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- Inside today —

Altaf Hossain new Air Chief, Muhaiminul Islam new Naval Chief

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Mumtazuddin, Mustafa retired

By Staff Correspondent

Airforce Chief Air Vice-Marshal Mumtazuddin Ahmed PSC and Navy Chief Rear Admiral Ameer Ahmed Mustafa PSC have been retired from services with effect from Tuesday (June 4). They were replaced by Air Commodore Altaf Hossain Chowdhury NDU and Commodore Mohammad Muhaiminul Islam

The Ministry of Defence in a notification announced their retirement and appointment of the Chief of Air Staff and the Chief of Naval Staff.

The action has been taken in the backdrop of damage to aircraft of the Airforce and vessels of the Navy during the mission of enquiry were conrecent cyclone and tidal bore in Chittagong.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, who is holding the portfolio of Defence and is also Supreme Commander, earlier constituted a two-member commission of enquiry to probe into the damage of aircraft and Naval vessels. Justice Latifur

Rahman, the senior member of the commission, submitted the report to the Acting President at his official residence on Saturday evening. The other member of the commission Justice Naimuddin Ahmed was also present during the submission of the report.

A court of enquiry had earlier enquired into the damage in defence installations due to cyclone. The report was submitted on May 10. But as that report was found incomplete the Acting President constituted the commission to conduct a complete enquiry.

Reports submitted by the court of enquiry and the comsidered by the Acting President before the decision The Acting President, on retirement and appointment of two services chiefs were taken.

It may be mentioned that the court of enquiry which was constituted by the Acting President with Major General Nurul Haque as its head failed to interrogate both the Air

Chief and the Naval Chief. The Major General has a lower status than that of the chiefs, of both the services and for that matter the services chiefs' conduct was beyond the scrutiny of the Major General. This necessitated the formation of commission of enquiry.

The retired Naval Chief Rear Admiral Ameer Ahmed Mustafa called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office at the Secretariat immediately after he was retired.

\$ 392m pledged so far

Foreign aid commitment for the cyclone victims has so far amounted to US dollar 392.851 million, according to an official handout Tuesday, reports BSS.

Forty-one foreign countries and eleven international agencies have pledged this amount.



East Bengal goalkeeper Debashish Mukharjee grasps a dangerous one from Abahani striker Sheikh Aslam in yesterday's first semifinal of the BTC Club Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 2-1 in extra time. Report on Page 7 -Star photo by AKM Mohsin

'Justice Sattar and Khaleda Zia not the same'

Move to dislodge Govt won't succeed: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday warned against conspiracy to foil democracy and dislodge her two and half month old government, report agencies.

"Justice Sattar and Khaleda Zia are not the same", the Prime Minister said in unambiguous term while speaking at BNP central office Tuesday evening marking joining of several hundred Awami Leaguers to her party.

President Justice Sattar of BNP was overthrown in March 1982 by General Ershad which was hailed by certain political parties. Ershad is now facing trial in more than half a dozen

"Those who are dreaming of toppling the BNP government will not succeed". Begum Zia asserted adding "though they succeeded in the past in removing an elected govern-

The Prime Minister's warning came in the wake of armed disturbances on the campuses indicating ominous signs in the county's political scene.

She said those opposed to democracy, peace and country's independence were hatching conspiracy to dislodge the elected government. Without naming any particu-

lar quarters. Begum Zia alleged the enemies of democracy were indulging in campus violence and giving political shelter to terrorist elements. The Prime Minister said

those who were trying to weaken and destabilise the through conspiracy would not be successful.

About 500 Awami League leaders and workers of Kalihati upazila of Tangail district under the leadership of Abul

Kashem, convenor Kalihati upazila Awami League, yesterday joined BNP, expressing solidarity with ideals of the

Begum Zia warned against violence and urged people to unitedly root out terrorism to See Page 10 Col. 4

BNP public meeting tomorrow

A public meeting organised by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will be held on June 6 (Thursday) at 3 pm at the Gulistan Square, a party press release said, reports

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who is also the Chairperson of the BNP, will address the public meeting.

Arguments in Ershad's arms case conclude

Judgement on June 12

By Staff Correspondent

Arguments of both the Prosecution and the Defence in Ershad's arms case concluded yesterday with the Judge of the Special Tribunal Mohammad Habibullah setting June 12 as the date for delivering judgement.

During the arguments the Prosecution dismissed the Defence plea that Ershad who stepped down from power last December should get the benefit of immunity as provided under Article 52 of the Constitution.

Attorney General Aminul Haque said that there were precedences in our country and in Pakistan that Presidents could be tried for criminal offences they committed after seizing power.

He cited the case of former President Khondokar Mustaque Ahmed who was tried after his presidency.

The Attorney General further invoked the judgement delivered by the Lahore High Court Division in the murder

case against Zulfigar Ali Bhutto, President of Pakistan later forced out by a military

The Attorney General said that the Pakistan Supreme Court while endorsing the verdict of the High Court said that so long as an adventurous military group that occupies power by force stays in power, the Court is helpless but to function underway.

