

Five more killed in Karachi Talks deadlocked: MQM

KARACHI, July 24: Talks between the Pakistan government and Karachi's powerful opposition group on restoring peace to the violence-torn city were adjourned today with both indicating impediments in the negotiations, report agencies. The Mohajir Qaumi Movement's (MQM) chief negotiator, Ajmal Dehvi, said the talks were "deadlocked," but the head of the official team, Law Minister Nabi Dad Khan, denied it. Khan told reporters at the end of a session here that there were only some "difficulties" in the negotiations. The next meeting has been scheduled for July 31 in Islamabad, the minister said. A four-point plan tabled by

Clinton may veto Bill

From Page 1 "I hope that the Senate and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole will take another look at whether they ought to proceed here," Panetta said. NATO allies have agreed on decisive air power to counter the Serbs and "we ought to give that a chance and we ought not to undermine that." He said that if the bill "came to the president in a kind of straight unilateral lift form, the president would veto that and I think we could sustain it."

Stop aggression against Bosnia: AL

By Staff Correspondent Awami League acting president Abdus Samad Azad and general secretary Zillur Rahman in a statement yesterday appealed to the international community, particularly the great powers, to stop the aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina and lift the arms embargo immediately to enable the Bosnian Muslims to defend themselves.

Young man stabbed to death in city

By DMCH Correspondent Muggers stabbed to death a young businessman in the city yesterday. The victim Zaved Hossain, 23, son of the late Sadeque Hossain of 19, Swamibagh, was the owner of 'Zaved Engineering Workshop'. Police said, three muggers, armed with sharp weapons, attacked Zaved near the Sher-e-Bangla market at Kaptan Bazar at about 1 am, when he, along with his employee Tapash Kumar alias Khokon, was going to a restaurant by rickshaw.

Bosnia

From Page 1 over when UN troops can use force. One paragraph says peacekeepers are to "deter attacks" on safe areas. Another paragraph allows the use of force, but suggests that it be employed only in self-defence. The situation has been further complicated by a lack of personnel UN member countries have provided only 7,000 of the 34,000 soldiers the United Nations said it needed to protect the safe areas.

WB credit

From Page 1 other 5.50 per cent as cost of fund, there is little profit left for the lenders. Bank sources also said they were not receiving worthy proposals from entrepreneurs that could match the standards set by the IDA. Furthermore, they said, the complicated procedures involved in loan sanctioning were another cause of unpopularity of the loan. Credit proposals are required to be okayed by the IDA headquarters in Washington, usually taking months to get final approval. Sources, however, said several moves had been initiated to promote the idle credit. Two leasing companies, IDLC and ULC, are being added to the list of lenders. Size of each loan has been proposed to be made bigger than the existing maximum limit of Tk 8 crore. The Bangladesh Bank has accordingly suggested a consortium comprising the Bangladesh Shilpa Bank, AB Bank, IFIC Bank, IPDC and other leasing companies, each with the right to invest Tk 8 crore in a single project. The IDA's concurrence is, however, required for bringing any change in the credit guidelines. The credit might be activated if bigger projects are allowed to be funded, said an AB Bank official. Also, the IDA has agreed to lift the restriction on publicising the credit.

Bangla-Pak JEC meet begins today

The sixth meeting of the Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission (JEC) begins in Islamabad today to discuss various issues in the fields of economy and trade, reports UNB. Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, leading an eight-member Bangladesh official delegation, left yesterday for Islamabad to attend the two-day meeting. The delegation members included Additional Secretary at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) Mohammad Fazlur Rahman and senior officials of ministries concerned.

Suha Arafat gives birth to baby girl

JERUSALEM, July 24: Suha Arafat, the wife of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, gave birth to a baby girl today in Paris, PLO officials said, reports Reuters. They said the baby, their first child, was named Zahwa, after the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader's mother.

Bangla-Nepal JEC meet July 29

Nepalese Minister for Finance and Supply Bharat Mohan Adhikari will arrive in Dhaka Friday to take part in the 9th Bangladesh-Nepal Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting, Adhikari will lead a nine-member Nepalese team at the five-day JEC meeting which begins July 29.

SC opinion

From Page 1 how it is termed — boycott or walkout. Some other experts, however, said the question of absence and vacation of seat is irrelevant since they are no longer members of Parliament after their December 28 resignation. Some of them also questioned the competence of the court to hear the matter which, they said, is a political issue. Some amicus curiae expressed the views that the matter is within the jurisdiction of the Speaker and Parliament. The legal experts who made their submission before the court are Government-appointed lawyer Barrister Ashraf Hossain, S R Pal, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Dr Kamal Hossain, Justice T H Khan, Khandaker Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, Barrister Rafiqul Haq, Dr M Zahir, Maksudur Rahman, Sudangshu Shekhar Halder, Yar Ahmed and A B M Nurul Islam. The first seven were notified by the court while the others volunteered to speak on the issue.



