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Transactions in value Tk 16.12 cr

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Ctg-Cox's Bazar road link restored

From Our Correspondent  
COX'S BAZAR, June 26: Road communication between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar that remained disrupted for the last seven days, has been restored. Three bridges which were collapsed along the 160 km-way from Chittagong to Cox's Bazar got repaired by the authorities, officials said.

### JU Senate budget session today

The annual budget session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Senate will be held today at the Senate Hall of the university. The budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year will be approved by the Senate following a discussion on the opening speech of VC Prof Amirul Islam.

### BNPPP likely to take important decisions today

By Staff Correspondent  
The BNPP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) meets at 5 this afternoon at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, a party press release said here last night.  
Prior to the BNPPP meeting, party chief Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be sworn-in as a member of the Seventh Parliament by speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali.

According to party sources, the BNPPP meet is expected to choose the Leader, the Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and the Whips of the party in the new Parliament. BNP is the largest ever opposition party in parliament with 116 seats.

Former prime minister and BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be elected the Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament, the sources said.  
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### Mannan Bhuiyan new BNP secy gen

By Staff Correspondent

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has been appointed Secretary General of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).  
Party chief Begum Khaleda Zia made the appointment yesterday in a major change in her party's central leadership after its failure to win the June 12 parliamentary election.  
Begum Zia is expected to go for some more changes in the party hierarchy as well as in different tiers of it, sources close to her said.

Mannan Bhuiyan's appointment would come into effect immediately, said a party press release last night.  
Bhuiyan, senior-most Joint Secretary General of the party (till his new assignment), replaces Abdus Salam Talukdar, who was its Secretary General for the last nine years and resigned on 'health ground'.  
Talukdar contested the June 12 polls from two seats — Jamalpur-3 and Tangail-1 — but failed to return.

Salam Talukdar submitted his resignation letter to the party chief yesterday noon and she accepted it, said the press release, signed by the party's Organising Secretary Haris Choudhury.

Mannan Bhuiyan, who acted as Secretary General of



Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan

the BNP several times, was in charge of the ministries of Labour and Manpower, Food and Agriculture in the government of Begum Khaleda Zia for the past five years.  
Bhuiyan, who hails from Shibpur thana of Narsinghdi district, was elected in the 1991 parliamentary elections from Narsinghdi-3 on BNP ticket. He was elected from the same constituency in the June 12 polls.

BSS adds, Mannan Bhuiyan, the newly appointed secretary general of the BNP expressed

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### Half of city's garments units lack licence from fire service

By Masud Arif

Most of the garment factories in the city lack fire-fighting equipment and emergency exits to escape any sort of accident, according to some senior officials of the Fire Service and Civil Defence Directorate (FSCDD).

Besides, the employees and workers of the factories are not trained properly to handle fire incidents, the officials said adding that a number of those factories are situated in high-rise buildings or in congested areas, making it difficult to carry out any fire fighting and rescue operation.

At least 63 garment workers were killed in incidents related to fire during the last five years, according to the National Garments Workers Federation. Besides, fire service officials feared that more such tragic incidents could occur anytime if adequate safety measures were not taken.

Of the 1950 garment factories in the city and its suburb, only 936 have licence from the

FSCDD, directorate sources said. Due to inadequate manpower, it could not tackle the situation, the sources added.

Some eight lakh people are employed in these factories on a regular basis, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) sources pointed out.

According to the FSCDD Ordinance, "no building or place shall be used as a warehouse or as a workshop unless the owner or occupier thereof shall have previously obtained under this ordinance, a licence for such use from the Director (fire service)."

A workshop has been defined in the ordinance, as any building or place where the processing of any article is carried out for purpose of trade or business. Presently, the FSCDD has declared some 190 articles inflammable. These include cotton, wool, jute, chemicals bamboo and yarn, fire service sources said.

Meanwhile, in most of the

fire incidents in garments factories, it was found that workers were trapped inside the factories as the main gates of the buildings concerned were locked.

Referring to a fire incident at a garment factory at Tajmahal road in Mohammadpur area in February 1992, a senior fire service official pointed out that more than 300 workers were rescued from the rooftop of the factory building as the main gates were locked.

The official said that it was difficult to carry out fire fighting operation in buildings with more than seven storeys as the fire service did not have the equipment capacity for this many garment factories are located on the 10th floor of a building as above, he added.

Meanwhile, President of the BGMEA Redwan Ahmed said that they had sometimes instructed the affiliated garment factories to take necessary fire fighting measures and train

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### Clinton greets Sheikh Hasina

President Bill Clinton has congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina saying that he looks forward to working with her and the government to deepen close cooperation between the two nations, reports BSS.

In his message, President Clinton said, "let me congratulate you on your hard-fought electoral victory and on the commitment to democracy demonstrated by the people of Bangladesh. The overall transparency and peacefulness of the election, the high turnout, the orderly transfer of power and the advent of a robust new parliament all testify to the strength and vitality of Bangladesh's democratic institutions."

