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The flood-hit Bandura ferry ghat in Nababganj of Dhaka district. — Star photo

Irregularities in relief distribution Unanimity to hold JS discussion

By Staff Correspondent Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party were unanimous yesterday to have a full-fledged discussion in the House on the irregularities in the distribution of relief and its politicisation.

A salutary choice

From Page 1 clearly as it is possible that the PM is trying to break new grounds. Sheikh Hasina deserves a lot of credit in introducing an altogether new, enlightened and encouraging precedence in our, in many ways, rotten political culture.

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The Daily Star Beijing for strong ties with Dhaka

Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan told The Daily Star that the visit was "extremely useful and positive". He said that he had also conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and conveyed the wishes of the new government to maintain and further bolster the existing ties.

Unscheduled debates

From Page 1 Business Advisory Committee of the House with four BNP members in the body. According to the BNP legislators, four representatives of a 15 member body were not enough since they had more than one third members of the 330 member House.

Role of media

From Page 1 mental education. Dr Suvit Yodmani said that media should not only use words but also, if possible, set examples by deeds for involving their communities in development.

24 Infantry Div: Conspiracy

From Page 1 said a press release of the 24 Infantry Division on Monday. It said the attempt to blame the security forces for the alleged kidnapping of Kalpana Chakma, the organising secretary of Hill Women Federation, was "pre-planned" and a "conspiracy" to tarnish the image of the Army.

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JS Business Advisory body nominated

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday nominated a 13-member Business Advisory Committee in Parliament, reports UNB. The members are: Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, Zillur Rahman, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Abdul Hamid Advocate, Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdul-lah, A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, H M Ershad, M Saifur Rahman, Advocate Rahmat Ali and Kazi Shamsur Rahman.

Pahartali sub post office looted

CHITTAGONG, July 23: Da-coity looted valuables including prize bond, phone card and cash worth Tk 32,416 breaking open the locker of the Pahartali sub post office on Monday night, reports UNB. The employees left the post office at 6 pm after finishing their job on the day and found the office door broken when they came to join their work this morning, police said.

Godowns

From Page 1 throw-away prices, showing those as rotten, she said. Following a Cabinet decision, the Ministry concerned formed a two-member inquiry committee on July 8 to investigate the allegation and submit a report on it.

Jute production target

The government has fixed jute production target at 47.09 lakh bales in the current financial year, reports UNB. The target of 1996-97 fiscal year is 8.85 lakh bale higher than that of previous fiscal year.

Ctg dacoity

From Page 1 1,60,000/-, 16 talas of gold and other valuables. In the second such robbery, about 12 armed people, wearing shorts, stormed into the house of ex-ward commissioner Sekander Ahmed at the high level road of Lalkhan Bazar early in the morning.

BNP questions

From Page 1 said the matter could be referred to the Supreme Court through the President as per the Article 106 of the Constitution. A lively discussion followed when several constitutional experts and veteran lawmakers from both aisles of the House locked in a debate over the issue.

Row over AL MP's remarks about BNP in JS

The Speaker, who reminded the members that the House cost Tk 15,000 every minute while in business, had to take about an hour to defuse a debate yesterday, reports UNB. The noisy debate erupted when taking the floor on a point of order, Treasury Bench member Dharendra Debnath Shambhu made a comment that BNP men were involved in each case of theft, robbery and terrorism in the country these days.

3 more Bills tabled in JS

Three more Bills were placed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS. The Bills were sent to the special committee for its report to be submitted to the House within three days. Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury, tabled Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (Amendment) Bill, 1996, and Fisheries Research Institute (Amendment) Bill, 1996, amid objection from the Opposition BNP members M Saifur Rahman and M K Anwar.

Shahabuddin

From Page 1 habuddin said, "after election to the post of President, a person ceases to remain a party member." In this context he gave reference of India saying that during the last 48 years, party-men were elected President but they never retained the party membership after election.

4 securitymen

From Page 1 oners from the Dhaka Central Jail on July 15. Meanwhile, the three-member inquiry committee headed by the Additional Inspector General (Prison) recorded statements of more than 35 persons including officers, employees and prisoners at the Central Jail. The committee is likely to submit its report within a couple of days, jail sources said.

BIRDEM

From Page 1 added that the final decision regarding the employees' demands would be taken by the 26-member BIRDEM Council at its meeting scheduled to be held today at 4 pm. He said the authorities could not take any decision without approval of the Council, the supreme administrative body of the private hospital.

DB to review

From Page 1 and computerised evaluation. Candidates must answer by filling dots in the answer sheet for objective-type question having 50 marks per paper. These answer sheets are scanned by computer and given marks. For the other answer sheet for the remaining 50 marks for subjective-type questions are given a computer code and distributed among teachers to give marks. As the answer sheet does not even have a registration number, it is virtually impossible for anyone to identify to whom it belongs. Therefore, it reduces all chances of corruption or tampering," the Chairman added. "The teachers send to the Board the score on a sheet having the particular computer code - which is again entered in the computers for tabulation and identification of the candidate."