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US students call on Hasina

A group of students of the Political Science Department of the Pennsylvania State University College of the United States called on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday. Apprising them the political situation of Bangladesh Hasina said the Awami League has been struggling for an establishing a democratic, educated and prestigious nation through implementing the ideals of the War of Liberation, reports UNB.

Girl dies in Ctg road accident

CHITTAGONG, June 2: One teen-aged girl, 14, was killed when a speeding passenger bus ran over her near Bahadur Hat bus terminal under Chandgaon thana here today. According to police and eye witnesses, the accident occurred when the victim was crossing the road. She died on the spot. The victim could not be identified, reports BSS.

Confee on landmines opens in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, June 2: Parliament Chairman Chea Sim opened an international conference on landmines here today by condemning the devices which have claimed more victims in Cambodia than in any other country. But King Norodom Sihanouk said later that a total ban seemed unlikely as long as war with the Khmer Rouge continued, reports AFP.

Explosive experts killed in blast

TURIN, Italy, June 2: Two explosive expert was killed and three others wounded Friday when a World War II bomb they were trying to defuse blew up, police reported, reports AP.

Army chief quits as Chirac orders 'direct' attack on Serbs US jet downed over Bosnia

BRUSSELS, June 2: A NATO plane was shot down by a missile over Bosnia today while taking part in a surveillance flight, a spokesman for Supreme Headquarters for Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) said, report AFP, AP. NATO officials said the plane was an American Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon, and that a search-and-rescue operation was under way. A UN source in Bosnia said that the plane had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs. The UN source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the plane went down over Banja Luka in northern Bosnia. Pentagon officials in Washington said the plane went down around 1300 GMT. They

would not say whether the F-16 had one or two crewmen aboard. NATO planes patrol the skies over Bosnia, enforcing the United Nations' no-fly zone. President Clinton was briefed on the downing of the fighter, the White House said today, but officials said little about the circumstances of the incident and wouldn't discuss possible US reaction. "At this point we're not going to speculate about either the incident today or anything that might happen, particularly

at a time when we've got a search-and-rescue mission under way," White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters. Defence Secretary William Perry meanwhile will meet with European allies tomorrow and offer American military support — but no US troops — for a proposed strengthening of the embattled UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia, the Pentagon said. Perry and Gen John Shalikshvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will "discusses and encourage ways

of strengthening" the UN force but do not expect final decisions on a plan, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. Bacon reiterated President Clinton's policy of not involving US ground forces in the UN peacekeeping mission. Clinton said Wednesday, however, that he would consider, after consulting with Congress, any NATO request for the temporary use of American combat troops to help reposition UN forces within Bosnia. In Paris, newly elected President Jacques Chirac ordered his officers to use force to retaliate in Bosnia even if this meant bypassing UN command. See Page 12 Col 7



Israeli soldiers run after using anti-tank rockets to destroy a Hamas hideout (at the back) in Hebron on the occupied West Bank yesterday. A wanted Palestinian activist was killed by the army during the assault. Voice of Palestine radio identified the dead man as Hamed Yagmur, who was wanted for the killing of two Jewish settlers in Hebron on March 19. A curfew has been imposed on the city after the assault. — AFP/UNB photo

DSE loses Tk 60cr more: Further fall in price index likely

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) all share price index fell by another 10 points and the market lost Tk 60 crore in capitalisation, but the bearish trend apparently came to a halt on the last three days of the week ending June 1. However, the bearish trend is likely to continue for another five weeks and the all share price index might go down further, according to leading market operators. Giving a technical analysis of the downward trend of the index for the last five months, one operator said there was a "negative momentum for the market which would continue for at least another five weeks unless some important positive intervention like the budget and political consensus took place. The index fell last week by 1.41 per cent to 710.76 from the previous week's 720.95. Yet, the index showed slight improvement in the last three days of last week after falling to as low as 698.93. In contrast, the highest point this

year was 840 (in January). Thirty-seven issues' shares and debentures were selling at prices below their face values (FV) while eight issues at their FV at the closing of the week Thursday last. At least five issues were not traded. Of the 37 loser issues, the worse losers were STM (ORD), which sold at Tk 18 as against the FV of Tk 100 and Paper Product and Milon Tanneries which sold at Tk 20 each, with the FV being Tk 100. Foreign investment in the DSE stood at nearly 200 million US dollars till December 1994. After the introduction of 'lock-in period' early this year, foreign investors started selling their shares and debentures and almost stopped buying. The market is presently being run by local small investors and there is hardly any big player. Even Investment Corporation of Bangladesh is not playing any significant role, some market operators said. Last week, the market capitalisation came down to Tk

42.09 billion from the previous week's Tk 42.69 billion. It fell to 41.39 billion Tuesday but then started improving. A total of 4 lakh 38 thousand 975 shares and debentures worth Tk 7 crore 54 lakh 89,789.50 were traded in the five working day-week against the previous week's 9 lakh 11 thousand 355.5 shares and debentures worth Tk 14 crore 42 lakh 41,090. The daily average number of trading last week went down to 87,795 shares and debentures from the previous week's 1.51 lakh. The daily average value of trading decreased by Taka one crore last week and stood at Tk 1.50 crore as against the previous week's Taka 2.40 crore. Trading of issues last week decreased to a daily average number of 78.20 from the previous week's 80.16. The number of total issues traded in the week was 391, having 178 losers and 148 gainers. The trend of issues See Page 12 Col 3

