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## Attack on 3 more Hindu temples

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Religious fanatics vandalised nine idols at three Hindu temples in Pakulla union under Mirzapur upazila of Tangail early yesterday.

Quoting witnesses, police said the criminals entered the Kali Mandir, Ponchayet Puja Mondir and Shib Mondir situated at Moha Shashan (crematorium) on Thursday night after breaking locks of their iron-gates.

They damaged the idols and dragged the severed parts out of the temples.

In the morning, locals found the fragmented idols strewn all over the crematorium at Pakulla village.

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Hefajat activists take position at Dampara Wasa intersection of the port city yesterday finding no transport to go to Dhaka while Gonojagoron Mancha and Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, *top right*, stage a sit-in at City Gate of Chittagong to resist Hefajat-e Islam's long march. Hefajat activists on rented buses head for Dhaka from Chittagong.



PHOTO: STAR

## DINAJPUR 2 killed in building collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Two workers were killed and eight others injured as an under-construction building of a fuel station collapsed on them in Dinajpur yesterday noon.

The dead are Shudhangsu Chandra Roy, of Azimpur village under Biral upazila, and Nirmal Chandra Roy, of Basudevpur village under Chiribandar upazila in the district.

Quoting witnesses, police said around 60 labourers were working at the under-construction fuel station on Dinajpur-Dhaka highway at

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## The dream catcher!

*Japan scientists claim they can 'read' dreams*

MAIL ONLINE

Scientists in Japan yesterday said they had found a way to "read" people's dreams, using MRI scanners to unlock some of the secrets of the unconscious mind.

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## Hefajat to stay on Ctg street

*Protests 'govt obstruction' to Dhaka long march*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Hefajat-e Islam yesterday announced to continue blockading the street at Wasa intersection in the port city and to set up a permanent stage there protesting the "government's obstruction" of Dhaka long march.

Speaking at a protest rally there, leaders of the radical Islamist group made the declaration and complained that they could not join the long march as the government forced the transport owners not to rent them (Hefajat men) vehicles.

Harun Izhar, publicity and training secretary of Hefajat, said they have launched the movement to save Islam, but the government compelled the transport owners not to rent vehicles to them.

It has been proved that the incumbent government is working to serve the interest of "atheist" bloggers, he added.

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## Resist Hefajat, ban Jamaat

*Protesters call at sit-in in Ctg against long march*

STAFF CORRESPONDENTS, Chittagong

The 27-hour shutdown called by Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee's port city unit began at 3:00pm yesterday, to press home the demand for banning Jamaat-e-Islami and preventing Hefajat-e Islam's long march.

A 71-member "Mrittunjoy Squad" staged a peaceful sit-in before the Chittagong City Gate as part of its demonstration.

Several thousand people, irrespective of their political and religious beliefs, joined the sit-in. They chanted pro-liberation and anti-Jamaat-Shibir slogans, demanding a ban on Jamaat-Shibir politics and capital punishment to war criminals.

The sit-in was aimed at preventing Hefajat-e Islam men from joining the long march towards Dhaka, said Showkat Bangalee, assistant organising secretary of the central committee of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul

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## LABOUR LEADER KILLING RMG workers threaten to enforce strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Garment workers yesterday threatened to enforce strikes at RMG factories across the country if the killers of labour leader Aminul are not arrested before May Day.

The ultimatum came in a human chain organised by the "Committee for Justice for Aminul Islam" at the Jatiya Press Club.

Babul Akhter, president of Bangladesh Garment & Industrial Workers Federation, said, "All garment workers' organisations, as a single unit, will lay siege to the BGMEA

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Firemen try to douse the blaze at a shoe factory in Chittagong Export Processing Zone yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## 39 killed as building crumbles in India

*69 injured, many trapped under debris*

REUTERS, Mumbai

At least 39 people were killed and dozens injured after an illegal, half-constructed building collapsed in seconds "like a pack of cards" on the outskirts of India's financial centre Mumbai, officials and witnesses said.

Rescue workers using cranes and bulldozers searched for survivors in the wreck of steel and concrete yesterday after the seven-storey building crumbled on Thursday night.

Residents said labourers paying rent of around \$5 a day had lived in it.

A shortage of cheap homes in Asia's third-largest economy has led to a rise in illegal construction by developers who use substandard materials and shoddy methods in order to offer rock-bottom

rents to low-paid workers.

"The building collapsed like a pack of cards within three to four seconds," said Ramlal, a local resident. "It just tilted a bit and collapsed," he said.

The building, which was in a forested area in the city of Thane, had been made using poor materials and without proper approvals, said Sandeep Malvi, a spokesman for licensing authority the Thane Municipal Corporation.

He said 39 people had been killed and 69 injured. Indian media quoted officials giving higher death tolls.

Rescue workers pulled an infant alive from the rubble as they used jackhammers and other equipment to cut through metal and concrete in their hunt for survivors.

## Afghan donkey bomb kills cop

AFP, Mihtarlam

A bomb strapped to the back of a donkey killed one policeman and wounded three civilians in eastern Afghanistan yesterday, officials said.

The explosives were set off when the animal walked close to a police post in the volatile district of Alingar in Laghman province early in the morning, provincial spokesman Sarhadi Zwak told AFP.

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PRAYER TIMING			April 6
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	4-40	5-15	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	4-45	5-00	
Maghrib	6-21	6-24	
Esha	7-45	8-15	
Source: Islamic Foundation			

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Do you think it was justified for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to say that people are not safe as long as the present government is in power?

Yes (62.9%)  
No (37.1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 326

**TODAY'S POLL**  
Don't you think the government should immediately investigate the recent attacks on the hindu temples?

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## Malala, Jolie to fund Pak school

AFP, London

A fund set up by Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai, who was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education, is to send 40 girls to school in her home region with the support of US actress Angelina Jolie.

Malala, 15, announced the fund's first project in a video message late Thursday to the Women in the World Conference in New York from Britain, where she was sent for surgery after the attack on her schoolbus last October.

She said the \$45,000 grant, raised with the help of Jolie and two women's charities, would send 40 girls aged between five and 12 to school in Pakistan's Swat Valley, where she is from.

"Announcing the first grant of the Malala Fund is the happiest moment in my life," Malala said. "Let us turn the education of 40 girls into 40 million girls."

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