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Announcement

To accommodate the three-page coverage of the Olympic Games, we are obliged to reduce our normal three-page Weekend Magazine to two pages; for reasons of space, the regular column "My World" is not being used this week. For the same reason the two-page business coverage is now put together on one page. We shall return to our normal format at the end of the Olympics. We regret any inconvenience cause to our readers and patrons.

Management

NEWS BRIEFS

Two top bankers given retirement

Kazi Baharul Islam, Managing Director, Agrani Bank and A K S M Taifur Hossain, OSD and former Managing Director, Rupali Bank were given retirement on completion of 25 years service. The Finance Ministry served the retirement orders to Islam and Hossain yesterday, reports BSS.

Chittagong Port jetty damaged

CHITTAGONG, July 30: A jetty of the Chittagong Port was partially damaged, hit by a Singaporean vessel on Wednesday afternoon. Port sources said the jetty -- River Mooring-6 -- was hit by the ship, MT Teniusimaru of Singapore, while it was anchoring at the port. A pipe line of the ship was also damaged during the incident, reports UNB.

Indian liquor recovered: 1 held

A Special Squad of the Department of Narcotics Control has recovered a huge quantity of Indian liquor and ganja from Narsingdi. The squad arrested one person in this connection from Kandopatti area near Narsingdhi Bazar, said a press release yesterday, reports

DESA realises Tk 50 lakh

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) realised Tk 50 lakh as arrears bill from consumers in drives carried out on July 27 and 28, according to an official press release yesterday, reports BSS.

22 injured in alleged Shibir attack

SHRABAN 16, 1399 BS,

Gunbattle at RU

At least 22 students were injured in an armed attack allegedly by the activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir on the Sher-e-Bangla Hall of Rajshahi University late Thursday night.

According to preliminary reports received in Dhaka, the Shibir activists, heavily armed with lethal weapons, swooped on the residents of the hall firing and blasting crackers at about 11:30 pm.

Eight students including the Literary Secretary of Shere-Bangla Hall Students Union were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with serious injuries.

The injured residents of the hall are: the union secretary Shahidul Islam, Kutub,

A five-member Supreme

Court Appellate Division

headed by Chief Justice Sha-

habuddin Ahmed yesterday

dismissed the appeals chal-

lenging the repeal of Upazila

Defining the administrative

unit as defined in article

152(1), it said an upazila

parishad established by Ordi-

nance No 59 of 1982, as it

stood amended by Ordinance

No 33 of 1983, is not a local

government within the mean-

lawfully abolished by the im-

pugned Ordinance No 37 of

1991, which has been later on

made an Act. Act No 2 of 1992.

not ultravires the Constitution

These are valid laws and

This parishad has been

ing of Article 59.

Ordinance, reports UNB.

By Staff Correspondent Shaheen, Babu, Masud, Habibur Rahman, Manik and Debashish.

A pitched battle between the Shibir activists and the supporters of Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) was on at the hall till writing of this report at 12-30 Thursday night.

The Literary Secretary Shahidul Islam (21), who managed to escape from the hall and was later admitted to the hospital with stab wound, said that almost all the students of the hall became victim of the Shibir attack.

The clash originated from altercations involving the activists of the Shibir and the GCO at about 10 pm, according to reports.

Later, the clash spread to

Appeals challenging repeal

of UZ Ordinance dismissed

except the words in Sub-Sec-

tion (2) (kha) of Section 2 of

of local government institu-

tions may be altered, re-organ-

ised or re-structured, and

their powers and functions

may be enlarged or curtailed

by act of parliament, but the

system as a whole cannot be

and development of local gov-

ernment institutions at dif-

ferent levels of the administra-

tion over one and a half cen-

turies, the judgement referred

to construction of articles 59

and 60 along with articles 9

and I I of the constitution say-

ing local government is an in-

tegral part of the democratic

Tracing the origin, growth

The verdict said the system

the said Ordinance/Act.

abolished.

the Latif Hall and the SM Hall of the University.

