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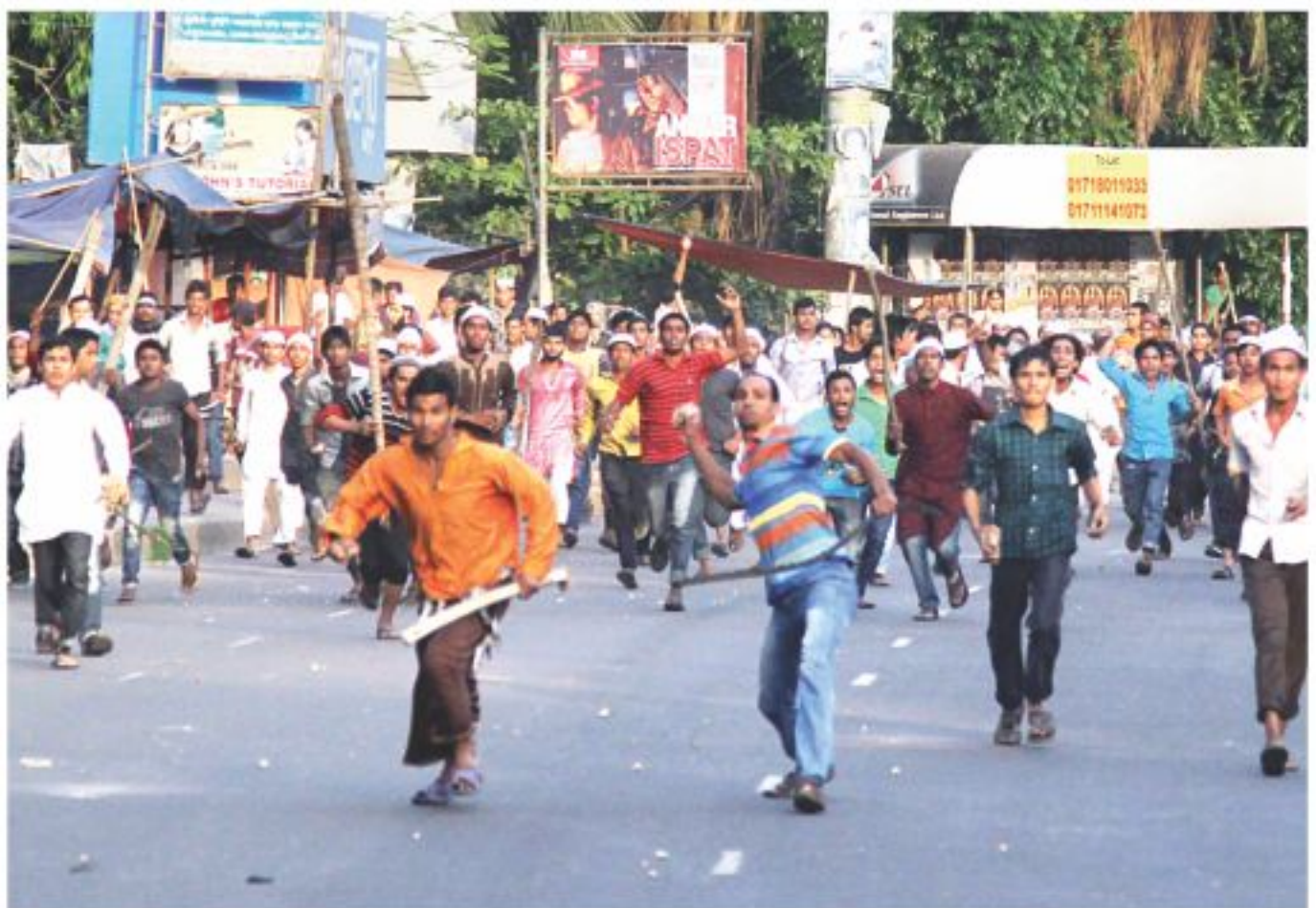
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Clockwise from top, Hefajat-e Islam vandalise the stage of pro-hartal organisations at Mohakhali in the capital yesterday, an Awami League man carry firearms in a show of strength at Mirpur Mazar Road, Shahbagh activists run to resist attack of Hefajat-e Islam near Ramna Park, the attack of Hefajat men on Shahbagh youths, truckers take a nap between vehicles on Dhaka-Aricha highway during a blockade of Jahangirnagar Gonojagoron Mancha.



