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Hasina discusses trade prospects Hainan for cooperation in agri sector

HAIKOU, Sept 15 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today visited Hainan Province, an island in the North China Sea about 2600 kms from Beijing, reports BSS. She flew in here from Gullin accompanied by a 50-member delegation to discuss prospective business opportunities between the two countries...

\$30m ADB fund for Dhaka's slum uplift plan likely

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is likely to finance a five-year 30 million US dollar project to reduce the poverty level of slum dwellers in Dhaka. At least 5 million of the total 9.3 million dwellers in the capital city live below the poverty line...

JU campus

At least three rooms of BCL workers were also ransacked by the rival activists, sources added. The JCD activists reportedly chased the BCL activists at the Bhasan hall at around 10 pm Saturday after the BCL at a rally threatened to drive their rivals out of the campus...

Daily Star dialogue

From Page 1 Terrorists have no political loyalty. They change their party affiliations whenever they need. This trend must be stopped, said Aslam Khan, president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union. The student leaders also said that there was a link between the 'under world' and the terrorists on the campus...

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Aman granted ad-interim bail

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court granted ad-interim bail to Amanullah Alam, MP, Student Affairs Secretary of the BNP, when he surrendered before it yesterday, reports UNB. Aman was sued after vehicles were damaged by activists from a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) rally he addressed in front of the National Press Club on August 14...

Second autopsy

From Page 1 The body of Salim Shah, in the petition expressed his dissatisfaction over the first post mortem report and appealed for a fresh post mortem. Shahriar Chowdhury alias Iman, a popular film actor better known as 'Salim Shah' allegedly committed suicide in his flat in Dhaka on September 6. He was buried in Sylhet the next day. The first post mortem was done in the Dhaka Medical College morgue...

CID: Clearance

From Page 1 Farooq ur Rahman on remand for seven days for interrogation regarding the same case on September 12. Farooq was earlier taken on remand for 20 days by the CID on four separate occasions for interrogation in connection with two other cases lodged against him after his arrest. The CMM's court had earlier issued warrant of arrest against the three former army officials on September 10, after the CID had formally taken up the jail killing case filed with the Lalbagh Thana. The case regarding the killing of four national leaders - Tajuddin Ahmed, Kamruzzaman, Syed Nazrul Islam and Mansur Ali - on November 3, 1975, was filed by the then DIG (Prisons), the next day of the murder. The three former army officers were picked up by the police from the city on August 13. They were put under 30 days detention under the Special Powers Act and sent to the Dhaka Central Jail. The detention order was later extended by another 90 days.

Bangladesh emerge champions

From Page 1 Sujon, who was included in the team as replacement for an injured national right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain Shanto, with his military medium pace then got the prized scalp of Saleem Raza for 20 runs, UAE to 2/24. Raza, who was on a murderous mood throwing his bat at everything, was brilliantly caught by Rafique when he went on to clear the square-leg fence for his third six. Inspired by the two quick dismissals, the Bangladeshi bowlers, backed by some superb fielding, reduced UAE to 49/4 with off-spinner Salahuddin and right-arm seamer Saiful, who had earlier shared a potent partnership winning 32 runs for the last wicket to put the side on a precarious position to some respectability, claiming one wicket apiece in successive overs. Salahuddin had Ali Akbar Rana caught behind for 14 in the 14th over. And, in the next over, when Saiful earned an edge off Bangera on its way to the reliable hands of 'keeper' Khaled Masud Pilot, who had a hay day behind the wicket with three catches and the stumping, UAE surrendered rather meekly. Arshad Laiq, who remained unbeaten on a patient 31, tried to mend the damage sharing 39 runs with one-down Farooq (21) for the fifth wicket. But, once the latter was removed by Sujon in his second spell, caught at deep, UAE lost their last five wickets with the addition of only 16 runs to the total. Sujon finished with three for 26 for three in his nagging ten overs to claim the man-of-the-match award afterwards. On the other hand, Salahuddin and Rafique, who produced some controlled bowling, cut the fragile UAE tail with some classical dismissals.

Housing dev centres to be set up in div HQs

The Bangladesh House Building Research Institute (BHBRI) would set up five housing development centres in five divisional headquarters outside Dhaka at a cost of Tk 19 crore, reports BSS. Exchanging views with a group of newsmen on housing problems and its solution at the institute premises at Darussalam in the city, Director of the Institute, A K M Khurshed Alam, said the objective of the proposed centres was to develop cost-effective building technology suiting to local needs and availability of construction materials. He said the setting up of the centres was under active consideration of the government to help create a housing movement to provide cost-effective and durable houses in rural areas where 86 per cent of total households in the country are situated. He said the BHBRI, started as a development project in 1975, was turned into an autonomous institute by a government ordinance in 1977. It had already developed a number of building materials and technologies. These include sand-cement hollow block, concrete hollow block, RCC and ferro cement rectangular door frame, pre-stressed concrete pillar, and rafter, precast ferrocement folded plate, panel and channel, pre-stressed concrete hollow slab, ferrocement water tank, and pre-stressed concrete micro pile. The institute has also developed technologies for increasing durability of the building materials used in rural housing like bamboo and straw. He said different government, semi-government and autonomous bodies as well as individuals were using the building materials and technologies developed by them. The NGOs like Grameen Bank, and Proshika were also using the technologies developed by BHBRI, he added.

