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Major rivers continue to fall at all points

The flood situation across the country is showing further improvement as the water levels in the major rivers including the Brahmaputra and the Ganges are continuing to recede, reports BSS. According to a Flood Information Centre Bulletin issued in Dhaka yesterday, the flood situation in Sirajganj, Bogra, Kurigram, Jamalpur, Pabna, Gaibandha, Moulvibazar and Habiganj districts will continue to improve. The bulletin said the flood situation in Srinagar, Tongbari of Munshiganj district, Dohar, Nawabganj, and Keraniganj of Dhaka district and Harirampur, Daulatpur, Shibhalaya and Manikganj sadar under Manikganj district is likely to improve. It said the flood situation in Gowainghat, Golapganj, Biani Bazar, Zakiganj, Bishwanath, Companganj and Sylhet sadar

under Sylhet district and Chhatack, Doara Bazar and Sunamganj sadar under Sunamganj district may remain unchanged. The bulletin said the Brahmaputra and the Ganges registered further fall yesterday at all points. The Dharla receded further by six cm at Kurigram while the Teesta registered a slight rise at Dalia. The Old Brahmaputra receded by five cm at Jamalpur and the Buriganga registered a slight fall at Dhaka and the Sitalakha fell by six cm at Narayanganj yesterday. The Turag registered a slight rise at Mirpur and Tongi yesterday. All the rivers in the Brahmaputra basin are flowing below the respective danger levels. The Gorai receded further while the Kumar at Faridpur registered a slight rise.

Fahd assures help

From Page 1 The King assured the Prime Minister that he would give preference to Bangladeshi nationals for employment in Saudi Arabia not only in government organisations but also in the private sector. During the meeting, Sheikh Hasina reiterated her deep condemnation over the recent terrorist attack at Al-Khobar in the kingdom and expressed Bangladesh's readiness to work collectively to combat terrorism of all forms anywhere in the world. The King deeply appreciated Bangladesh's position on the issue and mentioned that his country would work in close cooperation with Bangladesh to eradicate terrorist design from the world. When the Bangladesh Prime Minister praised the massive development made by the King during the last few years in his country particularly at Makkah and Medina, King Fahd said that doing something for the country is his moral duty (uajib) from the religious point

of view as custodian of the two holy places. Narrating her personal experience during several of her trips to the kingdom including the last one when she came for performing the holy Hajj, Sheikh Hasina said that she was delighted and astonished to see the facilities extended by the Saudi government to the Bangladeshi people particularly the Hajj pilgrims. The new prime minister of Bangladesh extended an invitation to the King, the Crown Prince, Prince Sultan and other members of the Royal families to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient date. The King gladly accepted the invitation and hoped that it would be possible on their part to visit Bangladesh very soon. "I am personally interested to visit Bangladesh," he said. Besides King Fahd, other advisers of the Royal court attended the meeting. Sheikh Hasina returns home to night by a special Saudi flight after completing her three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

PM performs ziarat

MADINA, July 10: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today performed ziarat at the holy raaza mubarak of Hazrat Muhammad (SM) at Masjidul Nabawi in Medina al-Monwara, reports BSS. The Prime Minister also offered feteiha at the holy mazar sharifs of Hazrat Abu Kabr (RA) and Hazrat Umar (RA). She sought divine blessings of Almighty Allah for the continued peace, progress, prosperity and development of the country. She also prayed for unity, integrity and solidarity of the Muslim ummah. Sheikh Hasina offered her Zohr prayers at the Masjidul Nabawi. Besides she also offered nafil prayers in the holy mosque. The Prime Minister also visited 'Jannat-ul Baki', the sacred graveyard, where Hazrat Fatema (RA) beloved daughter of Hazrat Muhammad (SM) and his close associates (shahabans) have been laying in eternal rest.

Jawadul Karim joins as Press Secy to PM

Jawadul Karim, a veteran journalist of repute of the country yesterday joined as the Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, reports BSS. An MA in Political Science, Karim started his career as a journalist when he joined the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) in later part of 1959. After the War of Liberation, he worked as chief reporter of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and subsequently served as the Chief Editor and chief executive of the news agency. In 1970-71, he was awarded US congressional fellowship for a year. He joined the War of Liberation while in USA and later in Mujibnagar. He worked with the External Publicity Division of the Mujibnagar government. Jawadul Karim was the first Bangladesh correspondent accredited to the United Nations in 1972.

DMC closed sine die

From Page 1 JCD activists took position at the college gate while the BCL processionists rushed to Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall at Bakshibazar, close to the college, and reportedly ransacked about 15 rooms of the hostel, sources in the hall said adding that the BCL workers locked the main gate of the hall from inside. As the news of ransacking of rooms spread, some JCD activists soon rushed to the hall where the on-duty police resisted them to avert further violence. Chase and counter chase between police and the JCD workers took place at the time and police resorted to baton charge. Several crackers were blasted and furniture of some rooms were thrown from the hostel building, witnesses added. Later, the BCL activists left the hostel premises through the 'other gate near the Alia Madrasa and the main gate was unlocked. At least 10 persons were injured in the clashes in hall areas, witnesses added. The situation in the college and hall areas became quiet by 4 pm, witnesses said. Later in the evening, the BCL and JCD units of the DMC held separate press conferences at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University and the Jatya Press Club respectively. They held each other responsible for the violence and demanded arrest and trial of the persons involved in the incident. Meanwhile, the male and female resident students of the two residential halls of the college were seen leaving their dormitories yesterday afternoon. A large contingent of police was seen deployed at different points of the DMC, the

