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**BNP cares about HSC exams**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP has decided not to announce any programme that would cause sufferings to HSC examinees and people. Salahuddin Ahmed, joint secretary general of the party, announced the decision yesterday following the education minister's request to all political parties not to carry out any disruptive programme during the ongoing HSC exams.

"We will not announce any political programme that would cause sufferings to students and people. We will rather take people with us to wage a movement against the government," he said at a press conference at BNP's Naya Paltan office.

Criticising the communications minister's remark that the recently held



HSC examinees and their parents in front of Begum Badrunnesa Government Girls' College in the capital yesterday. They had a difficult time getting there for the exams, which began yesterday, as the street before the college had not been closed to traffic. Right, examinees in last-minute preparations before heading into the exam halls.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**CONSTRUCTION SITE 4 workers killed**  
*Safety measures missing*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Four workers died and three others were critically injured when a culvert they were demolishing collapsed on them in Gazipur yesterday.

Three of the deceased were from Sherpur district. They are Holu Mia, 50, of Andaria village, Abu Bakar Siddiq, 35, of Nokla's Kabutarmari and Asgar Ali, 30, of the same area. The identity of the other deceased, aged around 40, could not be confirmed.

The workers had been demolishing an old culvert at Barun Bazar under Kapasia

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**Hasan new war crimes suspect**

*Tribunal issues order for his arrest*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday issued an arrest warrant for war crimes suspect Syed Mohammad Hasan.

Investigators are probing his alleged involvement in several crimes against humanity committed in Kishoreganj during the Liberation War.

The prosecution had sought the warrant for Hasan, 65, who was an alleged commander of Razakar force at Tarail of Kishoreganj, so that he does not influence the probe.

The investigators have already found evidence of his alleged

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**Shop owner shot dead**  
*Motive unknown*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants shot a man dead in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday.

Anisur Rahman, 40, was a shop owner at a supermarket at Dhanmondi.

Rahman was gunned down in front of his house at Bosila of Mohammadpur around 7:00am, said Mozammel Haque,

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**CHILD VICTIMS Sexual abuses almost double**

CRIMES, ACCIDENTS		
YEAR	2013	2012
DEATH	1,702	1,697
INJURY	1,100	1,295

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The incidents of child rape in the country nearly doubled in the last year compared to those of the previous year, finds a report of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).

According to the study presented by the rights organisation, 267 children were raped last year whereas the number was 155 in 2012.

The report titled "Bangladesh Child Rights Situation-2013 (Reflection from Newspapers)" shows that 12 of the rape victims in 2013 died while 239 were severely injured.

"More over sexual harassment of children is also on the rise," said Abdullah Al Mamun, programme coordinator of MJF, while presenting the report at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday.

"Of the 24 children, who fell victim to attempted rape, 19 received severe injuries. Another 183 children were sexually harassed and 136 of them were injured and two died while trying to save themselves from the perpetrator," he said.

"The tradition of early marriage prevents us from considering a minor girl as a child," said Shahnaz Huda, governing board member of the MJF and chairperson of Dhaka University's Law Department.

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**BOGRA MINOR RAPE HC asks govt for info on steps taken**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to inform it by April 20 about the steps taken against the rape and forceful eviction of the victim's family in Bogra through an arbitration.

It came up with the order on a suo moto motion following a report published in The Daily Star yesterday.

The report said a sexagenarian had raped a six-year-old girl twice at Boro Derahar village in Nandigram upazila and drove the victim's family off their house quietly through village arbitration.

In the so-called arbitration in February, accused Ahmad Ali, 62, was only asked to give the victim a compensation of Tk 30,000.

The arbitrators said the girl had been tainted and should not be allowed to live at her home.

Mamun Master, Abdul Gafur and Ansar Ali were among the arbitrators. They are on good terms with the influential Ahmad, a

**Cat, station master**

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Tama the cat has been a part of the Japanese workforce for the past seven years. She works as a station master at Kishi station, a remote railway stop

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**The Daily Star**  
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**ONLINE POLL**  
 Do you agree with BNP leader Rafiqul Islam Mia that the upazila election rigging proved that democracy is not safe at the hands of the Hasina administration?  
 Yes (85%)  
 No (15%)  
 TOTAL VOTES: 353

**TODAY'S POLL**  
 Do you agree with Election Working Group that the local administration and law enforcers showed patently unprofessional attitude in discharging their duties during upazila parishad polls?  
 PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net)

**PRAYER TIMING April 4**

Azhan	4-40	5-15
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

**POLLS IN INDIA**  
**Sonia, Modi trade salvos**

PTI, Ghaziabad

Narendra Modi yesterday accused Sonia Gandhi of resorting to "rabid communalism" by appealing to Muslim leaders to ensure their votes are not split and sought Election Commission's action in this regard.

Against the backdrop of Gandhi's meeting with Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid Syed Ahmed Bukhari where she had made the appeal, Modi said, "Congress is sensing defeat. So now, their slogan has shifted from secularism to rabid

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