

Cigarette import thru PSI barred

The authorities have barred import of cigarettes through Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) amidst growing allegations of manipulation with invoices in imports under the system, reports UNB.

Hilsa fish worth Tk 1cr lying unsold

From Staff Correspondent. BARISAL, Sept 30: Over eight thousand maunds of hilsa fish worth about one crore taka were lying unsold at different centres of six southern districts because of the transport strike.

Tug-boat capsizes Search for master pilot continues

From Staff Correspondent. CHITTAGONG, Sept 30: A joint search operation by BIWTA and police continued today to recover the body of master pilot Saker Ali, 40, who drowned when Singaporean tug-boat sank at the Sandwip Channel Thursday last.

PM visits flood-hit areas

From Page 1. The DC of Dinajpur said most of the thatched houses were damaged by the flash flood and the death toll rose to nine in the district. BDR personnel have been deployed for rescue operation.

12 die in West Bengal flood

CALCUTTA, Sept 30: Twelve people were killed in flash floods following heavy overnight monsoon rains in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal, officials said today, reports AFP.

15-yr perspective plan

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Rush of passengers in a train on the second day yesterday of the two-day road transport strike. The picture of the Balaka Express which runs between Dhaka and Mymensingh was taken from Tongi.

Mock trading begins at CSE

CHITTAGONG, Sept 30: A mock trading began today on the floor of the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) in preparation for opening formal trading later this week, reports UNB.

Missing Tanbazar 'madams' traced

From Our Correspondent. NARAYANGANJ, Sept 30: Police today traced the three 'madams' four days after their mysterious disappearance from the Tanbazar brothel.

Elders' Day today

The International Elders' Day will be observed today in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

MQM calls strike in Karachi today

KARACHI, Sept 30: Pakistan's ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM) today called for a general strike in Sindh province on Sunday, maintaining a stand-off with Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government, reports Reuter.

Salam Talukdar

From Page 1. ances and unnecessary hartals in the coming elections through ballot. The BNP Secretary General referred to the "untrue, illogical and provocative" statements by some leaders from the public rallies organised by the Opposition on September 28 and said these opposition leaders were trying in vain to prove their false and illogical statements in the old gobles' style.

4 killed, 5 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent. Four persons were killed and at least five others injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday. One Arif, 8, drowned in a pond near his house at Mohammadbagh under Demra thana.

Durga Puja begins

Durga Puja, the greatest festival of the Hindu community, began yesterday with much enthusiasm and religious fervours, reports UNB. The worship of Goddess Durga or Sharadiya Utsab (autumn festival) symbolises the victory of good over the evil.

Non-stop transport strike

From Page 1. From Page 1. toll and protection from 'illegal' toll collection. The meeting, chaired by Mirza Abbas, also regretted the inconvenience caused to members of the public due to the two-day transport strike.

DU announces exam schedule despite hartals

By DU Correspondent. The Dhaka University authorities have not yet decided to reschedule the Honours and Masters examinations due October 17. The Controller of examinations said this when enquired about the hartal called by the Opposition from October 16.

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Six JCD leaders held in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent. SIRAJGANJ, Sept 30: Six Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders were sent to jail hajat after their bail prayers were rejected today.

President, PM greet Hindu community

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday greeted the members of the Hindu community on the occasion of the Durga Puja, report agencies. In a message the President said like every year Durga Puja, the greatest Hindu religious festival, is being observed this year also in Bangladesh where a tradition of communal harmony among different religious faiths exists.

Kashmir

From Page 1. and drove away its dozens employees, sparking tension and forcing Indian authorities to deploy hundreds of police and paramilitary forces in the area.

Farmers gherao

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Taka devalued

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The Midnight File Talks on ceasefire in Bosnia premature'

BELGRADE, Sept 30: US peace envoy Richard Holbrooke arrived in Belgrade today to meet Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and said talk on a ceasefire in Bosnia was 'premature'. 'We're hearing a lot of talk about a ceasefire which I think is quite premature. The two sides...both want a ceasefire but they have very different ideas of what it means and I would caution people not to expect any direct announcement on that in the near future,' Holbrooke told reporters, says Reuter.

Flood situation

From Page 1. In Naogaon, 99 unions of 11 thanas have been flooded. Severely affected thanas are Dharmohat, Patnitala, Badalgachi, Manda, Arail Rangbar and Niamatpur. Over 3 lakh people have been affected by flood. Standing crops on about 40,000 acres of land have been damaged. Two-thirds of the district town have been flooded. Road communication has been badly disrupted as most of the roads went under water. Road communication between Rajshahi and Naogaon was suspended as a bridge collapsed at Narayanpur in Manda thana today.

Tea garden staff killed in clash

CHITTAGONG, Sept 30: One person was killed and 10 people were injured in a clash between the workers and the management of a tea garden in Fatikchhari thana today. Police said the clash erupted this morning after the workers gheraoed the office of Andharmanik Tea Garden, 14 kilometres north of Fatikchhari, demanding arrears salaries and bonuses. The dead was identified as Ahmed Hossain, 20, an office staff of the tea garden, reports UNB.

Jute traders

From Page 1. gated account to be paid on instalment basis within five years. The first instalment is scheduled to be paid within December this year. Finance Ministry sources said the government is considering sharing some losses of the private banks, to be incurred due to the waiving of interest. Affected jute traders said although the nationalised banks like Sonali and Agrani are implementing the programme, the pace is very slow.

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