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The WikiLeaks founder files charges against alleged  
US spying four years ago

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## POLLS WITH JS NOT DISSOLVED BNP to resist govt bid

### Also mulls resignation from Sangsad

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The BNP will resort to all possible means including resignation of party lawmakers from parliament to resist the government bid to hold the next general election without dissolving the present parliament and the cabinet, some BNP policymakers have indicated.

"For this, we will do whatever is required. Even we will consider resignation from parliament," BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday.

Another member of the main opposition party's highest policymaking body, Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, echoed his views.

"We are making preparations both for elections and agitations. If there is a solution to the present political crisis, we will move towards election. If there is no solution, we will intensify the anti-government agitation" said Mahbub.

Both Moudud and Mahbub, however, said the standing committee headed by BNP chief Khaleda Zia will sit to decide the party's next course of action in the wake of the latest political developments.

Acting secretary general of the party Mirza Fakhrul Islam

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Fishermen have been catching huge quantities of hilsa from Barisal region over the last few days with the season paying dividends. The photo was taken yesterday at the Fish-landing Station on Port Road of Barisal.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

## POLLS WITH JS IN PLACE EC not sure if govt serious

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission was not sure whether the prime minister's desire to hold the national election without dissolving parliament was the government's final decision or not, Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hafiz said yesterday.

"There is plenty of time ahead of the election and only time will say what will be the final decision," he told newsmen at the Election Commission Secretariat in the capital.

At a meeting with secretaries on Monday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

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## Frayed and feared vs free and fair

### PM's latest election formula fundamentally flawed

MAHFUZ ANAM

**COMMENTARY**

There are four elements to Sheikh Hasina's latest pronouncements on elections: 1) Elections within the tenure of the present parliament; 2) Parliament not to be dissolved during elections; 3) Present government to continue in power as interim. 4) A final no to a non-partisan election-time government system during elections.

As for elections within the tenure of the present parliament, we welcome it. It is the prerogative of the PM to decide when to call

elections, obviously within its term. Any attempt to seek people's mandate, and if that be earlier rather than later, should be welcomed. And we do that.

The problem is with her second point of not dissolving the existing parliament before going for the new one. Within this system all sitting MPs will contest elections while holding their elected position. This obviously entitles them to special privileges and protocol. The government functionaries will naturally treat one candidate

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## ODHIKAR'S HEFAJAT REPORT

# 2 accused of instigation

### Rights body sees filing of charge sheet as 'further crackdown'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have accused two top officials of the rights body Odhikar of publishing "a distorted report and photoshopped images" on the May 5 police action on a Hefajat-e Islam rally in the capital, in order to stoke people's religious sentiments.

On completion of their probe into the Odhikar claim of 61 deaths during the midnight raid, the Detective Branch of police yesterday pressed charges in a Dhaka court against Odhikar Secretary Adilur Rahman Khan and its Director SM Nasiruddin Elan.

"We investigated Odhikar's facts finding report



Adilur Rahman Khan

uploaded on its website in Bangla and English on June 10. We found numerous distortions and false and fabricated information in the report," DB Joint Commissioner Monirul Islam told journalists at his office.

The cover page of the report also carried photoshopped images. In one photo, an injured Hefajat activist was depicted as dead. The photos of four other people, who died earlier in the day at other places, were shown as victims of the midnight raid, Monirul added.

"The distorted report and the doctored images on its cover page may instigate the religious sentiments

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A road is getting a fresh layer of tarmac while a rickshaw van carries several foundation and inauguration stones with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's name engraved on them at Bagmara of Rajshahi on Tuesday. The premier is scheduled to visit the upazila today.

PHOTO: STAR

## Criminals kill schoolteacher

### His brave attempt fails to save a boy from abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSHITA

Unidentified criminals shot dead a schoolteacher when he tried to stop them from abducting a 10-year-old boy next door at Shubhorajpur village in Meherpur early yesterday.

The deceased, Abdul Halim, 47, was a senior assistant teacher at Nishchintapur Primary School in the neighbouring village.

Four other villagers suffered injuries when the gang of about 12 men hurled crude bombs at them and made off with the child, Aatur Rahman, a Class-4 student at a village school.

Police and locals fear the abductors have crossed into



Abdul Halim

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## PATURIA-DAULATDIA LINK

# Ferry ghat needs shifting

### Place for sedimentation moves down to Daulatdia

PINAKI ROY

The Daulatdia ferry ghat may need to be shifted from its current location in a year or two, as the Padma river is gradually changing its point of confluence with the Jamuna downwards, causing massive erosion and leaving sediments in the riverbed near the ferry ghat.

