



The leaders and activists of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) and its associate bodies being taken to jail in Barisal yesterday. They were arrested the day before during a BSD demonstration demanding that the authorities concerned allow battery-run three-wheelers to ply the city streets.

PHOTO: STAR

Relatives fail

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Fakhru met Khaleda on April 6 at the jail gate, and the very next day she was taken to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University for some medical tests.
Earlier, party's senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi alleged that Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader's remark on Khaleda Zia's illness exposed the government's "deep-rooted plot against her life".
"Obaidul Quader said the life and death are in the hands of Allah... his comments carry a horrible indication," he said, addressing a press briefing at party's Nayapaltan headquarters.
He said they got more worried about her life following Quader's comments. "It is proved that they are involved in a deep-rooted conspiracy against the BNP chairperson's life."
He said that though they are repeatedly voicing concern over Khaleda's health, the government and the jail authorities are not paying heed to it.
Rizvi said the pain in her knees and legs intensified further. She was also affected by new health complications as she has been kept in a damp and old building, he added.

NEWS IN brief

Freedom fighter Gojnofor no more

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Freedom fighter advocate Gojnofor Ali Chowdhury died of a heart attack at a clinic in Moulvibazar around 2:00pm yesterday.
The resident of Shah Mostofa area in Moulvibazar municipality was 76.
He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of well wishers. He will be buried at Shah Mostofa Shrine graveyard today.



Syedah Khanam passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Syedah Neshat Ara Khanam, a writer and literary figure of the 1970s and '80s, passed away on April 14 at the age of 63.
She died due to a cardiac arrest while taking treatment in a hospital in the capital.
Syedah was the former head of the Bangla department at the University of Women's Federation College (UWFC), Dhaka. She scripted and anchored numerous programmes for Bangladesh Betar.
Syedah left behind her husband and two daughters.
Following two namaj-e-janazas, she was buried at Azimpur graveyard.



Poet Belal Chowdhury on life support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prominent poet Belal Chowdhury, 79, who has been undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Dhaka with multiple ailments, was put on life support yesterday.
"He was put on life support around 3:48pm as his condition deteriorated," an official at Anwer Khan Modern Hospital told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity.
Chowdhury was admitted to the hospital on November 2 last year with various old age complications, including kidney problem and anaemia, sources at the hospital said.
He has been receiving treatment under the supervision of Prof Dr Firoz Ahmed Quraishi.



110 sacks of rice looted from warehouse in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur
Robbers looted 110 sacks of rice from a warehouse of a mill in Birganj upazila of Dinajpur early yesterday, said owner of the mill.
Night guards Tahij Uddin, 60, and Karim Uddin, 32, were tied up during the robbery around 2:00am, said Byjid Mia, the owner of Dia Traders Husking Mill in Jagdal village.
The guards are being interrogated, said Dulal Haque, sub-inspector of Birganj Police Station.

Coal ship salvage work starts

UNB, Bagerhat
Five days after a coal-laden cargo vessel capsized in the Pashur River in the Sundarbans under Mongla upazila, a salvage team started their work yesterday to pull it off.
The team began releasing coal from the sunken ship in the afternoon, said sources at the Department of Forest.
Ship owners engaged private vessel salvage company "Hossain Salvage Enterprise" to retrieve the vessel. The team will remove the coal from the ship, and it will be dragged to the shore.
On April 14, "MV-Bilash" carrying 775 tonnes of coal sank in the river after the vessel ran aground in a hidden shoal.

5 lakh yaba pills seized

Five 'drug traders' held in separate drives

STAR REPORT
Law enforcers in separate drives recovered around 5 lakh yaba pills and arrested five alleged drug traders from Dhaka, St Martin's Island, Rangpur and Narayanganj on Thursday and yesterday.
In Dhaka, Rapid Action Battalion arrested an alleged female drug dealer along with 10,000 yaba pills from Mirpur on Thursday evening, reports UNB.
The arrestee is Ripa Akhter, 24.
On information, a team of Rab-2 conducted a drive in front of "Maa Electric Zone" at Mirpur-10 around 6:45pm. Ripa was waiting there to hand over a yaba consignment to someone after receiving it from a courier service, said Shahnur Islam, assistant director (media) of Rab-2.
During primary interrogation, Ripa said she used to bring yaba pills

through various courier service companies from Teknaf and Chittagong. She used to hide the tablets inside soap and tissue boxes, he added.
Meanwhile, a team of coastguards (east zone) seized four lakh yaba pills from a wooden boat in St Martin's Island yesterday morning.
Tipped-off, the team conducted a drive in the island. During the drive, they noticed the boat around 8:30am and signaled it to stop. The people onboard fled and left it abandoned. The coastguards then searched the boat and found the yaba pills, said a press release.
No one was held in this connection, the release added. The pills, worth around Tk 20 crore, were handed over to Teknaf Police Station.
Meanwhile, Rab-13 arrested a suspected drug trader with 5,000 pieces of yaba tablets in Rangpur city's Shapla

