

Cultivation of dry season rice gets less economic International agri meet told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Cultivation of dry season rice is getting less economic for farmers in the country given the reality of fast rising cost of irrigation and fertiliser.

Zeigler and Cure Steering Committee Chairman Dr Suyanto also spoke at the inaugural session of the two-day 5th annual meeting of Cure at the Brac Centre.

The agriculture minister mentioned four unfavourable ecological conditions submergence, drought, salinity and arsenic to say, "We can ill-afford to neglect these factors" and called for developing varieties suitable for unfavourable conditions.

BUILDING COLLAPSE Probe body finds structural flaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The Phoenix building, which collapsed on February 25 killing 21 and injuring over 50 people, had serious structural flaws, said an inquiry report compiled by the joint inquiry team comprising officials of Rajuk, and the Ministry of Housing and Public Works.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a huge public meeting at the General Osmani Cricket Outer Stadium in Narayanganj yesterday.

Victims find some solace, at last

FROM PAGE 1 The yells of my son still haunt me. I want a similar death to Bangla Bhai. He is a devil," said 65-year-old Khodeza Begum, mother of Golam Rabbani Mukul.

Hearing the news, hundreds of people at Bagmara yesterday took to the streets and marched in a procession to hail the arrest of Bangla Bhai.

broad daylight murder of Wasim Osman Babu on April 1, 2004. According to a list prepared by Ain O Salish Kendro, 22 murders and several hundred incidents of tortures were reported in the newspapers from April 1 to July 31, 2004.



14-party stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding uninterrupted power supply during peak boro season and SSC examinations.

Villagers throng Bangla Bhai's in-law's house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha Hundreds of people thronged the house of Bangla Bhai's in-laws at Akandrapara in Shaghata upazila yesterday after the news of the militant kingpin's arrest broke.

14-party submits memo to Desa officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The 14-party opposition alliance led by Awami League (AL) submitted a memorandum to Desa officials in the city yesterday demanding uninterrupted power supply during peak boro season and during SSC examinations.

CHITTAGONG FIRE Another RMG worker dies

CU CORRESPONDENT One more worker of KTS Textile and Garments Factory, who sustained severe burns, died yesterday morning raising the death toll in the worst-ever factory fire in the country to 59.

AUG 17 BLASTS Top JMB man jailed for life

UNB, Pirojpur A court here yesterday awarded life imprisonment to a top JMB leader for his involvement in August 17 serial bombings across the country.

Condition of Mir Nasir improves, daughter still in critical state

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Condition of the injured ex-state minister, Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, slightly improved yesterday but his daughter Nusrat Nazneen is still in critical state a day after the fatal accident in Saudi Arabia.

Rise and fall of a dreaded militant leader

FROM PAGE 1 (JMJB) started killing people in the northern region in the name of anti-outlaw operation from April 1, 2004.

"I don't know what was discussed at that meeting, but many in the organisation openly started anti-outlaw activities after the meeting," he added.

Bhai spread militant network in the entire greater Chittagong region, especially in the three hill districts and Cox's Bazar, and established some militant training centres.

Valuables worth Tk 5 lakh looted at Keraniganj

BDNEWS, Keraniganj A gang of robbers early yesterday looted valuables worth Tk five lakh from a house at Shuvadda Purbapara under Keraniganj upazila in Dhaka.

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Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Chowdhury Amir Kawsar Kislui, says a press release.

A great relief for Fazlur

FROM PAGE 1 who were tortured by Bangla Bhai and his men. The tortures of Bangla Bhai left him maimed and still haunt him even after 22 months.

showed up by motorbikes and took me to the house of Ramzan Kaya at Hamir Kechchha and confined me in a room," Rahman said.

As other armed zealots joined the beating, Rahman soon fainted. He regained consciousness at the balcony of the house in the morning when one of the fanatics shook him hard.

Justice Sultan's appointment as ACC chairman valid

UNB, Dhaka The High Court (HC) yesterday declared valid the appointment of Justice Sultan Hossain Khan as chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

BDR-BSF confce begins in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna A three-day border conference between the BDR and the Indian BSF began at the conference room of Hotel Royal International in Khulna city yesterday morning.

PM optimistic

FROM PAGE 1 for any kind of terrorism or conflicts in Bangladesh," she said in a statement within hours of the arrest of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) chief Siddiqui Islam alias Bangla Bhai in Muktachha of Mymensingh.