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With Feb 21 approaching, it's an opportune time to reflect on Quamrul Hassan's works

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Cardiovascular patients have got a new technology to rely on

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SERENA'S SHINING SIXTH

A dominant Serena Williams beats Sharapova for her 6th Australian Open title

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CONNECTIONS STATUS

ELECTRICITY
2:42am Saturday

DISH/BROADBAND INTERNET
8:00am

LAND PHONE/FAX
1:30pm

MOBILE NET/MOBILE/WI-FI
3:38pm

ELECTRICITY BACK
10:20pm Saturday

WATER/GAS/SEWERAGE OK

Khaleda without power for 19 hrs

Internet, phones, cable connections to BNP chief's office severed; Rizvi held, now in DB custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stealthily they cut off the electricity line to Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office early yesterday and stealthily they restored it later at night, leaving the BNP chief without power over 19 hours.

A team of Dhaka Electricity Supply Company (Desco) Limited snapped the supply at 2:42am apparently in a government move to mount pressure on the BNP chief to leave the office and call off the ongoing



"The worst kind of cruelty."

expressed her determination to continue the countrywide blockade, said one of her

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ing blockade.

Cable and internet, land/mobile phone connections were also disconnected in phases between 8:00am and 3:38pm yesterday, triggering huge criticism.

An infuriated Khaleda, who has been staying in that office since January 3, termed the measure the "worst kind of cruelty" and



A utility employee severing electricity connection to BNP chief Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office in the wee hours of yesterday.

PHOTO: TV GRAB

Thirteen killed in Mirpur Styrofoam factory fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 13 people, including two women, were burnt to death as a fire swept through a Styrofoam package factory in Mirpur-1 yesterday.

Locals said the entire six-storey factory building called APCCO Complex, close to Sony Cinema Hall, erupted in flames following an explosion around 5:25pm. At least 64 workers were inside the building when the fire broke out.

"There was a loud bang. Later, I saw

a van burning and flames on the top of the building," eyewitness Zahid Hossain told The Daily Star.

The van parked at the main gate of the building caught fire as gas cylinders exploded on the ground floor, said fire fighters. They had pulled out eight charred bodies from the ground floor.

Factory worker Imran Hossain Khan said, "Many of the workers came out but some got trapped inside as the fire engulfed the building quickly." He said 150 people worked there in two

shifts.

Several workers of the factory suffered severe burn injuries.

Tawhidul Islam, 50, a security guard at the building who sustained 28 percent burn injuries, said, "Kamal Hossain, I and another security guard were having tea at the gate of the building. The van was loading there. We heard a loud bang and came running out of the building. But the tongues of fire already burnt me and Kamal."

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The father of a factory worker breaks down in tears and calls home to tell about the devastating fire at his daughter's factory at the capital's Mirpur-1 yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

MG!

The government did not snap the utility lines to Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office. The utility employees and labourers irate over the ongoing blockade have done it.

SHIPPING MINISTER
SHAJAHAN KHAN
AT A PROGRAMME IN MADARIPUR

10,000 people put to suffer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 10,000 people of Gulshan-2 area were affected by the suspension of mobile services at BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia's office yesterday, according to industry officials.

There was no network coverage within a half-kilometre radius of the BNP chief's office, an official of a mobile operator said around 3:00pm yesterday.

All modes of wired and wireless communication -- mobile, internet and land phone lines -- were snapped at the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office sometime between 8:00am

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1 killed in petrol bomb blast

4 more hurt as three-wheeler torched in Sirajganj; 8 buses set alight

STAR REPORT

A man was burnt alive while four others were injured as alleged blockaders hurled petrol bombs at a CNG-run three-wheeler in Ramgati area of Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Gonesh Das, 42, of Baniapotti village, was a vendor at a Sirajganj market, police said.

The four who suffered burns in the attack were taken to Sirajganj General Hospital. They would be sent to Dhaka for better treatment.

At least 37 people have been killed and around 1,000 injured since January 5, the day the BNP-led 20-party alliance announced an indefinite nationwide blockade. Of the

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13 DAYS TO GO

Tigers to test Clarke

SPORTS REPORTER

The Tigers will get an early opportunity to analyse Australia captain Michael Clarke as the skipper, who is currently in the process of recovering from an injury, will play against Bangladesh in the team's second unofficial practice match at

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রিফেল এস্টেট গ্র্যান্ড হাউজিং এসোসিয়েশন অব বাংলাদেশ (রিফাব)-এর পক্ষ থেকে গভীর শোক ও দুঃখের সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, সাবেক সংসদ সদস্য ও বাংলাদেশ আওয়ামী লীগ-এর সাবেক কোষাধ্যক্ষ মরহুম অধ্যাপক হামিদুর রহমান-এর স্ত্রী এবং গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় প্রতিমন্ত্রী এবং রিফাব-এর সাবেক সভাপতি জনাব নসরুল হামিদ-এমপি-এর মাতা জনাবা হাসনা হামিদ গত ৩১ জানুয়ারী ২০১৫ খ্রিঃ, ভোর ৫টা ১০ মিনিটে, সিঙ্গাপুর ন্যাশনাল ইউনিভার্সিটি হাসপাতালে ইন্তেকাল করেন (ইম্মালিল্লাহে..... রাজেউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তার বয়স হয়েছিল ৭৬ বছর।
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