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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 137 arrested on various charges

Metropolitan police have arrested 137 persons from different parts of the city during last 24 hours on charges of various offences, says a police press release here Monday. The arrested persons included 12 people who have been wanted by order of warrant, reports BSS.

### Degree examinee commits suicide

KUSHITIA, May 25: A Degree examinee, Sajib Kumar Biswas allegedly committed suicide after he was expelled from Kushi Government College centre today. Biswas killed himself by putting his head under the wheels of a running train - Rupsa Express - at Kumarkhali this evening, police said, reports UNB.

### Public Institutions Committee meets

The second meeting of the number three sub-committee of Public Institutions Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad held here yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with Convenor of the Sub-committee Dr Mizanul Huq in the chair. The meeting reviewed and examined the administrative and loan disbursement and realisation situation of Rupali Bank. Members of the committee - Ziaul Huq and Sheikh Ansar Ali and Chairman of the Principal Committee Moham-mad Mansoor Ali attended the meeting, reports BSS.

### Blast kills two in India

NEW DELHI, May 25: At least two persons were killed and 40 injured Monday when a bomb went off in a private bus in a southern Indian town, news agencies said. The blast occurred near Virudhunagar, 460 kilometers (285 miles) southwest of Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu state, agencies said, reports AP.

### Taiwan opens door to China

TAIPEI, May 25: Taiwan, opening its doors wide to rival China, lifted a four-decade-old ban on student exchanges Monday saying academic contacts would help to reduce political tension, reports Reuters.

## Rangamati tense again

# Shantibahini gunmen kill five more

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 25: Tribal insurgents Monday gunned down five more people near Rangamati town, officials said.

They said that the outlawed Shantibahini gunmen opened fire on a group of construction workers at RMMK road, six miles from the town, killing five non-tribals on the spot.

Three others were also wounded in the shoot-out, they said.

With the latest ambush Monday, the death toll in the troubled hill areas rose to 25 in the last 15 days.

Monday's victims were identified as Mainur Rahman, Ainul Huq, Nurunnabi, Muhammad Straj and Samaruddin.

Of the injured, a construction worker Azizul Huq was admitted to the local hospital with grievous injuries. Two others were released after first aid.

Officials said that the group of 19 construction workers came under the attack while on their way back home from a construction site in Rangamati

town. The rest of the workers escaped the attack.

Security forces rushed to spot and began a search for the culprits.

The bodies of the slain were sent to the local hospital for autopsy.

Meanwhile, tension that eased in Rangamati town after

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the inaugural function of a 3-day national programme to mark the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Comilla yesterday. —PID photo

## Three-day programme begins at Darirampur

# Nazrul inspired us to break shackles of slavery: PM

DARIRAMPUR (Mymensingh), May 25: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today said her government has been relentlessly trying to translate the spirit and ideals of National Poet Nazrul Islam into action, reports UNB.

"Our immediate national goal is to alleviate poverty, against which our poet had revolted," the Prime Minister said while inaugurating the 3-day national celebration to mark the 93rd anniversary of the birth of the National Poet.

Held at Nazrul Academy High School here this morning, the celebration, organised by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, is being held for first time simultaneously here and Comilla.

Darirampur, a small village of Trisal upazila in the district, has assumed historical importance since the poet had studied here for class seven and eight.

Chaired by State Minister for cultural affairs Prof Jahannara Begum, the inauguration was also addressed by LGD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Alhaj Amanullah Chowdhury, MP, and Abdul Khalek, MP.

Begum Zia said her government had taken up various

programmes including expansion of education and women development, economic emancipation of peasants-workers, the life's dream of the poet.

"We have involved in the production process our youth force in the praise of which our poet had sung many songs," she added.

Begum Zia termed the national poet "a bright heir" to our national entity and bard of independence, who, with his wide-ranging poetic genius, had fought injustice, exploitation, superstition, illiteracy and prejudices.

"His poems and songs had inspired us to break the shackles of slavery, he is our pride,"

She said he was a rebel poet, soldier, humanist, poet of Muslim Renaissance, equality, communal harmony. "Nazrul is only comparable to Nazrul."

She also referred to the poet's identities like political activist, journalist and said people's welfare had always been the focal point of his thinking. "It was his mission and used pen as his weapon."

Terming Nazrul's life and works as a large canvas, she stressed more initiatives and coordination for research on Nazrul, urging higher seats of

learning, including universities, to come forward in doing original research on Nazrul's literary works.

Referring to the coming of the poet at Darirampur, she said the landscape of this place had greatly influenced his poetic mind.

Responding to demands made by the speakers, Begum Zia assured that the Cultural Affairs Ministry would make arrangements for establishing a library at Darirampur with provision for preserving the memories of the poet.

She also declared that the Nazrul Academy High School, where the poet had studied, would be nationalised.

She enjoyed for some time a cultural function marking the Nazrul Janma Joyanti.

In his speech, Barrister Salam Talukder stressed the need for extensive research on Nazrul for offsetting the influence of alien culture.

