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World Telecom Day tomorrow

The 26th World Telecom-
munication Day will be ob-
served in the country tomor-
row May 17, with due im-
portance as in other 183 member
countries of the International
Telecommunication Union.
The theme of the day of this
year is "Telecommunication
and Culture," reports UNB.

JU Eid holiday begins May 19

A 13-day Eid vacation of Ja-
hangirnagar University begins
on May 19 on the occasion of
Eid-ul-Azha and classes will
resume on June 1. The varsity
authorities have curtailed a
month-long summer vacation
from the annual schedule to
make up two months of un-
scheduled closure from
February 7 to April 2 this year,
reports UNB.

CU M Com exams June 27

CHITTAGONG, May 15: Ter-
minal examinations of M
Com final year students in the
session 1990-91 and M Com
(preliminary) of the session
1991-92 will be held on June
27, reports BSS.

Arms recovered in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, May 15: Police
recovered two pipeguns
and 70 bullets left behind by
miscreants during flight at
Amdala village in Shibbalaya
thana Saturday midnight. Police
said the bandits were
preparing to commit dacoity at
Gramen Bank at the village
but fled when spotted by patrol
police, reports UNB.

Myanmar minister tells newsmen Rohingyas aren't returning home despite clearance

Visiting Trade Minister of
Myanmar Lt General Tun Kyi
yesterday said his country was
ready to welcome back all its
refugees who have been staying
in Bangladesh since 1992.

In an interview with BSS,
the Myanmar minister said,
"We have given clearances to
150,000 of the refugees for
their repatriation to Myanmar,
but only 50,000 of them have
so far gone back home."

Tun Kyi said, "We don't
know why they are not going
back to Myanmar," and added,
"as newsmen, please enquire
why they are not going back."

Asked why the return of
nearly 268,000 Myanmar
refugees staying in Bangladesh
camps had not been cleared by
Yangon yet and also when they

could be expected to be
cleared for repatriation, he
said, "Let the 100,000
refugees already cleared by the
government first come to
Myanmar. We are processing
and inspecting the matter of
clearance for the remaining
refugees."

He said if upon inspection it
was found that the remaining
refugees were Myanmar citi-
zens, they would all be taken
back by his country without
exception.

"We welcome them," he
said. "We have made shelters
for them and are ready to as-
sist them to get rehabilitated
in Myanmar as soon as they
come back."

The Myanmar minister said,
"We did not suppress for ill

treat them. From the religious
point of view also, we gave
them freedom."

"In our view," Trade
Minister Tun Kyi said, "They
prefer to stay on in your coun-
try because they are getting aid
from the UNHCR and the
NGOs."

"Honestly, as they are cur-
rently having a better life in
your country, they are refusing
to go back to Myanmar."

The Myanmar ambassador
to Bangladesh Hla Myint Oo
and the Director, International
Trade Promotion Department,
Ministry of Trade Aung Kyi — a
member of the trade delega-
tion — were present during
the interview at the state guest
house Padma, where the visit-
ing minister is staying.

Myanmar keen to supply boulders, stones

Myanmar government is
ready to supply boulders and
stones to Bangladesh for con-
struction of roads the visiting
Myanmar Trade Minister
Lieutenant General Tun Kyi
told the Communications Min-
ister Oli Ahmed yesterday, re-
ports BSS.

The Myanmar minister con-
veyed it to the Communi-
cations Minister when he called
on him at the Rail Bhaban.

Bangladesh Communi-
cations Minister said that with
the current visit by the
Myanmar minister the excel-
lent bilateral relations between
the two neighbouring coun-
tries got a fresh impetus.

It was during the time of
Shahed President Ziaur Rah-
man he recalled, that the bi-
lateral relations between the
two neighbouring countries
had got a new dimension.

City experiences rain Storms lash 3 dists

By Staff Correspondent



The city experienced wel-
come rain yesterday after-
noon.
— Star photo

Storms lashed at least three
districts while heavy rains in
the capital yesterday brought
great relief to the people after
weeks of heat and humidity.

Two people were feared
drowned and 42 others in-
jured during storms in
Manikganj, Jhenidah and Siraj-
ganj.

In the capital, heavy down-
pour in the afternoon seriously
disrupted city life. Traffic
came to a standstill in most
areas as heavy rains sent peo-
ple on the streets seeking
shelter.

The Dhaka Met office
recorded 6 millimetre of rain-
fall.

UNB adds: Two people
were feared drowned in the
Jamuna during a severe
nor'wester that swept three
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Card phone in Teknaf

The card phone was
launched in Teknaf yesterday
expanding the network and
services of the public tele-
phone to the coastal areas of
Cox's Bazar, reports BSS.

T and T Minister Tarique
Islam launched the card phone
in Teknaf by talking from
there over telephone with
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda
Zia in Dhaka in the afternoon.
Through the T and T minister,
Begum Zia conveyed her
greetings to the dwellers of
Teknaf and hoped that they
would best utilise this public
telephone system as a modern
device of communications.

