken from the Buriganga bridge at Postagola in the capital.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

3 companies submitted bids for 2nd Padma bridge

Says Quader

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said three companies had submitted bids for the second Padma Bridge at Paturia-Daulatdia point under public-private partnership.

"A move is underway to appoint consultants for an evaluation of their tenders," he said while addressing a press conference at the ministry.

A Chinese company is also among the interested companies that submitted their tenders toward the construction of the bridge, he said.

The minister said the government had decided to construct the second Padma Bridge to connect Jessore, Kushtia, Magura, Jhenaidah and other south-western districts with the capital.

He thanked the Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda

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Kamal, B Chy out to thwart democracy

Alleges AL Presidium

The Awami League Presidium yesterday said Dr Kamal Hossain and Badruddoza Chowdhury were conspiring to hamper democracy.

The highest policymaking body of the ruling party also warned that the AL would resist any attempt by the duo

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US detention policy exposed

WikiLeaks releases new tranche of US military documents

AFP, London

Julian Assange's WikiLeaks website yesterday started publishing more than 100 US Department of Defence documents including the first prisoner treatment manual for Guantanamo Bay.

The latest release by the anti-secrecy site comes as Assange, who faces charges of rape and sexual assault in Sweden, remains holed up in the Ecuadoran embassy in London with what Quito says are health problems.

Assange said in a statement that the newly released documents exposed mili-

tary detention policies at camps in Iraq and at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

Among the documents is the 2002 manual for staff at Camp Delta at Guantanamo, shortly after it was set up by US President George W Bush to house alleged al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees from the "war on terror".

"This document is of significant historical importance. Guantanamo Bay has become the symbol for systematised

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Six arrested over shooting of Malala

CNN, Swat Valley

Six men have been arrested in connection with the shooting of Malala Yousufzai, the teenage activist who spoke out against the Taliban, but the main suspect remained at large, Pakistani police said Wednesday.

Police identified Atta Ullah Khan, a 23-year-old man from the Swat district where Malala was



Atta Ullah Khan, main suspect

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20 killed in fresh Myanmar unrest

AFP, Yangon

A new wave of sectarian unrest in western Myanmar has killed at least 20 people, officials said yesterday, forcing thousands to flee their homes and prompting the UN to express grave concern.

Hundreds of homes have been burnt in the fresh unrest in Rakhine state, which was convulsed by Buddhist-Muslim clashes in June that tore apart communities and left tens of thousands of mainly Muslim Rohingya languishing in camps.

More than 100 people have now been killed in the state since June, according to the authorities who have imposed emergency rule in the face of continued explosive tension in the region.

Rakhine state spokesman Myo Thant told AFP that the latest violence had left at least 20 dead so far, from both the ethnic Rakhine Buddhist and Muslim communities, in clashes since October 21.

He said the death toll could be as high as 50 but a final figure was difficult to confirm immediately as security forces

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Last tributes paid to Sunil

Thousands join cremation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Amidst an outpour of grief and emotion by thousands of his admirers cutting across ages, the body of Sunil Gangopadhyay, a doyen of modern Bangla literature, was cremated yesterday.

The last rites were performed on the body and

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