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Constitution not followed in running affairs



Justice Habibur Rahman

Ex-caretaker chief adviser Habibur Rahman observes

UNB, Dhaka

Former chief justice and chief adviser to the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman has observed that the constitution is not being followed in running the country.

"The Supreme Court's judgement is not being followed and that

is unexpected. This is a serious and dangerous situation," he noted while speaking as chief guest at a discussion on "Human Security in Bangladesh: Recent Trends and Responses" at the CIRDP auditorium.

The Centre for Policy Dialogue

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Biman's flight, BG012, en route from New York via Brussels landed safely at Zia International Airport early yesterday morning, luckily escaping a possible accident from a faulty tyre on the DC-10's nose wheel (inset).

Saifur shrugs off PEC report on magnetic train

The most expensive rail system the country will have, says commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday did not accept a report of the Public Expenditure Commission (PEC) that opposes the proposed \$500 million magnetic train project between Dhaka and Chittagong.

A GEC team led by Chairman M Hafizuddin Khan also submitted a report on the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (IPRSP). But Saifur rejected that too.

The IPRSP is the government's three-year plan to eradicate poverty through a number of programmes.

After meeting the PEC team, Saifur told journalists, "The proposal on the magnetic train has not been discussed at any level of the government and so is still a premature issue. There is no point in submitting a report on something that has not materialised."

About the report on the IPRSP.

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Cops gun down two 'toll takers', mob lynches 'robber'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged extortionists were killed in a gunfight with police and a robber was lynched in Mirpur and Narinda in Dhaka yesterday, police and witnesses said.

They said Bulbul, 28, allegedly boss of a gang of extortionists, and Kuddus, 28, one of his accomplices, died in the shootout at Boxnagar on the Zoo Road in Mirpur in the morning.

At Narinda in Sutrapur, locals

caught three robbers who were making a getaway with booty after a daylight heist in the locality, beat Biplob, 30, dead and seriously injured two others.

Before the shootout in Mirpur, Bulbul along with his accomplices Kuddus and Shahid rode to the Boxnagar residence of Alamgir Hossain, a contractor, by a motorcycle at around 8:30am.

The gang barged into the house of Alamgir, who was talking to his

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24th BCS exams won't be cancelled

BSS, Dhaka

The recently held preliminary test of the 24th Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations will not be cancelled, Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman JN Tahmidia Begum said yesterday.

She told the state-run news agency that the 'propaganda by a certain quarter' that the questions of the examination were leaked out

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Rejoinder and our reply

State Minister for Energy Mosharraf Hossain yesterday protested parts of a report carried by The Daily Star on

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Expulsion of 3 activists JCD men confine JU provost, 8 house tutors

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists at Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit Sunday confined the provost and house tutors of Shahid Salam Barkat (SSB) hall inside the hall office for three hours as the hall authorities expelled three of its activists Friday.

Prof A K M Shahmawaz, the provost of the hall, and eight house tutors of the hall were confined while a hall meeting was going on inside.

The JCD activists swooped on the hall office at around 10:30pm. Cutting off the power and telephone lines, they kept the office under lock

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Limping Biman lands safely

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A DC-10 aircraft of Bangladesh Biman, reportedly with trouble in its nose wheel, landed at Zia International Airport (ZIA) in the early hours of yesterday safely and on time.

"The New York-Brussels-Dhaka flight made a safe landing at 3:30am with its 257 passengers and 20 crew", State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin told reporters at the ZIA immediately after the aircraft landed.

A Biman press release said aeronautical engineers and technicians thoroughly examined the nose

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Two children found strangled inside dustbin at Gulshan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bodies of a nine-year old boy and a seven-year old girl, believed to have been strangled, were found yesterday in a dustbin at Shajahanpur in Gulshan.

The inquest report said the bodies were covered in bruises. A gamchha (towel) was tied to the head of the boy and blood was oozing from their noses and mouths.

The identity of the minors could not be known immediately.

Policemen have been sent to nearby areas to find out the victims' identity. Police said the duo looks like brother and sister.

They said the assailants might have killed the duo Sunday night and dumped their bodies.

The duty officer of the Gulshan Police Station said they are probing the incident and added that no case was filed until yesterday evening.

Meantime, two women were strangled in Badda and Tejgon in

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