The moment the military apparatus falls, the Court should immediately haul up the group members and try than for high treason, because they are traitors to democracy and the rule of law.

He said that Ershad also came to power in Bangladesh by ousting an elected government and usurping power. So there is no bar to try the deposed President under criminal procedures.

Earlier Defence Lawyer Strajul Haque said that the Article 35 of the Constitution See Page 10 Col. 7

Naziur, 9 others chargesheeted

By Staff Correspondent Former minister and mayor

of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, Naziur Rahman, along with nine others was chargesheeted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau here on Tuesday. A government handout

Tuesday said Col (retd) M A Malek also former mayor, was chargesheeted recently by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in connection to a separate case for buying sodium lights at high prices.

According to the handout, Naziur Rahman along with a few businessmen and some top officials of DMC allegedly purchased a walkie-talkie set without a tender and also procured sodium lights, hydraulic ladder and mobile dustbin at high prices, thereby causing a total loss of Taka 1,25,11,800 See Page 10 Col. 1

AL bill found all right

A Draft Constitutional Amendment Bill, seeking restoration of Parliamentary form of government, was Tuesday found in order by the Parliamentary Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resoover memorandum demanding

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The Acting President Jus-

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Speculations over

Shahabuddin's

address to nation

Star Report

Shahabuddin Ahmed will ad-

dress the nation today at 7-30

pm over radio and television.

The announcement of the

Acting President's address to

the nation has given rise to

wide-spread speculations in

Acting President is going to

tell the nation in his address

except the preamble which is

expected to dwell upon the

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None could say what the

Acting President Justice

lutions, reports UNB. The Committee's approval cleared the way for introducing the much awaited Constitutional Amendment Bill in the coming session of Parliament which will begin

June 11. Chairman of the 10-member parliamentary Committee Abdur Rab Choudhury told UNB that the committee at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon approved two draft bills on

constitutional amendments. One on the form of govern-

ment was submitted by Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League See Page 10 Col. 5

Pak parliamentary team arrives

A three-member Pakistan parliamentary delegation led by Senator Kazi Hussain Ahmed arrived in Dhaka Tuesday afternoon on a four-day goodwill visit, reports BSS.

The delegation was received at the airport by Chief Whip Kondaker Delwar Hossain and high officials of the

Parliament secretariat. Two other members of the delegation are Prof Khushid

Ahmed, Senator and Liakat Baluch MNA.

Ayenuddin, Salam resign from BML

By Staff Correspondent Salam, President and Secretary General respectively of

Bangladesh Muslim League,

In a joint statement Tuesday they said that they have resigned for the sake of the greater interest of unifying all the tractions of Muslim League and making it a strong organi-

CLIMATE CHANGE The fourth meeting of the LOSAL PARTNERSHIP **Business Advisory Committee** of the Jatiya Sangsad will be held on June 9 at 11 am in the office of the Speaker at the Sangsad Bhaban, a Sangsad secretariat press release said A meeting of the

Environment Day poster shows Bangladesh will experience all adverse effects of climatic change - more destructive floods, droughts, cyclones and storm surges if pollution of the environment continues unabated.

World Environment Day today

The World Environment Day will be observed today in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

This year's theme of the Day has been fixed as "Climate Change Need for Global Partnership".

In a message to the nation on he eve of the Day. Acing President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed underlined the need for creating increased environmental awareness among the people in the backdrop of recurring natural disasters. Justice Ahmed called for

international and regional cooperation in intensifying human struggle against natural calamities to ensure a better future for the posterity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in a separate message, called upon every citizen to plant a tree today on the oceasion of the World Environment Day.

"I appeal to 11 crore people to plant a sapling each and nurture it and thus provide a green and beautiful environment to the country," she said The government has chalked out an elaborate pro-

gramme to mark the day.

The day's programme begins with a gathering at 7 in the See Page 10 Col. 2



BEIJING. June 4: The widow of Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Tse-Tung, Jiang Qing, committed suicide in her villa in Beijing, the government confirmed Tuesday,

NEW DELMI, June 4 Benazir Bhutto has accused Pakistan's government putting pressure on her husband's family to make him divorce her, according to an interview transcript released to the press here Tuesday, re-

Jiang's suicide

reports AP.

