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Govt directive

A large number of cheques of different types of bills submitted to the Chief Accounts Officers (CAO) offices under the office of the Controller General of Accounts are lying for distribution at the respective cash counters. All concerned ministries, divisions and departments have been advised to collect these cheques from their respective cash counters to avoid unnecessary rush during the last few days of the fiscal year, reports BSS.

19 killed, 50 injured in Ctg road accident

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 25: At least 19 people were killed and 50 injured when two buses collided head-on on Dhaka-Chittagong highway today, 25 miles off the city.

The dead included three women. The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and Feni Hospital.

Police said among the dead and injured some were the members of a bridal party. The bridegroom who was travelling by a microbus, escaped the mishap.

According to district police control room, 15 persons died on the spot when a Brahmanbaria bound bus from Chittagong carrying a bridal party and a Chittagong bound passenger bus from Dhaka collided at Hinguli near Bararhat under Mirersharai thana at 11-30 am. Another four succumbed to their injuries at hospital.

Police said the drivers of the two buses were killed in the mishap. The two vehicles fell into a roadside ditches after the collision.

Hundreds of local people rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies and took the injured to the hospitals. The badly damaged buses were later salvaged using crane.

Of the dead, one was identified as Manager (operation) of Zia Fertilizer Farid Uddin, according to police. But police could not give identity of the others.

The bodies were kept at the disposal of police for handing those over to their relatives, police control room said.

Opposition yet to agree on modalities for interim govt

By Nurul Kabir

The opposition parties in parliament are yet reach an agreement on the modalities of a caretaker government although their 'deadline' given to the government for accepting its demand expires today.

They had earlier demanded of the government to move a bill seeking constitutional provisions for holding general elections under a non-partisan caretaker government by June 26.

Chief Whip of the Opposition in Parliament Mohammad Nasim, however, told reporters yesterday that they would be able to announce the modalities unanimously tomorrow. The leaders of the opposition parties and groups are scheduled to meet this afternoon with Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Meanwhile, Opposition sources told The Daily Star

that the Jamaat-i-Islami was of the view that the President of the country should be the head of a caretaker government and he would hold the general elections and run the affairs of state with a set of advisers.

But the Awami League (AL) and the Jatiya Party (JP) maintained that the Jamaat's position virtually meant a presidential form of government which is not consistent with the present Constitution of the country.

According to the AL and JP, a caretaker government should be formed in consistency with the parliamentary form of government.

In that case, a person acceptable to the political parties having representation in parliament should be the head of a caretaker administration. According to them, the head of the government, who will be called

interim prime minister, will hold the elections and run the state with the help of a council of ministers appointed by him. The ministers, like the prime minister, would have no party affiliation.

Meanwhile, a three-member committee comprising Moudud Ahmed of the JP, Salauddin Yousuf of the AL and Sheikh Anser Ali of the Jamaat, yesterday submitted a draft modality with no specific mention about the head of the interim administration.

Suranjit Sengupta of the Ganatantri Party (GP) told this correspondent last night that the Opposition was now exposed to a peculiar situation, especially with the government out to divide the Opposition.

"The Opposition is now trying to overcome a complicated situation arising out of the govt

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One more victim of Lalbagh shooting incident dies

By Staff Correspondent

One more victim of the post-mayoral election violence at Lalbagh in the city died at his East Rasulpur, Kamrangir Char residence yesterday morning.

Mohammad Yunus, the victim, sustained bullet wounds in his chest in an attack on a victory procession of Awami League, allegedly led by a defeated ward commissioner candidate of BNP.

The incident left six people dead on the spot on January 31 last.

Yunus was treated at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for about a month before being released. He later developed various complications and eventually died.

With this the number of deaths in the incident rose to seven.

Meanwhile, UNB adds Awami League President Sheikh

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Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina consoling a relative of Mohammad Yunus who died yesterday of post-operative complications after suffering bullet injury during the post-mayoral polls violence in the city's Lalbagh area last January 31. Yunus died at his Kamrangir Char residence. — Star photo



Brazilian fans dance and scream in support of their team against Cameroon at the Stanford Stadium Friday. Brazil won this World Cup Group B match 3-0. — AFP photo

Bogra by-election No enthusiasm

Star Report

With less than two weeks left for the by-election to the Bogra-4 Jatiya Sangsad seat, there is hardly any enthusiasm in political circles regarding the event.

Although formal campaigning by the three candidates — a ruling BNP nominee and two independents — began June 17, there has been hardly any interest generated among the voters of the constituency. This is mainly because all the opposition parties have decided not to field any candidate, protesting alleged rigging in the last by-elections, held in the Magura-2 con-

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City AL urges people to resist June 30 hartal

A rally of the city Awami League yesterday urged the people to 'resist' the proposed day-long hartal called by the 'anti-liberation forces' on June 30, reports BSS.

It also reiterated party's demand for a caretaker government for holding future elections.