In her presidential address, Prof Jahannara Begum said the government had been striving for creating an effective environment for Nazrul research at national and international levels.

Earlier, the Prime Minister received bouquet from Khilkhil

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## Elaborate programmes mark the day in city

By Staff Correspondent

The 93rd anniversary of birth of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed in a befitting manner in the capital yesterday.

Various social, political and cultural organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day which included placing of wreaths at the mazar of the rebel poet, discussion and cultural functions.

Teachers, students and officials of the Dhaka University placed wreaths at the mazar of the poet in the university premises at 6-30 am and offered فاتحہ.

Bangla Academy organised a discussion and cultural function at the seminar room of the academy at 5 pm Monday.

Shantanu Kaiser presented a paper on 'Nazrul: Modernism and its relevance at present' at the discussion, chaired by Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury of Dhaka University. Prof Hayat Mamud, Prof Shaif Ahmed, Prof Selina Akhter Jahan and Siddiqur Rahman took part in the discussion.

Bhashar Banerjee, Istegbal Hossain, Zahid Mostafa, Kalyani Ghosh, Sadia Afrin Mollik, Yasmin Mustari, Sohana Ahmed, Bulbul Mahalanabish and Nilufer Yasmin took part in a

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# Khaleda leaves for Delhi today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia leaves Dhaka this morning for New Delhi on a three-day state visit during which she will have wide-ranging discussions with Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao on matters of mutual interest, reports BSS.

The visit, first at bilateral plane by Begum Zia after coming to power, is expected to usher in a new era of cooperative relations between the two neighbouring countries, diplomatic sources here said.

The outstanding problems that often tend to be devil the relationship will come up for discussions between the two leaders during the visit while regional and international issues of common concern are expected to figure prominently in the talks.

The Prime Ministers of the two countries twice met earlier in the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Harare and sixth SAARC summit in Colombo last year.

But what signifies the coming visit of the Bangladesh head of government to India is the first opportunity between the Prime Ministers of the two countries for a detailed overview of the state of the bilateral ties.

The democratic governments of the two countries, conscious of the existence of certain issues that occasionally cause strain in the bilateral relations, have spoken to strive hard for their solutions for a sound relationship.

Cooperation at different levels will also come for a thorough review with a view to strengthening the ties and expanding the mutually beneficial ties.

Begum Zia heads a 10-member delegation which includes Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Akbar Hossain, MP, Rosy Kabir, MP, Foreign Secretary Reaz Rah-

man, Additional Foreign Secretary AH Mahmood Ali, Secretary to Prime Minister's office Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Press Secretary to Prime Minister Abdus Sobhan, Director General at MP's Secretariat Mahubul Alam and Chief of Protocol Tofael Karim Haider.

New Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Farooq Sobhan and Deputy High Commissioner Ziaul Shams Chowdhury will join the delegation in the Indian capital.

A major subject of the discussions between the two sides will be obviously the seven-nation SAARC that has gradually emerged as a sound economic forum for the common benefits of the vast multitude, living in the South Asian region.

The SAARC matters assume a new significance since Dhaka will have the mantle of its leadership later this year as the SAARC summits will step into the second cycle.

The recent meeting of the foreign secretaries of the SAARC nations in Sri Lankan capital has discussed the brass-tacks of new kind of co-operation including harmonisation of member states positions in international conference for common benefits. It is expected that this new approach will come up for discussions between the two Prime Ministers.

At bilateral level, the two leaders are expected to devote much of their time scheduled for official talks to bilateral problems as well as exploration of new avenues to strengthen cooperation it is likely that trade and commerce, and other form of economic cooperation will be given priority in the discussions.

Begum Zia paid a short visit to the Indian capital to attend the funeral of former Indian

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## Another talks June 6

# Myanmar assures full security of refugees

COX'S BAZAR, May 25: The Bangladesh-Myanmar official level meeting on Rohingya refugee issue held at Maungdaw Myanmar today ended with an understanding to hold another official level meeting sometime in the first week of June, an official source said here last night, reports BSS.

The two sides agreed to examine carefully the lists of Rohingya refugees to be repatriated to Myanmar.

The source said that the date and place on the next official level meeting would be announced in due time.

At the Maungdaw meeting, a 12-member Bangladesh team

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## Sit-in planned to foil Tinbigha transfer

MEKHLIGANJ (Cooch Behar), May 25: The suspended Forward Bloc leader, Kamal Guha, has said that thousands of people, including women and children, would stage a sit-in demonstration from June 24, to foil the centre and the state government's decision to lease the Tinbigha corridor to Bangladesh on June 26, reports PTI.

Addressing a mammoth rally, jointly organised by the Cooch Behar District Unit of the Forward Bloc and the Tinbigha Sangram Committee here yesterday, Guha said that the people of the area, opposing the Tinbigha accord, were sure to win on the issue. He described the West Bengal Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, and the Forward Bloc chief, Ashok Ghosh, as the worst traitors of independent India.

The so-called communists had an avowed record of treachery to the nation since the freedom struggle and it was going to commit the worst treachery to the nation by taking special initiative to lease out the Tinbigha corridor to Bangladesh on June 26, he said.

