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Award for Imam

By Staff Correspondent Banimahal Publisher has decided to give the Bir 'Chirantan' award posthumously to the late Jahanara Imam for her outstanding contribution to rekindling the spirit of the Liberation War.

44 South Koreans die in weekend rush

SEOUL, July 5: A weekend rush to the mountains and beaches to escape the city heat claimed the lives of 44 South Koreans in traffic accidents police said today, reports Reuters.



The namaz-e-janaza of Jahanara Imam at the National Eidgah in the city yesterday was attended by thousands of people. More pictures on Page 2.

Jahanara Imam laid to rest Thousands pay last respect

By Staff Correspondent Jahanara Imam was laid to eternal rest at the Freedom Fighters Graveyard at Mirpur in the city yesterday afternoon in an emotion-charged atmosphere. Thousands of people from all walks of life thronged the graveyard to pay their last tributes to the lady who symbolised the mothers of millions of people who sacrificed their lives to liberate the country.

9m enter US Green Card lottery

WASHINGTON, July 5: More than nine million people eager to be legal US residents have entered this year's 'Green Card' lottery, a drawing that brings out many unscrupulous 'experts' trying to sell advice to would-be immigrants, reports AFP.

Taka may continue to fall against dollar

By Sohail Manzur The value of Taka (BDT) is likely to decline against US dollar (USD) for the next few months despite depreciation of USD in the international money market, sources in the banking and financial circles indicated.

Banks asked to expand industrial investment

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday called upon the commercial banks and other financial institutions to expand their investment activities in the small and medium scale industrial projects, reports BBS.

African champs Nigeria's qtr-final hopes dashed

Baggio Italy's saviour

FOXBORO, Massachusetts, July 5: Roberto Baggio found his scoring touch just in time to guide 10 man Italy into the World Cup quarterfinals with a 2-1 victory over Nigeria in extra time today, reports Reuters.



Three-times champions Italy looked set for an early return home as they failed to break down a packed Nigerian defence in the second half. But with just over one minute left they forced the first extra time of the tournament.



Italian superstar Roberto Baggio (10), who scored both his country's goals in the exciting World Cup second round match yesterday against Nigeria at Foxboro Stadium, Boston, wins a ball from Nigerian defender Michael Emenalo. Italy won 2-1 in extra time.

President, PM praise role of PGR

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon the members of the President's Guard Regiment (PGR) to uphold their professional dignity and heritage in discharging their duties and responsibilities reposed on them by the nation, reports BSS.

JS okays bill to introduce 5-taka coins

By Staff Correspondent The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday passed a bill providing the Bangladesh Bank with legal authority to introduce five-taka coins in the country.

Centre for women development may be set up

By Staff Correspondent State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Mrs Sarwari Rahman has said that socio-economic emancipation of the women could be achieved through increased co-operation between the government and the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Palestinian self-rule authority takes oath

JERICHO, July 5: PLO chairman Yasser Arafat formally established a Palestinian self-rule authority at a swearing-in ceremony today in the West Bank town of Jericho following 27 years of Israeli occupation, reports Reuters.

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