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Danish envoy says sorry for blasphemous cartoons

BDNEWS, Dhaka.
Danish Ambassador in Bangladesh Niels Severin Munk yesterday called on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and regretted for the blasphemous cartoons published in a Danish daily on Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM).
Briefing journalists, Director General of External Publicity Zahurul Haque said the foreign minister requested the envoy to make his regret in a formal way.
During the call on, the foreign minister repeated his statement made in parliament on Sunday on

Seizure lists in 3 cases against Col Faruk yet to be submitted

COURT CORRESPONDENT
The prosecution is yet to submit seizure lists of three cases filed against the condemned prisoner in the Bangabandhu murder case, Lt Colonel (dismissed) Syed Farukur Rahman, even after issuance of several court directives.
The court could not proceed with the case due to the non-exhibition of the seizure lists during the deposition of the prosecution witnesses.
Meanwhile, a Dhaka court retracted one of the cases into trial from judgement delay due to non-exhibition of the seizure lists.

ANN's weekly magazine to be launched February 10

ANN, Bangkok.
The Asia News Network (ANN), an alliance of 14 newspapers in 12 Asian countries, will jointly launch a weekly regional news magazine at the Metropolitan Hotel in Bangkok February 10.
The AsiaNews magazine, a 32-page publication, will reflect Asian perspectives in the fast growing and most diverse region of the world. It will cover a wide range of issues from business, politics, personalities, lifestyles, sports, and social trends.
The magazine will also feature special reports focusing on topics affecting the region. These reports are especially packaged by the

IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AL may give govt 2 months time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The main opposition Awami League (AL), which has announced its plan to place in parliament the proposals for reforms in the caretaker government and electoral systems, might give the government a two-month time limit to implement the reforms.
Following the AL announcement that came at the post-long march rally on Sunday, both the ruling four-party alliance and the opposition prepare themselves for a face-off in parliament this week for the first time over the issues of reforms.
AL plans to issue an ultimatum to the government to meet the demands for reforms while the top government policymakers are busy discussing how to react to the developments that might follow once the proposals are brought forward, sources said.
On returning to the House after a 16-month boycott either on Wednesday or Thursday, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh



Branches of big trees litter Suhrawardy Udyan as the Public Works Department chopped them down in a bid to allow smaller trees to grow.

TALKS WITH TATA Gas price remains thorny issue

SHARIER KHAN
In the fourth round of negotiation with Tata that started in the city yesterday, the Indian giant shocked the government by proposing a gas price of \$1 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) or less.
Negotiators of Petrobangla turned down the proposal. Gas tariff for industries in Bangladesh is around \$2.35 per mcf.
Petrobangla officials said such a low price of gas as offered by Tata is not acceptable in view of the present trend of rising oil price.
Tata negotiators said if the price of gas offered by them is not acceptable to Bangladesh, it might consider relocating its planned investment to Egypt, one source mentioned.
The company's officials argue that price of gas for large-scale investment in many countries like Algeria and Tunisia is \$1 or less, and there is no relationship between the prices of oil and gas, said a meeting source.
The two sides will further discuss the gas price issue.
Yesterday's meeting mainly heard Tata's proposals. Its officials submitted a plan for Barapukuria coal mine, reiterated their proposed sovereign guarantee for gas supplies and took up issues concerning steel mills, captive power generation and fertiliser plant.



Alan Rosling

Tata unhappy with prolonged negotiations

JASIM UDDIN KHAN
Tata is unhappy about the delay in talks with the government about its proposed \$2.5-3 billion investment plan for Bangladesh, a top

Finley takeover ceremony in UK next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The tea gardens and other properties of the century old British tea company James Finley Limited will be formally handed over to Bangladeshi buyers in a formal ceremony in Glasgow, Britain next week.
The local buyers and the representatives of the company exchanged views at an informal get together at a hotel in the capital last night. The Bangladeshi buyers will leave Dhaka on February 14 to attend the ceremony, according to sources.
A local business consortium comprising eight leading entrepreneurs bought century old 17 tea



Detained on February 2 ahead of the opposition 14-party's long march, a person breaks down cuddling his daughter on release from Dhaka Central Jail yesterday.

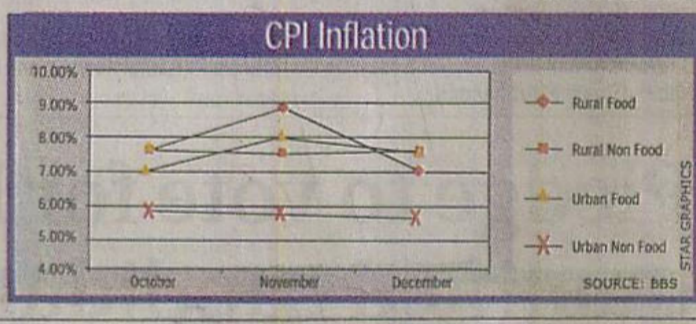
Dollar price in LC opening rises to Tk 69.50

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Despite a sharp decline in total import, rising expenditure for petroleum import and profit repatriation of the multinational companies saw greenback prices soaring a record high, selling at Tk 69.50 in opening letters of credit (LCs) yesterday.
The dollar price on Sunday was highest Tk 69.30 in case of opening LCs.
The nationalised commercial banks also increased the dollar prices yesterday by Tk-1, selling at Tk 68.25 for opening LCs.
Dollar prices also rose in the inter-bank foreign exchange

Inflation rate dips in Dec

Non-food items still dearer in villages for high transportation costs

REJAUL KARIM BYRON
Though overall inflation rate on point-to-point basis declined in December 2005 by 0.88 percentage point, rural people are still paying higher for non-food items due to increased transportation costs.
The data of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) say the 7.95 percent national inflation rate in November came down to 7.07 percent in December last year.
In case of food items, inflation rate dropped by 1.44 percentage



Cabinet okays traveller database, amendment to CrPC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A cabinet meeting yesterday approved the creation of a database of all the people travelling across the land, air and sea ports of the country based on the 'personal identification secure comparison and evaluation system'.
The meeting presided over by the prime minister also approved, in principle, amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act (CrPC) 1898, redefining the job descriptions of the magistrates of the lower courts. The next cabinet meeting is expected to give the final approval to the amendments.
The approval to the creation of a database of travellers coming in or going out of the country came in

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