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A burning reminder

Jamaat-Shibir men torch, damage dozens of vehicles day before hartal

STAR REPORT

Jamaat-Shibir men yesterday went on a rampage in several districts, attacking police, torching and vandalising vehicles and blasting cocktails in protest at Sunday's arrest of Shibir President Delwar Hossain.

Meanwhile, BNP activists in the capital torched three vehicles, including a microbus of ATN News, and exploded seven cocktails shortly after a BNP rally in front of the party's Nayapaltan office, police said.

The main opposition party held the rally protesting Sunday night's gunshots "targeting" the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office.

The Jamaat-Shibir activists have been on the offensive since February 28, the day Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee was handed down the death sentence for war crimes committed in 1971. Since then, around 100 people, including policemen, have been killed in clashes between law enforcers and Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men.

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

A car goes up in smoke in front of the BNP central office in Nayapaltan in the capital yesterday after criminals set it on fire. The car was set ablaze after a rally, protesting the shooting at BNP chief's Gulshan office the night before, had ended there. More photos on page 5.

Let us know

You are out on your way home. You are in a hurry because a hartal starts tomorrow. Suddenly you find some people surrounding your car, smashing the windscreen. Then they throw some liquid on your car and strike a match. In front of your eyes, you see your car that you bought using your precious savings go up in flames. You don't know what crime you did to meet this strange political vengeance. You don't know what gains it brings to the country.

Are you a victim of such trauma? If so, please send us your reactions and we will prepare a report to highlight the cruelty of such political actions.

Write to us or send your phone number at mycargottorched@gmail.com

GRAMEEN BANK DIRECTORS Govt to amend election rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to amend laws to correct the "unauthorised" and "undemocratic" electoral system in Grameen Bank so that competent directors could be elected.

"The existing election to the directors is not any election. The system is unauthorised," said Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday. "We have to correct the process. We have to formulate new rules as the present electoral process is not democratic," he told reporters.

Muhith said it would take a while to amend the rules.

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Pak army killed 52 in Ctg in one day

War crimes witness testifies against SQ Chy, his father for abetting the killers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday narrated how BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and his father led the Pakistani army into killing 52 people, including his father, at Shakpura of Chittagong during the Liberation War.

Babul Chakrabarty Bulbul, 62, the 24th

prosecution witness in the war crimes case against SQ Chowdhury, also told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that his father was dragged out of his home and shot dead on April 20, 1971.

He said, "The Pakistani army and members of Muslim League led by Fazlul Quader Chowdhury and his son

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GHULAM AZAM'S TRIAL Defence says no proof against him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam's counsel yesterday reiterated that the prosecution failed to specify how the accused was involved in war crimes during the Liberation War.

"The prosecution said 30 lakh people were killed during the Liberation War.

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QUADER MOLLAH VERDICT SC starts hearing on govt appeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday started hearing on the government appeal, seeking capital punishment to Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

A six-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, began the proceedings with Attorney General Mahbubey Alam reading out the International Crime Tribunal-2 verdict.

The SC would resume the hearing today.

Meanwhile, Quader Mollah's lawyer Khandker Mahbub Hossain told reporters about his client's

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Students of Viqarunnisa Noon College sit for the HSC examinations at Habibullah Bahar College at the capital's Shanti Nagar, as the exams get under way nationwide yesterday. Story on page 3.

POLITICALLY BACKED GRAFT ACC draws flak for 'leniency'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission is not using its full capacity to bring to book politically influential corrupt people because of its loyalty to the ruling party, speakers yesterday said at a seminar in the capital.

They criticised the poor performance of the ACC, saying it could not retain its credibility in the investigations of the Padma bridge graft allegations, Hall Mark loan scam and multilevel marketing company Destiny's misappropriation of depositors' money.

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Find ways to recover money from Hall-Mark Sonali board asks management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sonali Bank board yesterday instructed the bank management to prepare a detailed report on how to recover the Tk 2,600 crore the Hall-Mark Group had misappropriated through forged documents.

"There was no agenda

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FISHERMEN KILLED BY PIRATES Three bodies found in Bay 'Some more floating'

UNB, Chittagong


The bodies of three out of 36 fishermen, who went missing in the Bay of Bengal six days ago, were recovered yesterday. Another 17 bodies were reported to be floating in the sea.

The dead are Nizam, 30, Sagir, 38, and Yunus, 25, of Tekerpara village in Banshkhali upazila.

Local fishermen Ekram Miah and Bazal Ahmed said they spotted the bodies of some 20 fishermen at Jahajfari

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman that the government has failed to stop attacks on religious minorities?

Yes

(83.4%)

No

(16.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 325

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Communications Minister Obaidul Quader that all types of mismanagement and corruption at the Bangabandhu Multipurpose Bridge will be stopped?

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PRAYER TIMING

April 2

Azhan	4-40	5-15
Fajr	12-45	1-15
Zohr	4-45	5-00
Asr	6-21	6-24
Maghrib	7-45	8-15
Esha		

Source: Islamic Foundation




PHOTO: MAIL ONLINE

His daily diets includes 7lb of meat, 9lb of carbohydrates and three gallons of water.

Of real-life 'Popeye'

But he is allergic to spinach

MAIL ONLINE

His world record-breaking biceps have earned him the nickname 'the real-life Popeye' - but giant bodybuilder Moustafa Ismail is actually allergic to spinach.

Unlike the famous cartoon sailor, who gets his strength from the iron-rich plant, 'Big Mo' cannot stand the greenery.

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