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Hefajat men assault journos

Beat up female reporter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefajat-e Islam activists assaulted four journalists including a woman during their long march programme in the capital yesterday.

Of the victims, two are reporters and two camerapersons. Nadia Sharmeen, Ekushey Television reporter, came under attack while covering the radical Islamist group's rally in Motijheel area. Hefajat men also snatched away her purse and mobile phone.

Later, talking to reporters at hospital, Nadia said, "I was attacked because I'm a woman. They said it wasn't a woman's job to cover the rally or the Gonojagoron Mancha

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Strike stalls goods unloading in Ctg

20 vessels wait at port's outer anchorage

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

More than six lakh tonnes of imported goods could not be offloaded since Thursday midnight as workers of lighter vessels went on a strike demanding wage hike.

Unloading of 6.04 lakh tonnes of goods from 20 mother vessels, anchored at the outer anchorage and deep sea in Kutubdia, came to a halt due to the strike, said sources in Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

Nobi Alam, general secretary of Lighter Vessel Workers Union, said, "Vessel owners in a meeting with Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan on January 11

decided to pay 20 percent enhanced wages to the water transport workers."

But 70 percent owners were yet to pay the wages as per the decision, which forced them to call the strike, he added.

The workers have also pressed for their security on sea routes.

CPA Secretary Syed Farhad Uddin Ahmed, however, said loading and unloading of goods on and from vessels berthed at different jetties of Chittagong Port were going on.

As many as 317 lighter vessels with around 3 lakh tonnes of goods also remained stranded at different ghats and waterways

across the country since the strike began, said sources in Water Transport Cell (WTC), an organisation that coordinates lighter vessels.

The goods in the mother and lighter vessels include sugar, wheat, lentil, salt, fertiliser, cement clinker, billet and limestone.

Meanwhile, importers have expressed concern over the strike as they had to incur a huge loss.

Mother vessel CHC No. 3 anchored at the deep sea in Kutubdia on April 2 with over 35,000 tonnes of wheat and lentil imported by commodity importing firm BSM Group.

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FOREIGN JOBS Registration of women begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to launch online registration of female workers for foreign jobs in three divisions today.

The registration will start in Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and continue till Thursday from 9:00am and 5:00pm every day.

Women aged between 25 and 45 years can register their names through local union parishad and ward level information centres.

They will be registered for Singapore, Hong Kong and Middle-Eastern countries jobs.

Minimum educational qualification for female workers' jobs in Singapore and Hong Kong is Secondary School Certificate, while the requirement for Middle-Eastern countries jobs for them is Junior School Certificate.

Females from Khulna and Chittagong divisions will register their names on April 12-16, while those from Dhaka and Barisal divisions will get registered on April 17-21.

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AL leader hacked in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

A local Awami League (AL) leader was hacked at Bandartila area under Bandar Police Station in the city yesterday evening.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Aslam, former councillor of ward No. 39 of Chittagong City Corporation.

Jahedul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station, said, "Miscreants hacked Aslam around 7:30pm when he was coming by a rickshaw from Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) area to Cement Crossing area, leaving him injured critically."

Aslam was rushed to a private clinic, police added.

He was shifted to

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Smart bracelet Can protect anyone in case of kidnapping

DAILY MAIL ONLINE

Kidnapped aid workers could be saved by a new hi-tech bracelet, which uses Facebook and Twitter to alert millions of people to a hostage crisis.

The device has been fitted with satellite navigation technology and is linked to social media so it can inform on an attack within seconds.

The first Natalia Project bracelets are to be

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Brahmaputra river water for mutual benefit

Indian minister, Bangladesh envoy talk about steps

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The authorities of Bangladesh and the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh have discussed several measures for better management of the Brahmaputra river water for mutual benefit, official sources said yesterday.

Among the issues discussed were ways to tackle the problem of siltation in the river, dredging and building embankments to increase water depth for inland water transport.

The state's Water Resources Development Minister Newlai Tingkhatra on Friday met Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Tariq A Karim in Itanagar, the capital of the north-eastern Indian state, to hold the talks.

Karim advocated an integrated and holistic management of floods in Arunachal Pradesh and the Brahmaputra basin, the sources said.

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Yes (81.6%)
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Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
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Source: Islamic Foundation

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