Our correspondent, who became stranded at the Shere-Bangla Hall conveyed through a relative in Rajshahi city to Dhaka that a fierce fighting between the rival groups was on.

Rajshahi University authorities and district administration officials could not be contacted by telephone from Dhaka.

Meanwhile, a senior police official of the district told The Daily Star by telephone that police had been reinforced immediately after beginning of Observers in Dhaka said,

armed attack by Shibir ac See Page 12 Col 5

policy of the country.

is constituted

persons, it said.

"administrative unit."

It said two requirements

are to be fulfilled for an institu-

tion to be a local government.

One is that a local government

The other is that the local

Dr Kamal Hossain, Syed Ish-

government is entrusted to a

body composed of elected

tiaq Ahmed, Zakir Ahmed, M

Amirul Islam appeared on be-

half of the appellant while At-

torney General Aminul Huq.

Additional Attorney General A

W Bhuiyan appeared for the re-

spondents on the cases, which

constituted by Justice Sha

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The Appellate Division was

had a 12 days hearing.

in an

School boy wounded in shootout

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, July 30: A school boy was shot and critically injured during exchange of gunshots and bomb blasts at Gouranadi College by the rival students groups this noon.

College sources said, Jahid Hossain Paran, a class-eight student of Gouranadi High School, sustained bullet wound in his head in a preelection college campus shootout

Paran was a bystander in his school ground which is adjacent to the college.

He was rushed to the Barisal Medical College Hospital (BMCH) in an unconscious condition. He did not regain consciousness till 11 at night, hospital sources

3 Britons sent home for doping

Three swimmers set Olympic records

BARCELONA, July 30: Three swimmers set world or Olympic records Thursday, while on a darker note it was disclosed that three other athletes were sent home for testing positive for banned substances, reports AP.

Lin Li of China broke one of swimming's oldest marks in



winning the 200-meter individual medley in 2:11.65. The previous world record, set 11 years ago by Ute Geweniger of East Germany, was 2:11.73.

Melvin Stewart of the United States fell just short of his own 200-meter butterfly world record, swimming to gold in an Olympic record time of 1:56.26. The previous Olympic mark was 1:56.94, set by Michael Gross of Germany in 1988.

And Alexandre Popov of the Unified Team won the 500meter freestyle in 21.91 sec-

onds, another Olympic record. The three suspended athletes were European sprint champion Jason Livingston and weightlifters Andrew Davies and Andrew Saxton. All are British. Their suspensions

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US swimmer Jon Olsen receives a kiss from his girl-friend Jennifer Johnson through the force of the Olympic Village in Barcelona wednesday. Jennifer is also a member of the US Olympic team. - AFP photo

Hearing of writ continues

'Azam admitted being Pak citizen'

ted in his statement submitted 25, 1971, he pleaded. to the court that he was out and out a Pakistani citizen, Attorney General Aminul Huq

said yesterday, reports UNB. The government pleader quoting the petitioner's statement said that Golam Azam went to Pakistan on November 22, 1971 to attend a conference of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Jamaat-e-Islami was a party which was dedicated to the concept of integrity and solidarity of Pakistan. The man who moved out on a political mission on November 22, 1971, could easily be termed and construed as a citizen of

General Matiur Rahman

Nizami, MP, yesterday called

upon the government to in-

troduce code of conduct for

compulsory to free politics

from terrorism and to give

democracy an institutional

shape, said Nizami, who is also

the leader of the party's par-

He was addressing a rally at

Dhaka Metropolitan branch

the north gate of Baitul

Mukarram in the capital.

'Such a code has become

the political parties.

liamentary group.

The Attorney further submitted that there could not be any doubt about it because the War of Independence was proclaimed on March 26, 1971.

"I myself heard the proclamation of Independence on March 27, 1971, which was proclaimed by Major Ziaur Rahman. On hearing the proclamation I felt we have lost a battle not a war," he said.