Begum Zia also enquired
about the progress of the reha-
bilitation work in the cyclone-
battered Teknaf area.

Tarique Islam, who is also
minister in-charge of Teknaf
for Relief and Rehabilitation,
informed the Prime Minister
that all types of communi-
cations had been restored there.

Country needs brainpower, not musclepower: Hasina

Sheikh Hasina yesterday
said the country was now fac-
ing unprecedented braindrain
and urged expatriate
Bangladeshi scholars and ex-
perts to come up with their
expertise for developing the
country, reports UNB.

"What Bangladesh needs
most is brainpower and not
musclepower to break the vi-
cious cycle of poverty and un-
derdevelopment," she told a
delegation of Bangladeshi
teachers at the National Uni-
versity of Singapore, according
to a message from the South-
east Asian city state.

The Awami League presi-
dent and Leader of the Opposi-
tion in Parliament arrived in
Singapore Saturday morning
from Tokyo on her way back
home.

Hasina referred to the
spectacular development and
prosperity of the East and
Southeast Asia and called for

emulating the example of the
regions to advance Bangladesh
by ensuring the basic rights
like education, healthcare,
skill development, clean ad-
ministration and the rule of
law.

The Awami League chief
explained to them her party's
economic and investment
policies and holding of several
seminars on vital national is-
sues to elicit broad-based con-
sensus.

Expressing her concern at
what she said systematically
ruining the very fabric of edu-
cation by government-spon-
sored violence and vandalism
on campuses where even
teachers are subjected to hu-
miliation, Hasina said most of
the brilliant and talented stu-
dents were leaving the coun-
try. "Very soon this will pose a
serious problem for the coun-
try."

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Six killed, 25 hurt in road accidents

Six persons were killed and
25 others injured in two road
misadventures in the city and in
Narayanganj yesterday, reports
UNB.

Four people were killed as a
speedy truck ran over them
and crashed on a roadside
shop at Badda in the city yes-
terday.

Agitated people set fire to
the killer truck, put up barrica-
de on the Progoti Sarani in
protest and clashed with po-
licemen.

Police lathicharged the
demonstrators and fired tear-
gas shells to bring the situation
under control.

Three of the dead were
identified as Sirajul Huq, 26, a
rickshawpuller, Mofazzel, 22,
and Fazlul Huq, 28. They died
on the spot.

Another victim, aged about
25, expired at the Dhaka
Medical College Hospital soon
after admission.

The accident occurred at
12:45 pm as the driver of the
truck lost control, according
to police.

Gulshan police arrested the
driver, Mujibur Rahman, and
filed a case.

The bodies were sent to the
DMCH morgue for post-
mortem.

Our Narayanganj Corres-
pondent adds: two persons
were killed and 25 injured in a
bus accident on the Dhaka-
Munshiganj road at Gognagar
at 8:30 am yesterday.

The Munshiganj bound
minibus (No. Dhaka Ba 1536)
from Dhaka fell into a road
side ditch while trying to avoid
collision with a rickshaw near
Mandal Bari bridge here.

Local people came to rescue
the bus passengers.

Two passengers, Mizanur
Rahman (24) and one
unidentified man (35) were
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Farakka Day today

From Abdul Wadood

RAJSHAH, May 15: Tomor-
row is May 16. Eighteen years
ago this day lakhs of people
from across the country
rushed to Rajshahi to protest
the unjust unilateral with-
drawal of the Ganges waters at
Farakka by India.

Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan
Bhasani led the historic 'long
march' this day in 1976 that
paraded about 45 miles from
Rajshahi to the Kansat border
post, near the Farakka Barrage.

Since then the day has been
observed as 'Farakka Day' every
year.

On May 16, 1976 people
reached Rajshahi chanting so-
lans "Chalo Chalo Farakka
Chalo (let us go to Farakka)"
and "Maran Fand Farakka
Bandh Bhenga Dao Gurie Dao
(break the death trap Farakka
Barrage into pieces)".

On May 17, people gathered
at the Madrasah Maidan and
the great leader, Maulana
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Agri Ministry refutes Tofael's allegations

The Ministry of Agriculture
yesterday described as baseless
the allegations by Tofael Ah-
med, MP, regarding sale of Ku-
bota engine spare parts with-
out tender from the Sher-e-
Bangla Nagar BADC store,
reports BSS.

A statement by the Ministry
of Agriculture issued said that
its attention had been drawn
to the statement of Tofael
Ahmed in reply to a statement
by the Agriculture Minister.

Refuting Tofael's allega-
tions, the Ministry of Agriculture
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Businessman arrested for smuggling gold

By Staff Correspondent

Police yesterday arrested a
businessman, Dara Khaled
Chaudhury alias D K Chaudhury,
for his alleged involvement in
the plan to smuggle 57
kilograms of gold into the
country last year.