DMCH and hostel areas till last night. Meanwhile the golden Jubilee Celebration Committee has postponed the programme which was to continue for six months. Meanwhile Secretary General of the BNP Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in a statement last night condemned the incident at the DMC and termed it as a pre-planned one. He alleged that the BCL leaders and activists had repeatedly attacked JCD activists at the DMC and residential hall in the last two days, but the college authorities did not take any measure in this regard. The BNP leader held the BCL activists responsible for the violence and demanded arrest of the persons involved in it.

5 drown

From Page 1 Mallikpur of Sunamganj. An engine boat with nearly one hundred passengers on board was on its way to Sunamganj. It capsized near village Hamadpur at about 1 pm. The driver of the boat lost control over the vessel in the face of strong winds. The local people salvaged the boat after several hours. The bodies were sent to the Sunamganj Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy.

Unique gesture

From Page 1 Campus sources said the clash erupted at about noon after a hot exchange of words between the activists of the student organisations over watching results of Gha Unit admission test in front of the Social Science Faculty. But, students said, the clash did not escalate as leaders of both student organisations intervened and tackled the matter wisely in a unique gesture in the country's tension-charged student politics. The peace deal on the DU campus stood out in sharp contrast to the scenario in the nearby Dhaka Medical College premises where activists of the two organisations locked in a violent clash that led to closure of the DMC.

'OIC ties must be strengthened for mutual benefit'

By Staff Correspondent Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim said at the Third OIC Ministerial meeting in Tehran yesterday that it was essential to strengthen mutual cooperation in the posts and telecommunications sector through greater coordination and exchange of technologies and technocrats, according to a message receive in Dhaka. At the inaugural session Nasim said the Muslim nations would be highly benefited with the creation of necessary institutional framework for fraternal cooperation among the OIC countries. Mohammad Nasim, while conveying a message of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the occasion said the new government of Bangladesh came to power with the people's mandate through a free and fair election in June. The government, he said is committed to the strengthening of the OIC.

BNP complaints

From Page 1 gal procedure complaints about polling in 28 constituencies. He added that the committee was facing difficulties in collecting necessary facts from the officials concerned and the respective candidates had been instructed to despatch the information to the LAC as soon as possible. In another development, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has called a meeting of the party candidates who lost the June 12 polls at 5 pm today at the party's central office in the city. The unsuccessful candidates have been requested to bring with them the centre-wise election results of their respective constituencies. An aggrieved candidate can file a case with the tribunals within 45 days of the publication of official gazette of the polls results. The first gazette was published on June 16 and the second and the third on June 22 and June 23 respectively.

The Midnight File

370 Chechens killed in Russian bombardments

MOSCOW, July 10: Upto 370 Chechens have been killed and 170 wounded in Russian bombardments of villages in the south of the breakaway republic, separatist spokesman Movladi Udugov was quoted as saying today. The bombardment began at 3:00 am today (2300 gm) in Chechnya and continued throughout the day with waves of upto 10 bomber planes at a time striking every half an hour, he said, reports AFP.

Shootout at Sheraton

Three people went wild at the Dhaka Sheraton hotel bar last night firing guns, police said, reports UNB. One of them, identified as Majibul Haq Laimatia, was caught along with a revolver by the hotel security guards after the incident at 10:45 pm. Two other insolents fled the scene soon after the trouble.

HSC examinees

From Page 1 ing furniture of the examination halls and college office. At least 15 people, including police constable Abdul Motaieb and Babulal Das, were injured in the rampage. They were admitted to Palash Thana Health Complex.

Delhi hopes

From Page 1 said that both the countries were exploring the possibility, of resumption of dialogue on various issues. Replying to a question on Sino-India relations, he said during the last three years the relationship between the two countries has "improved a great deal." He referred to the peaceful border between the two countries and indicated exchange of visits at the VIP level. Replying to questions on India's relations with Myanmar, he said, "Our relations with it are reasonably good. We have sympathy with all democracies. But it is up to the people to decide the system of government."

Murder for Tk 60!

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 10: A villager was murdered by his neighbour in Patiya today allegedly for demanding the money the latter had borrowed from the former. Police said Abdu Sabur, 32, died on the spot after Bazal Ahmed had attacked him with lethal weapons at north Haidigao village of Patiya thana at 2 pm when he pressed Bazal for refunding Taka 60. Bazal has been absconding after the murder. A case has been filed with Patiya thana.

Zillur Rahman

From Page 1 tive area will be ensured, the Minister said. Replying to a query Zillur Rahman said he is yet to go through the suggestions made by the World Bank regarding building up strong local government bodies and added that the draft bill will be prepared after consultations with experts, donors and others concerned. When his attention was drawn to the varying opinions among different political parties regarding the "government of national consensus," the elderly AL leader said, "certain quarters are giving misleading interpretation of our concept of national consensus. They neither understand the concept of BAKSAL, nor even the concept of national consensus and so they have mixed up both."



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