

News Analysis

Now, it is Tajikistan caught in conflict in former Soviet Union

While Bosnia burns and Azerbaijan sizzles, a new flash-point has emerged in Tajikistan... along its borders with Afghanistan.

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come development. Stung by humiliating military losses to Armenia, Azerbaijan ousted its elected president and called in a leader from its Soviet past to rule the country.

tential threat to the stability of the present-day Central Asia. The former Soviet Union fought a fourteen-year war in Afghanistan to make it into a client state.

Munir hanged

From page 1 col 7 half an hour and brought down from the gallows at 1.00 am. Before being taken to the gallows the Imam of Baganbari Mosque conducted pre-execution religious rituals.

Netrakona

From page 1 col 5 In Netrakona town water level is below the danger level. Some places in the town are in knee-deep water.



Litterateur Humayun Ahmed appeared before a Division Bench of the High Court yesterday. He is flanked by his wife, lawyers, publishers and admirers. He was charged with contempt of court for his comments in one of his publications.

Demand for delaying Pak polls rejected

ISLAMABAD, July 26: Pakistan's acting President Pervez Musharraf ruled out the possibility of delaying the October elections, reiterating the interim government's resolve to establish credibility of the polls process, reports AFP.

Lanka agrees to exchange experts in agri sector

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka yesterday agreed to exchange experts and students in the agricultural sector with a view to enhancing appropriate technology and knowledge in these fields, official sources said, reports BSS.

The Midnight File

US endorses new security arrangement in Asia

SINGAPORE, July 26: The United States Monday endorsed the establishment of a new security arrangement in Asia, a fledgling effort that some Asian officials foresee as a potential NATO-style defence pact.

LDP, opposition in Japan rush to back reform plan

TOKYO, July 26: Japan's longtime ruling party and opposition groups both rushed Monday to support a reform plan offered by two parties whose votes could determine whether power changes hands for the first time in 38 years.

Rao faces no-confidence

From Page 1 Col 4 right-wing Hindu Nationalist party and a coalition of socialist parties that have refused to support each other in the past.

516 more Rohingyas go home

COX'S BAZAR, July 26: As many as 516 Rohingyas refugees voluntarily went back to their homes in Myanmar through three transit camps at Teknaf here today.

DU plans stern action against trouble mongers

Dhaka University authorities at a meeting with student organisations yesterday decided to take stern action against trouble mongers for maintaining congenial academic atmosphere on the campus, reports UNB.

Fresh row over Bofors scandal

NEW DELHI, July 26: Indian opposition members walked out of Parliament's Upper House today over new disclosures relating to alleged bribery in a controversial arms deal with the Swedish firm Bofors, reports AFP.

A Shi'ite family crammed into a pick-up truck leaving their village in South Lebanon yesterday to escape the Israeli raids.

Israeli raid on Lebanon continues

KIRYAT SHIMONA (Israel), July 26: Israel pounded guerrilla targets inside Lebanon today for a second straight day and army radio said an armoured column was moving north towards the border, reports Reuter.

Diarrhoea

From Page 1 Col 5 several places of Kurigram and Netrokona districts. Sources said the people were not getting any relief or medical aid and there were serious scarcity of drinking water in the affected low lying areas.

Directive

From Page 1 Col 5 water and medicare as and when required. The cabinet directed the Ministry of Agriculture to undertake agri-rehabilitation programmes for providing seeds and other agri-inputs and the Ministry of Finance to make necessary arrangements for providing agri-loan to affected people.

One beaten to death in Khulna

KHULNA, July 26: An old man was beaten to death allegedly by owner and employees of a Chinese restaurant at Babukhan road in the town Sunday night, reports UNB.

ROK plane

From Page 1 Col 8 night as rescuers battled rain, mud and debris strewn over the hillsides, witnesses said. It was the first major aircraft accident in Korea since 1989 and the first ever for 5-year-old Asiana Airlines, the nation's second-largest carrier.

JP: Mizan

From Page 1 Col 5 He said that the JP was the party of former President H M Ershad and without Ershad no fact inside the party would exist.

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