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Indian artistes Kumar Sanu and Joyprada arrived in Dhaka yesterday to perform in a musical show in the city today.

PM tells BCS (Econ) Assoc Growth rate must be raised upto 7pc

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government will take all possible steps to increase the GDP to seven per cent within next five years...

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Gold haul at ZIA DB starts investigation

The Detective Branch (DB) police yesterday started their investigation in to the biggest-ever gold haul at Zia International Airport (ZIA) by collecting information from the concerned officials and employees at the airport.

Several new envoys being appointed

The government is likely to appoint new envoys to several countries, according to sources concerned. AKM Farooq, Additional Secretary and currently Chief of Protocol, is being posted as High Commissioner to Australia...

Continued economic stagnation 'Close monitoring needed to avert crisis in near future'

Former finance adviser in the interim government Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud yesterday cautioned that if the economic stagnation continues further it would pose as a great difficult in the near future. 'We are in a situation when there is no immediate crisis, but trends are that if stagnation continues, it will be difficult to stabilise the economy after one year or two,' he warned while speaking at a budget discussion organised by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh at a local hotel.

BNP govt never wanted

From Page 1 power generation and supply were adequate and it made all arrangements to meet the future demand of power in Bangladesh. Regarding the exchange of letters with India, Dr Mosharrif said Indian Grid Corporation had written a letter to the then Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi, Farooq Sobhan, for sale of surplus power from West Bengal and wanted to know about Bangladesh's interest.

How wise for BNP?

From Page 1 the political implications of the BNP's hardline decision. It could be the beginning of a long-term political crisis akin to one that had crippled Begum Zia's administration before she finally stepped down early this year. It may extend its hardline approach to the parliament affecting its normal activity and healthy growth. In that case it will once again be a setback for democracy and a really bad news for the fragile economy.

Dundee

From Page 1 been accused of irregularities in bank loan transaction for Dundee Dyeing Limited. The Bureau of Anti-Corruption charged them under Section 420/109 of the Penal Code on September 16 and filed a graft case with Motijheel thana.

World Maritime Day today

World Maritime Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world, reports BSS. The theme of the day of this year is 'International Maritime Organisation: Seeking Excellence Through Cooperation'.

Gold ornaments worth Tk 2.45 lakh looted in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Sept 25: Two persons were stabbed and gold ornaments worth about Taka two lakh and 45 thousand looted by dacoits during a robbery at a house in Sylhet town in the early hours of today.

BNP probe body

From Page 1 sovereignty of Bangladesh and it should be done with utmost sincerity and transparency. Chairman of the BNP Probe Committee M Moshed Khan told a press briefing here this evening after a two-day on-the-spot investigation into the massacre of innocent wood cutters. 'Some 28 woodcutters were killed by Shantibahini at Churakhali on September 11. After the killings, the government sent an enquiry committee while the Opposition sent its 10-member committee to investigate the incident.'

Released mugger

From Page 1 muggers — Jahangir Alam, president of city Jubo League, his accomplice Kibria and Sohalman, driver of a microbus they used during the alleged mugging. Meanwhile, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Narayanganj Sadar Thana, Saiful Huda, was suspended yesterday for his negligence in discharging his duties and Md Mizan, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of the thana lodged a case against the three last night.

PM to exercise

From Page 1 directives' of the minister, and in the absence of a minister, the state minister in-charge, concerned. Besides, the cabinet secretary would report on the activities of the state to the cabinet every three months, while the secretary would from time to time keep the minister concerned informed of the activities of the ministry, Khasru added. A cabinet member said, the change in the Rules of Business was due five years back.

CID seizes file

From Page 1 ing the Ershad regime. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on September 9 this year permitted revival of the jail-killing case on prayer from CID. The CMM also allowed a prayer of CID for showing three retired army officers — Col Farooq, Col Shahriar and Major Khairuzaman — as arrested under the case. The case was filed by the then DIG (Prisons), Khandaker Abdul Awal, with Lalbagh police. The number of the case is 11 (11) 75. The four leaders — Syed Nazrul Islam, Tazuddin Ahmed, Mansur Ali and Qamruzzaman — were killed inside the Dhaka Central Jail on November 3 in 1975.

Salman Shah

From Page 1 by Salman's father, Kamaruddin Ahmed Chowdhury. Chowdhury Mohammad Sharif alias Imon, better known as Salman Shah, a popular star of the Dhaka film industry, died in his 10th-floor apartment at the Eskaton Plaza under Ramna thana in the city on September 6. It was reported that Salman committed suicide by hanging from a ceiling fan. The viscera report was likely to be submitted to the authorities within a couple of days. Earlier, the viscera were sent to the Chemical Testing Laboratory at Mahakhali in the city from the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the first autopsy in body was done, police said.

Blue Panel

From Page 1 Prof Sultan Hossain got 25 votes each followed by Prof Mahmudul Amin of the same Panel who got 23 votes. Earlier, Prof Sultana Shafi of Physics department proposed the names of Blue Panel candidates before the Senate and Sayed Ahmed supported it. The names of the White panel candidates were proposed by Prof Habiba Khatun and supported by Prof Abul Kasem Fazlul Haq. The special session of the Dhaka University Senate began at 4 pm for electing the VC panel. Chancellor of the University President Abdur Rahman Biswas will now appoint the Vice Chancellor from among the three-member VC panel. Acting Vice Chancellor Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed in his welcome address thanked all concerned for their help in restoring a peaceful atmosphere at the university. When asked Prof Azad Chowdhury said that it was not necessary that the person who got the highest number of votes would be made VC. Anyone from among the three could be appointed, he pointed out. Prof Chowdhury, who is Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, is also a member of the advisory council of the AL. Replying to a question, he said that if he was appointed VC, he would seek withdrawal of his name from the AL advisory council. 'As a citizen, I may have a specific political ideology but the fact that I am a member of the AL advisory council will never affect my neutrality as the DU VC if appointed, he said.

Experts leave

From Page 1 Ahmed Tariq Karim includes Khalilur Rahman, Director of Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) and Dr Anun Nishat, Professor of Water Resources at the Engineering University, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi and the Deputy High Commissioner in Calcutta will also join the talks. The Indian side at the meeting will be headed by an additional external affairs secretary. This would be the first expert-level meeting following a consensus reached between the government of the two countries during Indian External Affairs Minister IG Gujral's visit to Dhaka recently. The foreign ministries of the two countries would be coordinating the expert-level meeting in an effort to expedite completion of the groundwork for a water-sharing agreement relating to the Ganges, officials said. They indicated that the two sides would compare the data and also try to 'reconcile the differences' on the quantum of the Ganges flow during the dry season to arrive at a consensus based on political understanding between the two governments. The Delhi meeting, although scheduled for two days, may be extended, if necessary and it could later be followed up by meetings of the Joint Committee at other levels. Delegations of the two sides may also visit Farakka, sources concerned said.

Indemnity

From Page 1 best be treated as an ordinary law and can be repealed by a simple majority', said Khasru adding, 'there are instances of at least 15 to 20 ordinances which were promulgated through martial law order/proclamation and repealed by the Jatiya Sangsad.' He pointed out that the Uprazila Ordinance and Cruelty to Women Deterrent (punishment) Ordinance were repealed by the fifth Parliament by a simple majority. For the sake of rule of law and fundamental rights the Awami League, on the basis of a consensus, would like to repeal the indemnity Ordinance, the state minister said. 'Indemnifying any killer is itself an offence since it keeps the offender outside the purview of trial which violates the basic rights of the citizens,' he added. The Indemnity Ordinance was promulgated on September 26, 1975 by Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain who became president after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975.