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METROPOLITAN



Five Left Parties stage a demonstration at Muktangan in the city vesterday demanding punishment to the persons responsible for the killings at Phulbari

Khaleda to visit Rajshahi Sept 13 BSS, Rajshahi

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to lay the foundation stone of the long-cherished gas supply project here on September 13.

This was disclosed at a preparatory meeting on the PM's visit in the City Bhaban conference hall yesterday afternoon.

Rajshahi Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu presided over the meetina

During her visit, the prime minisinaugurate Remodeling ter will Rajshahi Railway Station, Rajshahi **Education Board Academic** Building, Women Polytechnic Institute and Academic Building and Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall of Ruet.

Apart from this, the PM will lay the foundation stones of a 500-bed new building of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, a 100-bed diabetic hospital and an integrated flood protection project

MDG framed not for development

ment, rather it has become a tool for

He castigated the economists

Aminur Rasul, head of the secre-

Governance, showed how the

media, civil society and common

mass were able to ward off the evil

away the right to sue the WB and

He apprised the audience of an

ulterior programme of the govern-

ment to handing over the water

seek justice.

who failed to frame a befitting devel-

opment policy for the country.

Speakers tell at dialogue

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trade on development issues and The conception of global partnership incurring poverty", Dr Salimullah is a master-slave relationship, a Khan, an eminent researcher, said, adding this is high time that the WB hoax and illusion in the name of and IMF should be withdrawn and development that is gradually crippling the country, said the speakers the nation has to give hard thought to at a dialogue yesterday. alternatives

The dialogue styled 'Political economy of aid challenging conditionalities' was organised by Voices of Interactive Choice and Empowerment (Voice) at the National Press Club. "Millennium Development Goal

(MDG) is not framed for develop-

routes to private ownership, like the process initiated in railway sector.

"With this privatisation, the government would lose control over the entire water bodies," he said.

Tanim Ahmed, senior staff correspondent of The New age, delineated the grim experience of Bolivia over water treatment plant.

Aiming at supplying water through Saidabad Water Treatment Plant, the new authorities have started controlling pipeline and billing system and days are not far way when they would take the entire system in their grip depriving the people of the utility service, he

They also compelled the government for privatisation of statetariat of the Campaign for Good owned enterprises and devaluation of currency which will surely undermine the development of the nation Golam Mahmud, central organmove of the government to snatch ising secretary of BSD, and Shamima Nasreen, leader of Swadhin Bangla Garments Sramik Federation, also spoke on the occasion.

Call to resist farcical election

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Speakers at a citizens' rally yesterday called upon people to resist any farcical election that the BNPled government and its fundamentalist allies have planned to jeopardise the country's independence and sovereignty.

They demanded reform in caretaker system of the government and electoral laws and resignation of Chief Election Commissioner including two of his deputies and new election commissioner to ensure a free and fair election

The call was made at Rajshahi Divisional grand rally of Sammilita Nagorik Andolon (SNA) at Shaheb Bazar Zero point in the city with

former Rajshahi University Vicechancellor Prof Abdul Khalek in the chair

Braving downpour, over ten thousand people from different northern districts attended the rally. Justice KM Sobhan said the government betrayed with the people allowing Asia Energy to extract gas in the open pit mining

system in Phulbari. Journalist lobal Sobhan Chowdhury said the alliance government did not fulfil its principal electoral pledges that proved its fundamentalist character.

"The government denied the very existence of Bangla Bhai, but now it announced to execute him". he added.

Blasting fundamentalist forces

and war criminals, eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque said, "People's security is in peril, as the defeated forces of 1971 are receiv-

ing government back-up." Journalist Shariar Kabir said people has the right to know what Bangla Bhai and Shayekh Rahman

wanted to tell to the media. He also demanded a ban on politics of war criminals. "War criminals should be deported from the country and their voting right should be seized", he added.

Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, Dr Sayed Shafikul Alam, Abdul Matin, Prof Saidur Rahman Khan, Afroza Hag Rina and Kuddus also spoke on the occasion.



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A Dhaka court will deliver the verdict in a case against Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) military commander Ataur Rahman Sunny and five others on September 20.

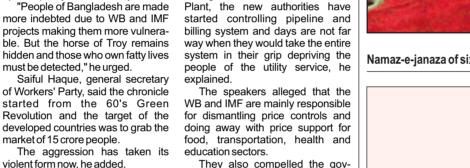
The case was filed with the Airport Police Station in connection with August 17 serial blasts last year. After the hearing on arguments

from the prosecution and the defence, Judge SM Mojibur Rahman of the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set the date for delivery of the judgment.

The five other accused are Rezaul Haq Reza, 25, Asadullah Al Sohail alias Zahid, 21, of Jamalpur, Musa alias Mustafizur Rahman, 22, of Naogaon, and Habibur Rahman, 16, and Sagir Hossain, 35, of Dhaka



Namaz-e-janaza of six Bangladeshi peacekeepers, killed in a road accident in Ivory Coast, was held at the Army Stadium in the city yesterday.



Buet reopens, exam schedule announced

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injured in the clash Newly appointed Vice-

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) vesterday resumed academic activities after a five-week unscheduled closure amid tight security and low attendance of students.

Residential students were seen getting back to their respective dormitories from morning.

Buet authorities declared the university closed sine die and directed the students to vacate the dormitories on July 30 following a violent student agitation demand-

ing deferral of examinations. At least 30 people including policemen and students were

chancellor Prof Safiullah said he was happy that the Buet situation is going to be normal. He sought cooperation from all

to sustain the congenial academic atmosphere on the campus. Meanwhile, fresh schedule for

postponed examinations has been announced for all terms and levels.

Office of the Controller of Examinations has hung the detailed schedule on all notice boards.

The schedule will also be available at university website: www.buet.ac.bd, a Buet press release said.