

SAVE DHAKA ROUNDTABLE

Preserve heritage

My Morshed Ali Khan

The Mughals, on arrival in Dhaka in 1610, made it the capital of Bengal. It remained so until 1713. By the time the Mughals left Dhaka, the city had a network of canals for communication.

communication routes in the city, 'not only disappeared over the years, we have also failed to keep any records of those,' Dr Mamoon said.

Dhaka City Museum," said the Mayor. In the future the museum will have a much larger space. Historians and experts feel that the old part of the city still has a large number of buildings — mosques, temples and places — to be saved from destruction.

Warrant for arrest of Asian 'biscuit king'

NLW DELHI, July 1: An Indian court today issued a non-bailable warrant for the arrest of former Asian 'Biscuit King' Rajan Pillai who is fighting extradition to Singapore where he was convicted of fraud, reports AFP.



Exiled Crown Prince Pavlos of Greece kisses his bride Marie-Chantal Miller at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia in Baywater, London yesterday. (Story on Page 8) — AFP/UNB photo

FBUTA meets PM

From Page 1 lined the need for updating the 1973 University Ordinance to ensure better academic atmosphere and suggested that the teachers should be involved in the process of updating the ordinance.

The president of the federation said the ordinance should be made timely. The delegation also discussed some of their demands with the Prime Minister including introduction of 1973 ordinance in the Bangladesh Agriculture University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Islamic University, Shahjalal Science and Technology University and Khulna University.

They also urged the Prime Minister to fix the ceiling of the salary for all professor at Taka 10,000.

The Prime Minister said the government would work out a policy to remove discrepancies in salary structure among the professors.

While discussing on the present situation on the university campus the Prime Minister expressed her dissatisfaction over the stand of some teachers about the admission of 20 meritorious students. She said, it was not right to do politics with the 20 meritorious students.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar was present on the occasion. Leaders of the federation who met the Prime Minister included secretary general Dr Siddique Ahmed Chowdhury, Dr Sharaf Ali, Prof Mostahid and Dr Mohammad Ashraf Ali.

6 killed

From Page 1 a worker of a welding shop. Police seized the vehicle (Sylhet Ba-5799). A case was lodged with the Kotwali police.

Sonali Bank

From Page 1 disputes. He also said that the tax holiday certificate procedures would be simplified soon.

Ershad not produced

From Page 1 Malek — were dropped because they are dead. Besides Ershad, the other chargesheeted accused are Major General Abdul Latif, Lt. Col. Shamsur Rahman, Lt. Col. Kamal Uddin Ahmed and Major Kazi Emdadul Haq — all retired.

The court granted division to Kamaluddin in response to a petition submitted today by his lawyers. Ershad's younger brother Golam Mohammad Kader and some relatives of the four other accused turned up in the court today.

Int'l Cooperatives Day observed

The International Day of Cooperatives was observed in the country as elsewhere in the world yesterday, reports UNB.

Kushwant Singh's remarks on Tagore are 'vulgar'

AGARTALA, July 1: Noted columnist, Khushwant Singh's recent remarks about Rabindranath Tagore have sparked off a controversy in Tripura with whom the poet had a special relationship, reports PTI.

Iran Broadcasting chief in city

President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Dr. Ali Larijani arrived yesterday on a three-day visit for talks with Bangladesh officials on promotion of bilateral cultural ties, reports UNB.

The Midnight File

Arafat was gunmen's hitlist during African summit

GAZA, July 1: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying today he and two other leaders were slated for assassination during an African summit earlier in the week in Addis Ababa. Yasser Abdel-Rahim, General Secretary of the Palestinian Authority, said Arafat told the self-rule administration during its weekly meeting that besides Mubarak, 'three presidents' — including the PLO leader — were on the gunmen's hitlist, reports Reuter.

Sudan takes border dispute with Egypt to UNSC

KHARTOUM, July 1: Sudan has taken its border dispute with Egypt to the UN Security Council, the official Soma news agency reported today. The Sudanese ambassador to the United Nations filed the complaint with the Council after Sudan said two of its policemen and a soldier were killed in skirmishes in the disputed Halaib region this week, reports AFP.

Jeddah meet discusses ways to revamp OIC

The Group of Eminent Persons in its first meeting in Jeddah discussed ways of gearing up the activities of OIC to enable it to face the challenges of Muslim Ummah in the changed world context. Its next meeting will be held in first week of September. The venue and the date will be announced in due time.

Jute-textile

From Page 1 of Khulna and Tongi industrial belts and most of those in Narayanganj remained operational. Different jute and textile trade associations also said the production in most of their mills was not affected.

JU Disciplinary Board to probe Dipu's killing

By JU Correspondent The Jahangirnagar University Syndicate in a special session yesterday asked its Disciplinary Board to enquire into the murder of Showkat Kabir Dipu.

Housewife

From Page 1 correspondent that he rushed to the spot from Malibagh after receiving a phone call just after the incident and took her to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the doctors on duty declared Rukshana dead.

Iran protests deployment of Fifth Fleet in Gulf

TEHRAN, July 1: Iran today protested the US deployment of the Fifth Fleet in the Gulf, saying the move constitutes threat to the security not only in Iran but also in other countries in the region, reports Xinhua.

SC interpretation

From Page 1 leave for 149 absentees opposition MPs. After two days of debate, the Speaker rejected his application but he was reportedly requested by the ruling party high command not to inform the House immediately the MPs' absence.

Rivers flowing below danger level

The Brahmaputra continued to fall further while the Ganges recorded rise at upstream points yesterday, reports UNB.