

US expert suggests top-level Indo-Pak talks on Kashmir

Visiting US Foreign Affairs expert Sidney Sober yesterday strongly pleaded for a high-level meeting between India and Pakistan to resolve the 45-year-old Kashmir issue, reports BSS.

Office boycott for removal of TNO

PAKISTAN, July 20: Government employees in Sadar Thana went on an indefinite office boycott today demanding removal of Thanabirah Officer (TNO) and Assistant Commissioner (land), reports UNB.

Administrative reforms

From Page 1 Col 5 to assist the government in developing a performance-oriented neutral civil service and a responsible and accountable administrative system to support parliamentary democracy as well as sustainable development.

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\$10m IDB loan for Feeder Road project

Bangladesh and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) have signed a 10 million US dollar loan agreement for the Feeder Road Project (phase II) in greater Sylhet district, reports UNB.

Gold smuggling: Pak woman charge-sheeted

One Mrs Rashida, 32, a Pakistani national, was charge-sheeted yesterday for allegedly smuggling gold into Bangladesh, reports UNB.

10 hurt as storm lashes 3 thanas of Pabna

PAKISTAN, July 20: Ten people were injured, three seriously, as a violent storm lashed three thanas of the district today, reports UNB.

AL agitation

From Page 1 Col 8 Fifteen opposition parties jointly decided to observe a demonstration day on July 25 demanding a special tribunal be set up to try Jamaat Chief Golam Azam as a 'war criminal'.

Pak electoral reforms

From Page 1 Col 5 'I have assured her that we will give very serious consideration and do what we think is absolutely right to ensure fair polls,' he told reporters.



Students of the Dhaka University observed a strike yesterday protesting proposed enhancement of tuition fees. — Star photo

Students protest increase of tuition fees

A full day strike was observed by the students of Dhaka University and some educational institutions in the city yesterday.

Multinationals

From page 1 col 7 and IBM followed. The report said foreign direct investment slumped to US\$150 billion in 1992, down from a record US\$234 billion in 1990.

Lightnings kill five in Barisal, Pabna

Lightnings killed five people and injured as many in Barisal and Pabna yesterday.

Flood situation

From page 1 col 7 Daigatha union in Maheshkhali thana abandoned their inundated houses and took shelter at the thana headquarters.

Arms recovered from a city temple: 10 held

Police arrested 10 alleged snatchers and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession from the rooftop of a temple in Lalbagh thana yesterday, reports UNB.

M K Anwar

From Page 1 Col 8 cause of disparities in incentive package, he said.

Jewish threat against Ashrawi

JERUSALEM, July 20: Jewish radicals telephoned Israel Television and threatened to kill Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi after the station aired an interview with her, security sources said on Monday, reports Reuters.

Miyazawa

From page 1 col 7 powerful lower house. They lost their 38-year majority but could dominate a governing coalition.

Nepal

From Page 1 Col 5 to bullet injuries at Chitawan district (190 kilometres west of here), raising the number of deaths to six.

The Midnight File

China to cut govt spending

BEIJING, July 20: China's finance minister on Tuesday ordered cuts in government spending and said official purchases of cars, mobile telephones, office equipment and other costly items would be strictly limited.

29 illegal immigrants drowned in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 20: At least 29 Indonesian illegal immigrants drowned and more than 60 are missing after the captain of a boat smuggling them to Malaysia hit a sandbar and ordered them into the sea early today, police and marine officials said.

Floods in US

Two more states on disaster list

ST LOUIS, July 20: Flood waters that created one of the worst natural disasters in US history subsided slightly after cresting in St Louis on Monday and causing damages of more than 10 billion dollars to the nation's midsection, reports Reuters.

FBI chief

From Page 1 Col 8 Director and is expected today to name US District Judge Louis Frech, 43-year-old former FBI agent, as Sessions' replacement.

Miyazawa

From page 1 col 7 But it was an unusual step for Koizumi to make the demand directly to Miyazawa at Tuesday's regularly scheduled Cabinet meeting.

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Jute mills

From page 1 col 7 holders have bid for the shares offered.

The programme that the government has undertaken to restructure the jute industry is based on the recommendations of a jute manufacturing study completed last year.

The restructuring involves slashing down of production capacity in the jute industry to around half a million tons by closing down and down-sizing eleven government-owned mills and privatising eighteen others.

This will entail the sacking of over 20,000 workers and BJMC officials, sources said.