The Attorney further said the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th East Bengal Regiment constituted with the Bengali soldiers, on hearing the proclamation joined the war of inde-

protest widespread violence

suggested inclusion of punitive

measures in the proposed

code for the parties that would

tics of violence, Nizami said,

the student bodies and the

trade union groups would au-

Dalal Nirmul body movement

saying use of the words

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Nizami termed the Ghatak-

tomatically follow them.

If the parties shun the poli-

The Jamaat leader further

throughout the country.

not abide by it.

Jamaat demands code

of conduct for parties

By Staff Correspondent

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary of Jamaat organised the rally to

Golam Azam himself admit- Pakistan on and from March pendence along with the Rifles, Ansars and students. Fifth, 6th and 7th East Bengal regiments were then stationed in erstwhile West Pakistan.

One of the successful aspect of the Liberation War was that the Bengali soldiers in the erstwhile East Pakistan had successfully retreated across the frontier, he told the court.

He further said their successful crossing over the border along with EPR, Police, Ansars and students was one of a major strength for starting the liberation war. The availability of such military machine

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Hold fair polls

in Muktijoddha

Sangsad: PM

Bangladesh Muktijoddha

Sangsad led by its Chairman

Principal Abdul Ahad

Choudhury and Secretary

Abdul Aziz Bir Pratik called on

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

The members of the delega-

Zia at her office here yester-

tion expressed their gratitude

on her becoming the chief pa-

tron of the Muktijoddha

Sangsad and nominating Col

(Retd) Akbar Hossain Bir

Pratik, MP, as chief advisor for

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its smooth functioning.

day, reports BSS.

A delegation of the

By Staff Correspondent

accreditation card issue.

Press Information Department (PID) issued the accreditation card to the journalists and added that for violating certain conditions the card could be cancelled.

that to facilitate more freedom he proposed that the right to cancel the accreditation card be vested with the Press Council, a quasi-judicial body.

The proposed amendment, according to the minister, would allow the Press Council to issue three warnings to an individual journalist for any wrong-doing. After three warnings, the Press Council would have powers to suspend the card twice and would have power to cancel it if the of fence was committed by that individual for the sixth time.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said that the proposal authorising the Press Council to regulate the

accreditation cards of the journalists was made to protect the rights of the journal-Giving a statement in the

Accreditation card

Move to amend

law won't curb

press freedom,

says Huda

House under Article 300 of the Rules of Procedure the minister said that it was intended to clarify the misgivings on the Nazmul Huda said that under the present system the

The minister further said

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Punitive steps against illegal toll collectors The government yesterday session of union and associa-

pelled to take punitive measures, including cancellation of registration, under existing labour laws if any road transport workers union or owners association collects toll beyond the purview of their registered constitution, reports BSS.

In an official handout here last night the government reguested all concerned to refrain from extorting tolls in the bus terminals, ferry ghats or on the way, and run unions or associations as per their constitutions.

The government expressed the hope that the people would extend their active cooperation in the implementation of different measures taken by the government in this regard because, no democratic government can tolerate such a situation, the handout

It also hoped that the persons engaged in collection of illegal tolls would refrain from their such unlawful activities, the handout said, adding: otherwise, punitive measures would be taken against them.

The government has noted with grave concern that a class of people is illegally collecting tolls in the name of road transport workers unions and owners associations, the hand-Extensive loss of man and

material was being incurred due to the bursting of bombs in bus terminals, taking pos-

warned that it would be com- tion offices and cessation of plying of road transport centering this toll extortion, the handout pointed out. Normal public life was being

hampered and general people were subjected to sufferings due to such disorderly situation. As a result, the flourishment and expansion of the transport sector were being impeded and the passengers, workers and owners had to incur losses, the handout further

The government is determined to maintain normalcy in the transport sector under any situation. Necessary steps had been taken in the meantime to stop such unlawful activities in this sector, the handout added.