The state-run Xinhua News

Agency said Jiang committed suicide on May 14 "when she See Page 10 Col. 1

Govt wants Zardari to divorce me,

See Page 10 Col. 6

Late night gunshots on DU campus A meeting of student lead-

Beijing confirms

says Benazir

Move to hold joint meet

of student leaders fails

By DU Correspondent Home Ministry today and hand

ers and hall provosts called Tuesday night by the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University was not held. When contacted, the VC said the meeting could not be

held "due to some problems." He did not specify. Meanwhile, rival student bodies, after rallies, proces sions and counter processions on the campus Tuesday accusing each other for violence,

called for countrywide demon-

strations today reiterating their demands. The VC however said he talked to the leaders of the two rival student organisation - Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra

Prof Miah said he asked them to show restrain for the sake of congenial academic atmosphere on the campus. When asked about the next

League (S-A) individually.

at his moment.

step of the university authorities the Vice Chancellor said he would not to tell anything

As part of the countrywide programme, the rival student oranisations will hold separate

demonstrations in front of the

arrest of the killers of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon. The demands of Chhatra

League (S-A), Jatiya Chhatra League and Chhatra League (N-S) also include: ban on communal politics, withdrawal of the cases filed against nine student leaders in connection with the assault on Jamaat leader Moulana Mattur Rahman Nizami and dissolution of the judicial probe body and release of the student leaders arrested apparently in connection with the killing of Dr Milon.

The Chhatra League programme was earlier sched uled for June 1 but postponed due to inclement weather. Meanwhile tension further

mounted on the Dhaka University campus with several rounds of gunshots heard from the Arts Building area in the small hours of Tuesday. Witnesses said the gunshots

were fired from a car passing through the road along the resident of Vice-Chancellor. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

held a rally at the Madhu's Canteen premises at about 12 See Page 10 Col. 8

Minister later clarified that

Row in Rajya Sabha over lapses in Rajiv's security

purported anti-cancer drug "S" in honor of Saddam Hussein NEW DELHI, June 4: Indian "in appreciation of his patron-Opposition members today age of the sciences, research made an unequivocal demand and discoveries." the Iraqi in the Rajya Sabha that the terms of the Justice Verma News Agency reported Commission be enlarged to bring under its purview a probe into the possible conspiracy behind the assassinain Ethiopian blast

tion of Rajiv Gandhi, reports Taking part in a short duration discussion on the failure of the government to provide adequate security to the former prime minister, members cutting across party lines

said the assassination had in-

ternational ramifications, so the scope of the commission should be enlarged to probe

The members took the government to task for serious security lapses which they said had cost the nation the life of one of its most promising politician.

Initiating the discussion, P Upendera of the Telugu Desam said it was shocking that even elementary security precautions like screening by metal detectors had not been taken by the Tamil Nadu police at

Sriperumpudur.

ports said it was more shocking that the Tamil Nadu police force personnel except a DIG and another officer had fled the scene after the bomb attack and some of them had even changed their uniforms after the incident to escape from possible mob fury.

security-risk-spot. The Telugu

Desam member said there had

been no ambulance placed at

the site and subsequently some

Upendera quoting press re-

He also wondered how the state police had cleared the election meeting site after having declared earlier that it was of the seriously injured people could not be moved to the hospital in time.

Upendera got into a running duel with the Prime Minister, Chandra Shekhar, and Congress (i) members when he sought to refute charges that the erstwhile National Front government had not provided Special protection Group cover to Gandhi.

He said the bill providing for SPG cover only for prime minister had been mooted by the Congress (i) government. which had brushed aside pleas made by the then opposition to

prime ministers. At this juncture, the prime minister intervened to say that

also provide cover to former

deployment of SPG and security arrangements should not be discussed in the House. He got into a wordy duel with Congress (I) members as he said he would only reply to lapses if any and not speak on security arrangements.

The Congress (I) members were on their feet protesting saying that if such was the case then what was the idea of having a discussion. The Prime

what he meant was that the security being what it was, the details of deployment of the securitymen should not be discussed openly. Upendera then entered into

a heated discussion with the Congress (I) benches when he said the prime minister was trying to be naive. How can we discuss security lapses unless we know what the security arrangements are, he asked, and said it was a ploy to put the blame on the erstwhile National Front government.

Md Ayenuddin and M A

have resigned from their respective positions in the party.

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International

South Korean police

begin arresting stu-

dents in a crackdown

ordered by an out-

raged President

Roh Tae-Woo

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A former Finance

Minister M. Syedu-

zzaman expresses

some thoughts on the

coming budget

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World Environ-

The World Environ-

ment Day is being

observed all over the

world today

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Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

The roving vendor,

who sharpens kitchen

knives, scissors and

other such objects

with a strange ma-

chine, is just like any

other street crier of

modern day

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Business

The net loss incurred

by Bangladesh Textile

Mills recorded a

staggering rise

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Feature

Today's page on

Environment is

dropped. Regular

feature pages will

however appear

as usual

NEWS BRIEFS

JS business body

meet June 9

Tuesday night, reports BSS.

Jamaat PP meet

June 10

e-Islami will be held at the

party's room of the Sangsad

Bhaban at 10 am on June 10.

according to a party press re-

Drug named

after Saddam

medical researchers named a

Over 100 killed

than 100 people were killed

when an ammunition depot

exploded here today, burning

to the ground an entire neigh-

bourhood, Dr. Tebebe Yemane

Birhan of the Ethiopian Red

Cross said, reports AFP.

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Tuesday, reports AP.

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