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## Govt on MBBS test

# Leakage of question papers 'unfounded'

The government termed the allegations of the leakage of the question papers of the MBBS admission test as "totally unfounded" and instructed the authorities concerned to publish the results of the written test and take the next course of action, reports BSS.

A government handout said Monday that a four-member enquiry committee had been formed headed by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare after allegations were raised that the question papers of the 1991-92 MBBS admissions were leaked.

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## Misleading call costs Biman \$10,000

By Inam Ahmed

Landing at Karachi International Airport on the basis of a wrong information has cost Biman Bangladesh Airlines about ten thousand US dollars, according to unofficial Biman sources.

However, Biman management puts the figure to around five thousand dollars.

The Biman flight BG 038 coming from Jeddah to Dhaka on May 23 with 52 passengers was instructed by both Jeddah and Karachi offices that it would have to pick up 200 stranded passengers of another Biman flight BG 044, from Karachi.

Both the Biman offices informed that Karachi airport authorities had given verbal permission for the landing.

But when the aircraft came to Karachi, the airport authorities refused its landing on the ground that the flight did not have any valid permission.

The captain asked for a technical landing permission as the aircraft was running out of fuel, which the airport authorities allowed.

After the landing the Biman authorities in Karachi desperately tried to get boarding permission for the stranded

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## ALWC to ditch Mantu

# Zohora likely to face disciplinary music

By Nurul Kabir

The controversy raised over the remarks of Awami League's top-ranking leader Zohora Tajuddin at the council session of the Mantu-faction of Dhaka district unit of the party on May 22 is likely to make the emergency meeting of the party's Working Committee quite stormy, sources say.

The official agenda of the two-day meeting scheduled for May 28 and 29, however, include approval to the newly elected committees of the district units of the party.

evaluation of the preparations for the party's central council session to be held on June 1 and 2, and the over all political situation of the country.

According to the sources close to the Awami League (AL) high command Zohora Tajuddin's remarks that suspension of Mostafa Mohsin Mantu's party membership was both unconstitutional and undemocratic made the party chief and her loyalists in the party extremely annoyed.

AL presidium member Zo-

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## Corruption marks Khaleda's rule, says Hasina

JESSORE, May 25: Awami League President and Opposition Leader in Parliament Sheikh Hasina today charged the BNP government with corruption and misuse of national resources and foreign aid, pushing the economy towards ruin, reports UNB.

Addressing a big public meeting at Jhikargachha WAPDA ground this afternoon, she said absence of a specific economic policy of the government and spendings in unproductive sectors not only aggravated sufferings of the people but also frustrated the entrepreneurs.

"Bangladesh have been virtually turned into a nation of beggars because of unbridled corruption, plundering of national resources and foreign aid during the post-75 era," Hasina alleged. "A handful of people has amassed huge for-

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# 'Guest houses' sprout in Dhaka residential areas

By Asiuzzaman

Several dozens of residential hotels in the name of "guest house" have dotted the residential areas of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara violating norms and sometimes creating public nuisance.

Existing laws do not permit operations of any hotels in the residential areas and a source of the licensing department of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) said that issuance of such licences in Dhanmondi, Lal-matia, Pallabi, Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara and Uttara in the capital, is prohibited.

It is alleged that these

'guest houses' are often used for the entertainment of clients of a section of businessmen and for gambling and drinking sessions. Members of drug smuggling rings also use them as shelters.

The 'guest houses' got a shake-up following a Nigerian national's arrest in connection with drug smuggling from one of them.

Its management, however, denied the allegations.

Gulshan thana sources said that there are 26 such 'guest houses' in Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara areas and that al-

most all of them have licences from the DCC.

Some of the owners also got permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office under Sarais Act of 1867, the source added. Another source, however, put the number of guest houses at 45.

"They showed us trade licences and other documents during raids," the Officer-in-Charge of Gulshan Police Station told The Daily Star adding that "their only weakness is, that they sometimes create public nuisance which is punishable by police rules."

Police are empowered to conduct raids on hotels and boarding houses at any time under the Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ordinance 1976.

No one, even the DCC source, could clarify how those guest house owners got licences.

"They probably showed it as a commercial plot," an official of the revenue department of the DCC head office said without elaborating.

The DCC head office does not currently maintain any list or accounts on those hotels since the matter was handed

over to zonal head offices a few years ago, he added.

During a two-week fact-finding effort by this correspondent most of the managers and owners of those guest house could not be contacted for comment.

The assistant managers, receptionists or room-service boys who were available, avoided all the questions saying "the manager knows it all and all documents are with him."

They however said that the guest houses were being run according to the law. They

have licences and are regularly paying taxes. Almost all of them claimed that they only allow foreign guests.

The rent in those houses vary from Taka 500 to Taka 1200 for a 24 hours stay, they said adding that the two to three-story guest houses have only five to 15 rooms.

Most of the 'guest houses' have no signboards only nameplates.

The owners of most of the 'guest houses' are business magnates of the city and run these houses as a side busi-

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Lacking in plus points