D K Chaudhury, a currency
dealer, was absconding since
the Customs officials foiled the
smuggling-attempt at Zia
International Airport (ZIA) on
November 10 last year.

Police arrested Chaudhury
from the city's Ayesha
Shopping Centre at Malibagh
where he came to meet his
wife around 1:00 pm, accord-
ing to police. D K Chaudhury
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Abdul Ahad dead

Abdul Ahad, a celebrity in
the musical arena of
Bangladesh, died in Dhaka yes-
terday at 1:25 pm at the Holy
Family Red Crescent Hospital
following prolonged illness,
hospital sources said. He was
76, reports BSS.

Late Ahad, a noted vocalist
was also a celebrated com-
poser and music director.
He was a top class singer of
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Serbs, Muslims snub int'l call for truce

SARAJEVO, May 15: Bos-
nian Serbs and Muslims,
snubbing international calls for
a truce, reported fighting
around the UN designated
"safe area" of Tuzla in northern
Bosnia and the northern
salient of central Bosnia today,
reports Reuter.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo
Radio said today the town was
shelled overnight.

It said four people were
wounded when Kalesija, to the
east, came under artillery fire.

Sarajevo Radio said four
people were also wounded in
the shelling of Maglaj and two

more in Gradacac on Saturday.

The Bosnian Serb news
agency Srna said Muslims con-
tinued today artillery and in-
fantry attacks on villages on
mount Majevica overlooking
Tuzla for the third consecutive
day.

Quoting sources in the
Bosnian Serb army, it said
more than 100 artillery shells
have been fired since this
morning from the direction of
Teocak, 10-km (six miles)
south of Ugljevik, and Godusa
and Seljuba, 15-km (nine
miles) east of Tuzla.

ইন্দোনেশিয়ার "বাকেলো হেড" সিমেন্ট!

ইন্দোনেশিয়ার বিখ্যাত "বাকেলো হেড" (মহিষের মাথা) ব্রান্ড সিমেন্ট মংলা বন্দরে পৌঁছিয়েছে এবং নিম্নোক্ত কেন্দ্রে বাজ/কার্গো হইতে সরাসরি বিক্রয় হইতেছে। ইহা ছাড়াও চট্টগ্রাম বন্দরে জাহাজ হইতে চারনার "বুল হেড" ব্রান্ড সিমেন্ট সরাসরি লাইটার/কার্গোতে ডেলিভারি দেওয়া হইতেছে।

সম্মানিত অগ্রাধী গ্রাহক ও ব্যবসায়ীদের নিম্ন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করিবার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

আমদানিকারকঃ
ইউনাইটেড ট্রেডার্স
৯, স্টেশন রোড, বুলনা, বাংলাদেশ
ফোনঃ ২০৫০৫, ২০৫০৬, ফ্যাক্স ৮৮০-৪১-৬১২০৮, টেলেক্স ২৭২১৩ UTKN BJ

— বিক্রয় কেন্দ্র : —

সোর্স কীনা ট্রিক কর্পা (পা) সিঃ বাদামতলী বাট, ঢাকা, ফোনঃ ২০২৫০৪, ২০২৫০৫	সোর্স মোস্তাফিজ এড ট্রান্সার কোঃ পাখলা বাট, ঢাকা, ফোনঃ ২৪৬৬০১	সোর্স কমার্শিয়াল ট্রেডার্স বাদামতলী/পাখলা বাট, ঢাকা, ফোনঃ ২৩৪৬৭৬	সোর্স জুইয়া এড কোম্পানী পাখলা বাট, ঢাকা, ফোনঃ ২৫৩৬৯৩
সোর্স শাহ আলী ট্রেডার্স পাখতলী, মিরপুর, ঢাকা, ফোনঃ ৮০১১৮১	সোর্স মোস্তাফিজ এড ট্রান্সার কোঃ নোয়াপাড়া, যশোর ফোনঃ ২৭৮	সোর্স দুলাল চন্দ্র সাহা জৈব বাজার, সৈয়ব ফোনঃ ৬৬৮, ৫২২	সোর্স জায়দাদ এড ট্রান্সার কোঃ নোয়াপাড়া, যশোর ফোনঃ ৩৫১
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সোর্স পরিমল চন্দ্র সাহা টেকেরহাট, কলিনপুর ফোনঃ ৮১	সোর্স নাসিম এড ট্রান্সার কোঃ শ্রীম রোড, কলিনপুর ফোনঃ ২৪০৬	সোর্স আবদুল চন্দ্র সাহা টেকেরহাট, কলিনপুর ফোনঃ ৮৩	সোর্স কামাল চৌধুরী ফড়িমা পল্লি, বরিশাল ফোনঃ ২৮৭৪

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