Int'l seminar on military justice system begins

An international seminar on military justice system, organised jointly by the Bangladesh Armed Forces and Naval Justice School of the United States, was inaugurated at the Armed Forces Medical Institute auditorium at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday morning, reports BSS. Reported by Bangladesh Navy, the five day seminar is being participated by senior officers of the US and Bangladesh Armed Forces to develop an understanding on the rule of law, military justice systems and disciplined military operations, an ISPR press release said. Nancy Powell, US Charge d'Affaires in Bangladesh, addressed the inaugural session as a special guest. Commodore A M Alam, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff, who is also the president of the organising committee read out the address of welcome. Inaugurated by Brigadier Masudur Rahman of the Bangladesh Army, the seminar was attended by senior officers of the US Naval Justice School, officials of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, representatives of the government and different non-governmental organisations associated with the judiciary.

Higher tips demanded Container handling at Chittagong port disrupted

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 15 Container handling at Chittagong port was disrupted during the last 24 hours till 8 pm today as stevedores stopped gangworking when equipment operators demanded higher rate of tips, port sources said. Consequently, handling operations could not be carried out in 5 container ships docked at Chittagong port jetties, the sources added. Container handling, however, resumed after 8 pm today when the Chittagong port authority held a meeting at port house. At the meeting a monitoring committee, first of the kind, was formed with the chief auditor as its head, to identify on the spot the causes of dislocation in container handling works and for resolving the same immediately, the port sources informed. Inaugurated by Brigadier Masudur Rahman of the Bangladesh Army, the seminar was attended by senior officers of the US Naval Justice School, officials of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, representatives of the government and different non-governmental organisations associated with the judiciary.

Several possible causes

From Page 1 down. We have no modern equipment to detect or face it," he said. It is suspected that buckling caused the Saturday's accident. The weather was very hot. The Joyntan Express had passed through the same tracks only a few minutes earlier. This might have over-heated the tracks causing buckling, he said. On October 25 last year, the inter-city express Parabat derailed at Rashidpur station in Sylhet killing five people. BR sources added. A committee has been formed by order of the Prime Minister to probe Saturday's accident. The committee comprises Chief Engineer of BR Abul Hashem, Chief Mechanical Engineer Shamsuddin Habibullah and Chief Operating Superintendent S K Habibullah. It has been asked to submit the report within five days. In the past, no committee report on train accident was made public by the government. In addition to the above mentioned committee, the BR, as a normal procedure that follows any accident, will probe into Saturday's accident separately. A Joint Secretary level official will conduct the inquiry and submit the report as soon as possible, the sources said. Meanwhile, the salvage operation at the accident spot was completed yesterday. Railway officials expected that the five derailed bogies would be removed from the spot today. No more casualty was reported from the accident till last night, according to police and sources in the BR. The five bodies were handed over to their relatives after autopsy at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morning. An unidentified body of a man of about 25 years was at the DMCH morgue till last night, hospital sources said. A senior police official said that till last night nobody approached them with the claim of any more persons missing from the accident. Police was on duty at the spot of the accident till last night, the official said. Police sources added that one of the two relief trains, which came from Akhaura left the spot yesterday. The other, which came from the Kamalapur railway station was still there. Meanwhile, a case was lodged with the Kamalapur railway thana in connection with the accident, police said.

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Prisoner dies at DMCH

By Staff Correspondent A prisoner of the Dhaka Central Jail died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday, jail and hospital sources said. Abdus Sattar, 28, son of Salahuddin of Bhoirob, fell sick due to an abdominal pain on Saturday and was admitted to the Jail Hospital. He was taken to the PG hospital yesterday morning and later shifted to the DMCH where doctors declared him dead, sources added. Sattar was in prison with a 15-day conviction, jail sources said adding he was taken to the central jail around five days ago.

Alleged mugger dies at hospital

By Staff Correspondent An alleged mugger, who was seriously assaulted by some people in Sutrapur area Friday, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morning. The unidentified man aged about 25, was admitted to the DMCH in an unconscious state, police said. A case was lodged with Sutrapur thana.

RU employees on hunger strike

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Sept 15 The striking officers and employees of Rajshahi University are on a hunger strike until death from today to press home their 55-point demand. The Officers-employees Oikya Parishad (OEOEP) started an indefinite strike from September 8. Offices of the university are closed for the last 8 days due to the strike.