He further said, "This election and the peaceful transition of power lay the groundwork for an era of strengthened democracy, domestic tranquility and economic growth. I look forward to working with you and the government of Bangladesh to deepen the traditional friendship and close cooperation between our nations."

### BNP legal aid body formed

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday constituted a 10-member legal aid committee for the party to look into allegations relating to elections to the 7th parliament and render assistance for legal redress, reports UNB.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia will act as the convener of the committee.  
Members of the committee are: Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Barrister Nazmul Huda, Barrister Aminul Haq, Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, and advocates Abdul Wadud Khondaker, Miftah Uddin Chowdhury Rumi, Lutfi Alam, Zainal Abedin and Humayun Kabir Bulbul.

The committee has been entrusted with the responsibility to form legal aid committee to form legal aid committee.

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### England, Germany 1-1 at breather

Sports Reporter

England and Germany were locked 1-1 at halftime during the second Euro '96 semifinal at Wembley Stadium last night, according to BBC.

Striker Alan Shearer scored in the third minute to put England ahead. But the Germans replied in the 16th minute through Stefan Kuntz.

Earlier, the Czech Republic reached the final to be held at Wembley on Sunday.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed wreath at the mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday. — PID photo

### Thousands of people throng Tungipara Full state honour for Bangabandhu

By Reaz Ahmad, back from Tungipara

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday placed wreath at the mazar of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj with full state honour.

Earlier, Sheikh Hasina, who is the eldest daughter of Sheikh Mujib, flew by a helicopter to her ancestral home at Tungipara.

The Prime Minister placed wreath at 9:35 am and stood in solemn silence for some time as the national flag flew at half mast in tribute to Bangabandhu, who led the nation to its independence in 1971. He was assassinated in a military putsch on August 15, 1975.

A smartly turned out contingent of the Armed Forces presented a guard of honour

and an Army band played the last post on the bugle.

With her husband Dr Wazed Mia, sister Sheikh Rehana, son Sajib, daughter Putul, son-in-law Mridul and party leaders at her side, Hasina burst into tears while offering *fateha* at the mazar.

Later, she also offered *fateha* at the graves of her grandfather and grandmother Sheikh Lutful Rahman and Sheikh Shahera Khatun.

Maulana Yunus Mia, religious teacher of Ninth East Bengal Regiment, conducted *munajat*.

Thousands of people, many of them from nearby districts, thronged the usually quiet Tungipara through out the day. It was an emotional scene as Hasina wept while meeting Sheikh Nurul Haq Gedu Mia, a

local maulana, who had conducted the namaz-e-janaza of Sheikh Mujib. The body of the great leader was brought to Tungipara by an Army helicopter on August 16, 1975.

Earlier, on her arrival, the Prime Minister was received by Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Lt. Col (retd) Faruq Khan, MP, local Awami League leaders and high officials. As she walked towards her ancestral home hundreds of people chanting 'Joi Bangla' slogan stood along her way.

Women and children from far flung areas also gathered there.

All ministers except one, state ministers and some 100 MPs joined the Prime Minister at Tungipara and offered *munajat* at the mazar, Engr.

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### Blue Panel walks out of DU budget session

By DU Correspondent

Thirty-six Blue Panel members of the Dhaka University Senate yesterday walked out of the annual budget session.

With Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed in the chair, the session started at 4 pm at the administrative building of the university.

Meeting sources said, at the start of the session, Prof M Akhtaruzzaman, a registrar graduate representative, rising on a point of order urged the Vice-Chancellor to step down from the post of Senate Chairman as allegations of corruption were raised against him. Prof Akhtaruzzaman submitted a 'no confidence' motion urging the Vice-Chancellor not to continue the chairmanship of the Senate.

Advocate Syed Ahmed supported the 'no confidence' motion.

But the Vice-Chancellor termed the 'no confidence' motion as illegal. "There is no scope of a no confidence motion against the Senate chairman under the university acts and regulations," he said.

At this point, 36 Senate members walked out from the session out of the 62 present.

After a 15-minute adjournment of the session, the Vice-Chancellor and Senate Chairman called the meeting in motion and read out his written speech. Then the Treasurer of the University Prof M Shamsul Haque, placed the annual budget speech for fiscal 1996-97.

At a press briefing immediately after the walk out, the senators demanded the resignation of the VC and President of the Senate.

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### Car, Tk 12 lakh snatched from businessman

By Staff Correspondent

An unidentified gang snatched a car and Tk 12 lakh from a businessman at Bishwa Road near Sabujbagh in the city yesterday.

Md Alamgir was returning to his house at Ahmedbagh after withdrawing Tk 12 lakh from the Wage Earners Branch of Sonali Bank at Motijheel, according to the FIR filed by the victim with the Sabujbagh thana.

Sabujbagh police arrested driver Alaaddin from the spot, police said.

A gang of about seven armed men intercepted the red colour car of Alamgir when he reached near the Buddhist temple at Sabujbagh at around 3:30 pm. They fired a few shots, hurled crackers and threw the businessman and his driver out of the car, police added.

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