Presided over by the senior vice president of the city unit, Iajuddin Ahmed, the meeting was addressed by Awami League Presidium member Abdur Razaque MP, party advisory committee member Abdul Momin Talukder, presidium member Amir Hussain Amu, city unit's general secre-

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Sanskritik Jote demands repeal of 3 amendments

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Sammitto Sanskritik Jote yesterday demanded immediate repeal of the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth amendments to the Constitution to stop communal politics in the country.

Speaking at a press conference in Dhaka, the leaders also demanded trial of Jamaat chief Golam Azam under a special tribunal for his alleged atrocities during the 1971 war of independence.

The Jote leaders put forward a 13-point charter of demands at a press conference at the TSC yesterday. It was read out by Golam Kuddus, general secretary of the Jote.

Prominent Jote leaders Ramendu Majumdar, Kalim Sharafi, Ataur Rahman and Mohan Raihan were present at the press conference.

The leaders said that the fundamentalist forces, sponsored by the govt

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New 500-taka note from today

Bangladesh bank will issue 500-taka note from today with the signature of Governor Khorsheed Alam, reports UNB.

The note will be primarily issued from the Bangladesh Bank office at Motijheel and subsequently from other offices of the central bank.

The colour, watermark, security system, design and size of the new note will be same as that of the circulated one.

A BB press release said the 500-taka note already in circulation will simultaneously remain in vogue.

Saudis post historic win, Belgians beat Dutch

EAST RUTHERFORD, June 25: World Cup debutants Saudi Arabia scored their first win in the finals of the competition when they beat Morocco 2-1 in another Group F clash today, reports Reuter.

Meanwhile, at Orlando, Florida, Belgium beat arch-rivals the Netherlands 1-0 in an exciting duel on the day and ensured their passage into the second round of the 15th World Cup.

Midfielder Fuad Anwar Amin blasted the decisive goal in the 45th minute, his long-range shot swerving past surprised Moroccan goalkeeper Khalil Azmi.

The Saudis had silenced the pro-Moroccan crowd of 72,404 in the Giants Stadium by taking a seventh-minute lead.

Speedy striker Sami al-Jaber, deputising for injured star Majed Abdullah, was brought down by Moroccan stopper Nourredine Naybet and got up to convert the penalty himself.

Morocco, in the World Cup finals for the third time, came back strongly and equalised through French-based striker Moahmed Chaouch, who tapped home in the 27th minute.

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New political crisis in Japan Hata cabinet resigns

TOKYO, June 25: Japan's Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata stepped down today after 59 days in office to head off an imminent no-confidence vote, with one eye on a possible comeback with new bedfellows to beef up his minority coalition, reports AFP.

Hata's cabinet, embracing Conservatives and Centrists, resigned en bloc just before the House of Representatives was to debate a no-confidence motion proposed by the main opposition Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

With the Group of Seven (G-7) summit in Naples two weeks ahead, political analysts believe Parliament is likely to

pick a new premier as soon as next week, and Hata has not ruled himself out of contention.

"I am one of the members of Parliament myself and the head of a political party," Hata told reporters at his official residence, when asked if he would accept if Parliament re-elected him.

"Had it not been for the no-confidence motion, I would have remained in office as I am," said the 58-year-old Hata whose cabinet will perform a caretaker role until the election of a new prime minister.

At a press conference earlier today, Hata announced the

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TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP MATCHES ON BTV

Group D: Bulgaria vs Greece 22:30 (BST) Group A: USA vs Romania 02:00 (BST) * The Group A Switzerland vs Colombia match at 02:00 will not be shown live.

PM inaugurates tree fair

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday inaugurated a week-long Tree Fair in the city aimed at further invigorating the countryside afforestation campaign launched by the government, reports UNB.

"The tree plantation programme is not only confined to the Forest and Environment Ministry, all other ministries and government offices have been directed to participate in it and motivate the people," she told a television reporter at the fair.

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Star Bumper Quiz draw today

The Lucky Draw for The Daily Star Bumper World Cup Quiz will be held at six this afternoon at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman will be the chief guest.

The Tk 1,25,000-worth bumper prize includes an economy class return airfare, a ticket to the World Cup Final at Los Angeles and US 1000 dollars as living expenses.

Besides, there are other regular prizes — a Philips 21-inch Povervision colour TV, B&W TV, stereo-recorder and sets of electric bulbs.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lucky Draw for The Daily Star bumper quiz will be held today at 6pm at the Jatiya Press Club.

A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs will be the Chief Guest.

Quiz participants are invited to attend the Lucky Draw at the Jatiya Press Club.



SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Group B: Brazil 3, Cameroon 0 Group B: Sweden 3, Russia 1 Group F: Belgium 1, Holland 0 Group F: S. Arabia 2, Morocco 1

STANDINGS

Table with columns for Group, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. It lists standings for Groups A, B, C, D, E, and F, including teams like Switzerland, USA, Romania, Colombia, Brazil, Sweden, Cameroon, Russia, Germany, Spain, S. Korea, Bolivia, Argentina, Nigeria, Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Mexico, Belgium, Netherlands, S. Arabia, and Morocco.

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