BNP: Bypolls

From Page 1 what she called impeding flourishing of parliamentary democracy in the country. She was talking to some pro-BNP commissioners of Chittagong City Corporation when they called on her at Minto Road. "We wanted to make parliament the pivot of all national activities, the centre for resolving all national problems, but the ruling party did not cooperate with us," Begum Zia said. The BNP chief said the people are expecting greater agitation programme from her party. "Workers and professionals are coming out to the streets to protest against the present government's misrule." The BNP leader said her government had declared Chittagong as the commercial capital of the country and turned the Chittagong airport into an international one. The present government wants to shift the office of the Tea Board from Chittagong and is trying to hand over Chittagong Port to foreigners, she alleged. Some 15 commissioners of CCC including Abdul Kader Milon, Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Nazimuddin Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam Khokon, M A Malek, Shamsul Alam and Abul Hashem Chowdhury called on the BNP chairperson.

Kibria

From Page 1 He said "a poor country like Bangladesh can ill afford to permit wastage of its resources in the SOEs on a scale which put an intolerable strain on our economy." But reducing wastage cannot be achieved without improving the management of the sector by reducing system loss and without opening it to foreign investors, he added. "Indeed, the thrust of my statement was these reforms were necessary according to our own assessment of the situation." An atmosphere of harmony and a very pleasant spirit of cooperation and understanding seemed to prevail at the meet, Kibria said. "I have heard that in the past, donors were very critical of the government and its policies and the government had to defend itself against such criticisms," he added. "I explained to the donors that the present government is firmly committed to reform programmes, but we would carry out these reforms according to a synchronised and coordinated plan." He said that the idea is to implement the reforms in such a way that no distortions appear in the economy and the donors endorsed the approach taken by the present government. "It is a matter of much satisfaction to me that though the international aid climate is very unfavorable, the donors pledged a sum which is more than what was pledged last year. Most people do not know that last year's amount of disbursement was very low - 1.45 billion US dollars," Kibria explained. "This year, the disbursement, Inshallah, will be much higher. We will make a determined bid to expedite disbursement of some of the funds stuck up in the pipeline."

Tofael opens new cotton mills 'Priority to investments from home & abroad'

By Staff Correspondent Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed yesterday said the present government has given top priority to increasing investments and maintaining law and order in the country. After coming to power, the government's main policy objectives were to bring the law and order situation under control and encourage investments from home and abroad, the minister said while inaugurating a cotton mill set up in the private sector at Rajendrapur under Gazipur district. The inaugural ceremony of Amber Cotton Mills Ltd, a member unit of Partex Group, was also addressed by M A Hashem, managing director of the company. The mills, located some 45 kilometres from the city, is to produce about 25 thousand pounds of cotton per day. The export-oriented factory with computerised operation system is expected to export about Tk 65 crore worth of cotton per year contributing Tk 10 crore to the national exchequer. Tofael Ahmed said, "We want to see any investor as an investor only but not as a supporter of any political party. If we can treat them in such a way, Bangladesh entrepreneurs will definitely be able to develop the country." Elaborating the steps taken by the present government to improve the overall economic scenario of the country and attract foreign investments, the industries minister said, the government wanted to see the year 1997 as the year of investment. He said that in order to expedite rapid industrialisation of the country, the government has passed only in 80 days after it came to power a private export processing zone law and set up a permanent law commission for changing age-old rules and regulations regarding trade and industry. Criticising the previous government, he said a number of good decisions were taken during the last five years but most of the decisions were not implemented due to their inefficiency. The previous government, he said, decided to denationalise about 37 public companies but they could dispose of only 12. The present government is seriously thinking about the matter and trying to privatise all losing concerns after consultations with the workers, Tofael said. The minister urged the opposition parties to extend their cooperation to the government in its efforts to accelerate the economic development of the country. "If we can do something for the people they would remember us and forget our party affiliation," Tofael said. He called upon the industrialists to set up backward linkage industries for the garments sector as their imports might be costlier after implementation of the GATT agreement. M A Hashem said the company has plans to convert the mills into a total composite textile mills with one lakh spindles and other facilities including weaving, dying and finishing units. The estimated investment target will reach about Tk 600 crore, he said.

Mercury

From Page 1 With the mercury on the rise and high level of humidity and lesser mobility of wind flow, life in the capital and elsewhere in the country have become unbearable. Due to the sultry weather, people's movement in the city was less than the usual and fewer number of rickshaws plied on the streets. Rickshaw pullers realised increased fare from passengers. Frequent power failures at places added to the misery of the city dwellers. A Met Office official told this correspondent that there might be rainfall in some areas of the country today and the temperature might fall. He explained that the 'southwestern monsoon flow' was being obstructed for the last couple of days by a depression over the northeastern Bay. Deputy Director of the Meteorology Department, Anwarul Kabir, told this correspondent that absence of sufficient clouds at this period of the season and high humidity contributed to the sultry weather. He, however, expected that with the weakening of the depression, the temperature would start falling within a day or two.

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