EC advice Contact DEOs, ROs on voter registration

The Election Commission (EC) received allegations from about 100 city dwellers that no enumerator visited their houses, sources said yesterday. The allegations were made to the EC control room over telephone. EC officials advised the voters to contact the local enumerators, supervisors or assistants. See Page 12 Col 6

Monsoon likely from next week

Hot and humid weather is likely to continue for another week, a senior meteorologist said yesterday. "Monsoon is likely to set in all over Bangladesh on June 10. It is a slightly delayed monsoon. Usually monsoon sets in Bangladesh within the first week of June," said Sajedur Rahman, deputy director of the Meteorological Office. See Page 12 Col 3

BCS (Admin) body cancels today's 'special' meet

The BCS Administration Association has cancelled its scheduled special meeting today for what a top Association leader said, "creating an enabling atmosphere for the acceptance of their demands." The special meeting was convened against the backdrop of a persisting stalemate over the six-point demand of the Association. Secretary General of the Association Muhammad Nuruzzaman Miah, who is Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka, in a press statement last night announced the cancellation of the meeting which was supposed to be attended by Divisional Commissioners and DCs besides all the executives of the 55-member Association. The statement also mentioned that some newspapers

have published exaggerated reports on the BCS administration's activities. When contacted over telephone, Nuruzzaman Miah said, the meeting has been cancelled on the suggestion of Association President Md Asafuddin. However, sources close to the Prime Minister's office hinted that while efforts will be made to meet the genuine demands of the administrative cadre officials, "the government will not yield to any undue pressure." "Every cadre has its grievances but the government has to be given time to have a look into matters. Undue threats will be counter-productive," the official said on condition of anonymity. See Page 12 Col 4

Student bodies call strike at RU from today

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, June 2: The admission test for the first year honours classes of the Rajshahi University for the session 1994-95 scheduled to begin tomorrow has become uncertain since two student organisations have called strike on the campus from tomorrow. The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra Sangram Parishad (CSP) have See Page 12 Col 4

Opposition doesn't want Jamuna Bridge: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said despite resource constraints the country has achieved tremendous development during the last four years, reports UNB. "The achievement is the result of stopping the misuse of resources and corruption, and proper utilisation of foreign aid," she told a gathering of newcomers to the BNP at her 30 Hare Road office. More than one thousand leaders and workers of different political parties and professional See Page 12 Col 7

Sirajganj still tense: AL calls hartal today

SIRAJGANJ, June 2: The Awami League today observed mourning day in all the thanas of the district protesting the killing of Chhatra League leader Nazmul Hoque, reports UNB. The Awami League called off its hartal programme scheduled for today but the dawn-to-dusk hartal for tomorrow remained unchanged. Nazmul was killed on Thursday night in a gunbattle See Page 12 Col 8

Foreign diplomats visit CHT

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, June 2: Ten foreign diplomats stationed in Dhaka today visited Khagrachhari and Bandarban Hill districts and saw the development works done by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB). They also saw the progress of rehabilitation of the Chakma refugees who came back from the Tripura state of India. See Page 12 Col 2

Pry Edn Week begins today

By Staff Correspondent The National Primary Education Week '95 begins today with various programmes including seminars, rallies and competition. President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday issued See Page 12 Col 6

Monthly city roundup Murder, suicide, road accident claim 84

At least 84 people were killed in various incidents in the city and its suburbs last month. Of the total, 20 people were murdered, 45 were killed in road mishaps and 11 others including housewives and teenagers reportedly committed suicide and eight others lost their lives in other incidents, according to an estimate. A large number of muggings on the city roads during the month created a sense of insecurity among the city dwellers. Muggers became very active due to the Eid-ul-Azha festival in the second week of the

month, police sources and many others said. The muggers attacked and stabbed a number of people. Those murdered during the month, included young men, maids, political activists and businessmen. According to available statistics, 43 murders took place in the city in the previous four months — 12 in April, nine each in February and March and 13 in January. Police arrested more than 50 people for their alleged involvement in the murders and muggings last month. A number of student leaders See Page 12 Col 7

Armed goons move around freely in Khulna

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir, back from Khulna



A scene of a violent clash in front of the CMM Court Bhawan in Khulna. — Star photo

The killing of five political stalwarts within a period of two months have heightened tension among citizens and increased distrust among the mainstream political parties in Khulna city. "For too long, the question has been: how can we integrate people with politics? Now the obvious question seems to be: how can we get rid of it?" says a professor of the Khulna University, requesting anonymity, as he fears for his life. Referring to the election in 1991, he says, "Never before has there been a broader consensus on what is needed for peaceful existence. Unfortunately, the muscle-flexing by the goons who are constantly changing sides and taking refuge in political parties — both within the ruling party and the opposition — has changed the scenario vastly." The recent spate of killings started with the gunning down of Moslem Ali Khan, a commissioner of the Khulna City Corporation and a leader of the city Awami League. This oc- See Page 12 Col 1

EASTERN CABLES DECLARED 5 (FIVE) CRORE TAKA DIVIDEND TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.



The 7th & 8th Annual General Meetings of Eastern Cables Ltd. were held on 1st June, 1995 in the factory premises of the Company at patenga, Chittagong. Mr. A.F.M.S. Zaman, Chairman of the Company presided over the meetings wherein a total dividend of Tk. 5 crore was declared. Tk. 2 crore (10%) for the year 1992-93 and Tk. 3 crore. (15%) for the year 1993-94. Mr. A.B.S. Safer, Ex-Secretary and Mr. Md. A Haris Chowdhury were elected directors of the Company from 34% Shareholders.