Over 350 flood-hit families have taken shelter at the Anandamayi Girls' High School at Armanitola in the city. The City Corporation and local people have arranged medicare for them. — Star photo

Opposition out to jeopardise democracy: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said her government is trying heart and soul to maintain the democratic process to ensure welfare of the people as well as development of the country, reports UNB.

Bangladeshi soldiers in Bosnia safe

Bangladeshi soldiers working with the UN peace-keeping force in war-torn Bosnia are safe, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, reports UNB. Yesterday afternoon, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister has addressed letters to the Foreign Ministers of USA, UK and France stating that all necessary measures including use of air strikes must be taken to ensure the safety of all enclaves in Bosnia, including Biliac, under protection of UNPROFOR.

2 boys drown

CHITTAGONG, July 24: Two schoolboys drowned in a pond at Saraipara in Pahartali thana in the city today, family sources said, reports UNB. They are: Golam Kader Shaon, 12, student of class VI of Khawaza Garib-e-Nawaz High School and Manirul Islam Mazumder Tilon, 13, student of the same class of Bangladesh Railway High School.

School students go on rampage

TONGI, July 24: A group of school students went on a rampage in the industrial town today and damaged two buses demanding reintroduction of question bank system in the SSC examinations.

Bangladesh to join Indian Ocean Rim

Bangladesh is learnt to have taken decision to become member of the broad-based economic bloc, Indian Ocean Rim (IOR), now in the making, reports UNB. The government has already streamlined its diplomatic move to make contribution to turning the emerging IOR into a viable economic zone for the benefit of the countries in the region, an official source said yesterday. Seven core countries of the planned bloc are scheduled to meet in Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius, in August to discuss its structure and organisational matters.

RU syndicate

From Page 1 The RU unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal has blamed the university administration for backing the Jamaat-Shibir and demanded resignation of all 'pro-Jamaat' men in the administration including the Vice Chancellor and the Proctor.

Manzur murder

From Page 1 But, he added, "the second part of their contention that the court can pass order on the petitions filed on behalf of the accused without taking cognizance of the case, is not logically sound."

Foreign Ministry needs complete overhaul

From Page 1 Foreign Ministry should either be relocated to a new premises or the present building which previously housed the Divisional Commissioner's Office should be either renovated or rebuilt. Cadre Morale The committee emphasised that 70 per cent of ambassadorial posts earmarked for BCS (FA) cadre should be adhered to strictly. It said it was informed of dissatisfaction in the Foreign Service cadre with the introduction of seniority rules which favoured lateral entrants and "put the core-group of foreign service officers at a serious disadvantage and also caused an overall lack of promotion prospects."

The Midnight File

India won't release guerillas in exchange for hostages

NEW DELHI, July 24: India said today it would not release guerillas in exchange for five western hostages being held by separatists in the troubled Himalayan valley of Kashmir. The Press Trust of India (PTI) said, "There is no question of releasing any militants in exchange," the news agency quoted K Padmanabsh, the most senior civil servant in the Home Ministry, as saying, reports Reuters.

FEMA formally launched

By Staff Correspondent Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA), a coalition of some 80 national and local organisations, citizens' groups, private development agencies, professional bodies and civic societies as well as individuals, was formally launched here yesterday. The FEMA will encourage balloting and monitor election to help ensure free and fair election in Bangladesh, said its chairman Fakhruddin Ahmed, former adviser to the interim government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, while announcing the launching at a press conference.

Ctg city BNP has no committee for 4 months

CHITTAGONG, July 24: The city unit of the ruling BNP has been functioning without any committee for more than four months, party sources said, reports UNB. The vacuum was created following the appointment of former City Corporation Mayor Mir Nasiruddin as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Nasir, who was the convener of city BNP, left the country on March 4.

Tin Bigha

From Page 1 authorities further tightened security at the Tin Bigha corridor, which was opened on June 26, 1992, under an agreement between Bangladesh and India. About 12,000 inhabitants of Dahagram and Angarpota in Patgram thana of the district will be facing serious problems, including price-like of essentials, if the ban on movement of trucks and buses was not lifted soon.

Dhanmondi

From Page 1 the condition, the engineer said. The lake water was polluted recently as sludge from one of the city sewerages near Sukrabad was pushed back into the lake by floods in the upstream. The DOE tested the lake water after the pollution. All types of fish in the lake, particularly in the Sukrabad part, died after the sudden inflow of toxic substances. Hundreds of poor people from the surrounding areas were seen picking up the dead fish.

Fake pesticide factories unearthed

By Staff Correspondent The officials of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday unearthed two factories allegedly manufacturing adulterated pesticide at Rugganj in Narayanganj district.

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