The navigability on the Paturia-Daulatdia river route has fallen due to deposition of silt, causing frequent disruptions to ferry service.

The point of confluence of the two mighty rivers has shifted gradually by nearly 16 kilometres from Kazirhat to the north of Daulatdia in the last four decades since

1973, says Centre for Geographical and Information System (CEGIS).

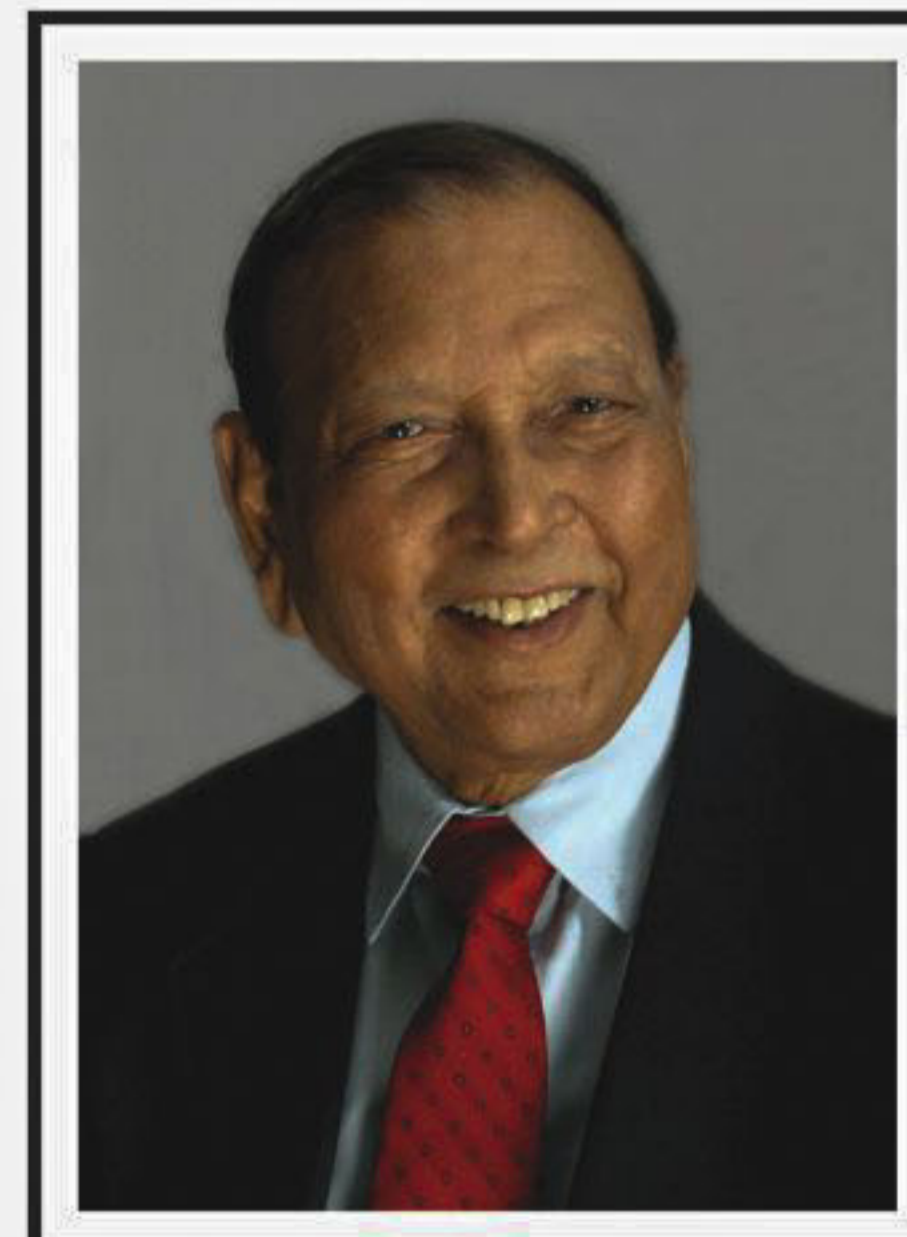
Dr Maminul Haque Sarker, deputy executive director of the CEGIS, said the confluence is now near Daulatdia. It is generating huge currents in the Padma that has eroded its right bank two kilometres upwards from Daulatdia.

Huge sedimentation occurs near the ferry ghat due to the erosion, he said. Meanwhile, the BIWTA has started operating small ferries on the Paturia-Daulatdia route after ferry services were suspended since Monday night due to rapid forming of shoals and fierce currents in the Padma.

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