

15 Bangladeshi peacekeepers to be honoured posthumously

STAR REPORT
The United Nations for the first time will honour 124 peacekeepers including 15 Bangladeshis posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal this year.

NEW MOORING TERMINAL

No change of heart against privatisation

Ctg Mayor Mohiuddin tells The Daily Star

RAFIQ HASAN, back from Ctg
Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury said he did not retreat from the demand for cancelling the process of privatisation of the newly built New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) adjacent to the port.



ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury had suddenly withdrew his work stoppage programme at the Chittagong port on May 18. Politics in the port city had

become tense following the announcement of mayor's work stoppage programme as the ruling and opposition parties had started threatening each other over the programme. The mayor suspended the programme just two days ahead of schedule following phone conversations with Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain who assured the mayor of cancellation of the move to privatise NCT.

10 garment workers hurt in clash over arrears

UNB, Savar
At least 10 workers were injured in a clash over salary arrears at a knitting factory in Dhaka Export Processing Zone (EPZ) yesterday morning, in a fresh flare-up of trouble in the apparel sector.



Police patrol the streets of Gazipur in an armoured vehicle yesterday after garment workers demanding better wages and benefits staged violent demonstrations in and around the capital last week.

Judgement in Jhalakathi judges' killing case today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
The judgment in the sensational Jhalakathi judges' murder case will be delivered here today amid tight security in and around the court area.



Teachers of non-government primary schools yesterday lie on the street near Matsya Bhaban in the capital with empty earthen plates in their hands to press home their 11-point demand including nationalisation of their jobs.

KARNAPHULI BRIDGE PROJECT
Financier yet to approve project for faulty design

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The 900-metre-long Karnaphuli bridge project is facing further delay as its financier, the Kuwait Fund, is holding back the approval for the award of the contract to a Chinese company due to the faulty project design proposed by the Chinese bidder, sources said.

Garment owners decide to fix minimum wage for workers

UNB, Dhaka
A board meeting of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Sunday unanimously decided to settle the minimum wage for the workers as early as possible to keep the apparel sector free from labour unrest.

Biman to run NY flight for 2 more months

Pilots' body expresses concern
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Airline Pilots Association (Bapa) yesterday expressed concern over the Biman Board of Directors decision to continue the Dhaka-New York flight for at least another two months.

ATTACK ON DR AZAD
JMB arrestee discloses vital information

Says investigation officer
COURT CORRESPONDENT
The investigation officer (IO) of the case filed for attempting to murder late Dr Humayun Azad told a Dhaka court yesterday that he gathered important information from an arrested Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) member about the incident.

VOTER LIST
Time ticking away as EC sits idle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
With time running out fast for preparing the voter list, the Election Commission (EC) is still sitting idle without initiating any step to revise the existing electoral rolls according to the Supreme Court (SC) verdict.

TRIPLE MURDER
DB examining info found in victim's computer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Detective Branch (DB) inquiring into Thursday's triple murder at Uttara are scrutinising information about several businessmen as stored in the computer of Sanjay Sinha, one of the three victims.

BSF kills 1

UNB, Thakurgaon
Another Bangladesh died in Indian Border Security Force (BSF) firing near the Ratnai border of Baliadangi upazila yesterday raising the total to three deaths in 24 hours.

3 killed in 'crossfire' with cops

STAR REPORT
Three criminals including two leaders of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) were killed in separate incidents of 'crossfire' with police in Kushtia, Jhenidah and Narayanganj early yesterday, while criminals slaughtered a police source in Jhenidah on Saturday night.

Pry teachers go on hunger strike

Protest against poor wages
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Teachers of non-government primary schools yesterday began a 48-hour hunger strike following a demonstration in the capital demanding nationalisation of their jobs.



Employees of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) gather in front of the university's main gate as students agitating for deferment of examinations during the World Cup football 2006 locked the gates. The authorities later suspended all classes and exams from today to July 14.

Rejoinder, our reply

Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) in a rejoinder protested a report headlined "2 RIHS staff ejected from country" which was published in The Daily Star on May 20, saying RIHS has no relations with outlaws and anti-Islam groups.

CASE OF ABBAS
Prothom Alo editor, publisher granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to the editor and publisher of daily Prothom Alo in a defamation case filed by Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas.

Table with Prayer Timing for May 29, including Azan and Jamaat times for Fajr, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, and Esha.