As per rule, any registered workers union or owners association can collect toll only from their members in fixed rate in accordance with their approved constitution, the handout said and added that the annual accounts of the realised toll would have to be presented to the appropriate authorities.

The registrar of trade union does not authorise any workers union or owners association to extort toll from buses, tracks or any other mode of transports in terminals, ferry ghats or on the way. The handout said it was to-

tally illegal and punishable of fence to collect toll beyond the purview of the constitution.



France

Sweden

Romania

Netherlands

New Zealand

Yugoslavia

Belgium

Canada

Brazil

Italy

Finland Mongolia Surinam NOTE: Two bronze medals

Han-Bong's gold BARCELONA, July 30: Han-

awarded in judo finals.

Bong An of South Korea won the gold medal Thursday in the bantamweight (57-kilogram, 125.5-pound) class of Greco-Roman wrestling, winning a 6-5 decision over Rifat Yildiz of Germany, reports AP. Zetian Sheng of China won the bronze with a 5-4 decision over Alexander Ignatenko of the Unified Team.

Asset sharing

Dhaka favours working group with Pakistan

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

Bangladesh will once again propose the formation of a 'working group' composed of interministerial representatives and experts of the two countries to deal with the question of asset-liability sharing when Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia goes to Islamabad on a three-day official visit beginning August 9,

High-level body to suggest security measures for foreign missions

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By Masud Hasan Khan The government has formed a high-level committee to look into the security system of the diplomatic enclave at Baridhara in the capital, officials said Thursday.

The body has also been entrusted with the task of suggesting steps to beef up the security system.

The committee, headed by a Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry, is composed of the Inspector General of Police, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, representatives from different security agencies and the Rajuk as members, they

A Home Ministry source says that the body, set up following a mob attack on the Chinese Embassy Complex at Baridhara on July 2, has already begun working.

"Now the members of the committee are meeting with officials of different diplomatic missions in Dhaka enquiring about their security arrangements," the source said. He declined to be named.

The committee, after reviewing the existing security arrangements at Baridhara, would submit its final report to the government shortly, the source added.

Officials said that the government had decided to set up a permanent police station at Baridhara and Rajuk had already allotted a plot for the

Part of Gulshan Lake is being filled up near the bridge of Gulshan-I. - Star photo by H. Kabir

Gulshan Lake vanishing By Asiuzzaman

officials deferred interviews

sought by the Daily Star for

days, Rajuk chairman Anwarul

Alam contacted by phone ad-

mitted that housing develop-

ment work is going on parts of

the lake, but said "we have no

plan to do any harm to the

press concern saying the en-

tire lake may eventually disap-

pear if the authorities do not

intervene into the develop-

But environmentalists ex-

The serene lake winding through the posh Gulshan area is fast losing its size and beauty as land hungry people are filling it to raise residential

Though a top RAJUK official insist that the current development work will not harm the lake, experts and local residents say that at least one fourth of the 4-kilometre lake will be eaten up by the present development drive.

The northern side of the lake starting from Tejgaon is being filed by a private housing company, while Rajuk (Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakha) itself is developing residential plots off the bridge at Gulshan I. As several concerned Rajuk

Informed sources say Rajuk also filled up of Gulshan lake in 1988 for residential plots. The lake in Gulshan is one

ment work.

of the four natural streams that still run through the city surare in Dhanmondi, Uttara and Ramna areas. Town planners say that "every residential area should

viving the onslaught of resi

dential plots. The other lakes

have a lake from the environmental as well as recreational point of view. During an on-the-spot visit was found that Bhola and

Karail moujas of the lake had

already occupied. Several name plates claiming the ownership of the lands, were also seen on the banks. The owners of the lands include Capt (retd) Gomej, Adv Abdul Majid, Advocate Kha-

demul Islam Chowdhury and

MA Sadek.

proposed station. See Page 12 Col 2

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