Chattar area yesterday night, reports BSS.
The arrestee is Md Shahidul Islam, 37. The tablets were hidden inside packets, used for packaging powdered milk.
During primary interrogation, Shahidul confessed that he and his associates were involved in the illegal drug trade for a long time. He was handed over to Kotwali Police Station, said Rab-13 Commanding Officer Mozammel Haque.
Meanwhile, in Narayanganj, Rab-2 conducted a drive at Kanchan Bridge toll point yesterday and arrested three persons with 90,150 pieces of yaba pills, said a press release.
The arrestees are Md Kawser, 20, Monowar Bin Alam Abrar, 26, and Jewel Rana, 32. They were allegedly involved in yaba smuggling.
Rab also seized Tk 22,000 from their possessions.

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Rahela Khatun, mother of Rana Plaza collapse victim Rabbi, cries near the portrait of her son at an exhibition in front of the site in Savar yesterday. It was organised in memory of the people killed and injured in the nine-storey building collapse on April 24, 2013. More than 1,100 people, most of them garment workers, lost their lives in the tragedy. Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati hosted the exhibition titled "Smriti Katha o Kotha" (Memories on quilts and in words), featuring quilts bearing the photographs of the victims. The quilts were designed by families of the deceased and survivors. Marking the fifth anniversary of the tragedy, photographer Taslima Akhter and American artist Robin Barson planned the event with the theme, "Remember the dead, fight for the living".

PHOTO: AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

EC should allow MPs

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QUADER FOR MAJOR BCL REMOULding Quader, in another programme, said his party is thinking about restructuring the framework of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), for the interest of quality leadership.
"We are thinking about Chhatra League anew ahead of its national council. Our leader Sheikh Hasina has instructed us to turn over a new leaf with the Chhatra League. It will be a new model in terms of creating quality leadership. Just wait and see," he said while responding to a query.
He came up with the remarks at a time when a video clip of Chittagong City

Chhatra League General Secretary Nurul Azim Rony assaulting a man inside a room allegedly for extortion money has gone viral.
The Awami League leader was addressing a programme organised by the party's publicity affairs sub-committee at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.
Responding to another query, Quader said, "Whoever it is, either Chhatra League or Awami League, our party stance is very clear -- no one will be spared after committing misdeeds. Our leader Sheikh Hasina remains rigid in her stance against such offences."

It will be a violation

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commission is considering an amendment to the electoral code of conduct so that MPs can take part in city polls campaigns.
On April 13, an AL delegation, led by Prime Minister's Political Affairs Adviser HT Imam, made the pro-

positional arguing that it would ensure a level-playing field for all candidates.
Following the proposal, the commission on Thursday formed a committee led by Election Commissioner Kabita Khanam to evaluate the issue and submit a report to EC.

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mayoral candidate in Gazipur Rashedul Hasan Rana will withdraw his candidacy and support the AL candidate. The meeting also discussed about the councillor candidates of two city corporations and decided to resolve the matter locally.
Nasim, also spokesperson of the alliance, briefed the media after the meeting.

Don't take

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family graveyard, six public graveyards, 30 government and non-government primary schools, three high schools, 47 mosques, four temples, six eidgah grounds and other establishments in the new list.
Committee convener Prof Syed Mosharraf Hossain, Nayeem Uddin, Kazi Rafique Islam, Shahidul Islam, Sadequ Islam Sabuj, Md Shahjahan, Abul Mansur, Harun-or-Rashid, Golam Kibria also spoke.

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Source of fund	Own fund
Tender package no	BPD-Maintenance/01-18
IFT Ref. no. and date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-Maintenance/18-06 18 April 2018
Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) non refundable
Tender document available	BRAC Procurement Department (ground floor) BRAC Centre 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. For study purpose please visit procurement.brac.net
Date and time for selling documents	23 April to 08 May 2018 between 10.00 am to 3:30 pm
Tender dropping place, date and time	Tender box-3, BRAC Procurement Department, (ground floor) 09 May 2018 between 9.00 am to 3:00 pm
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