

HSC exams begin today
Hartal tomorrow
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The HSC and equivalent examinations begin this morning amid fears that
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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 1					
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN	4-40	12-45	4-45	6-21	7-45
JAMAAT	5-15	1-15	5-00	6-24	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

More electricity from India

Projects for import get go-ahead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to import 600 megawatt more power from India to meet the country's demand for electricity.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday approved two projects that would cost Tk 1,600 crore for setting up gridlines for importing the electricity.

Of the power to be imported, 500 MW would come from Bahrapur in Indian state of West Bengal.

For this purpose, the Ecne has also okayed a Tk 1,405-crore project for increasing interconnection between Bheramara in Bangladesh and Bahrapur.



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ASK REPORT JAN-MAR 64 killed in 'crossfire', custody

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 64 people were killed in custody of law enforcers and so-called crossfire in the first three months of the year, said rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK).

Of them, 46 people were killed in so-called crossfire -- 15 by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), 24 by police and seven by other law enforcement agencies.

The number of people
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Big boost for IT sector

Bangladesh to hook up with second submarine cable next year

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

A joint venture of two companies from France and Japan will construct the second submarine cable station in Kuakata of Patuakhali, which will serve as an alternative to the existing submarine cable and ensure uninterrupted and secure ICT services.

Apart from increasing the country's internet bandwidth, the second submarine cable, known as SEA-ME-WE-5, will help the country earn additional revenue by providing restorable circuits to the clients.

French company Alcatel Lucent and Japanese NEC have been selected for setting



up the landing station and doing other associated works.

The Post and Telecommunication Division recently submitted a proposal to the cabinet committee on economic affairs, seeking approval of the project to connect the nation to a second submarine cable. The proposal is likely to be placed in today's meeting.

The installation of the second cable station will be completed by 2016 and then the SEA-ME-WE-5 would start its commercial activity, said the telecom division.

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The Daily Star



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BBC ONLINE

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