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NEWS BRIEFS
**BNP CEC meets
tomorrow**
A meeting of the central ex-
ecutive committee of BNP will
be held tomorrow at the party's
central office at 11 am. BNP
Secretary General Abdul Man-
nan Bhuiyan has requested all
the EC members staying in
Dhaka to attend the meeting,
reports UNB.

**Holiday in Habiganj-2
Constituency Oct 15**
The government has an-
nounced public holiday on Oc-
tober 15 in Habiganj-2 con-
stituency on the occasion of the
by-elections on the day, said an
official handout yesterday. The
holiday has been declared to
enable the officers and employ-
ees working in the government,
semi-government, autonomous,
self-governing and private
offices and institutions to cast
their votes, reports UNB.

**Total lunar
eclipse today**
A total eclipse of the moon
will take place today. An ISPR
press release quoting Meteorolo-
gical Department said that the
eclipse would begin at 7-12.3
BST and would end at 10-36.3
BST on the day. The magnitude
of the eclipse would be 1.245.
This eclipse will, however, not
be visible anywhere in Bangla-
desh, reports BSS.

**461 more Rohingyas
return home**
COX'S BAZAR, Sept 26: Some
461 Rohingyas refugees of 79
families went back to their
homeland in Myanmar. With
this 2,05,332 refugees returned
home in 419 phases since the
repatriation process started in
1992, officials said.

Varsity closed sine die, halls vacated Shibir-BCL gunbattle at IU: 100 injured

From Our Correspondent
KUSHTIA, Sept 26: Islamic University was closed sine die following a fierce gunbattle between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Islamic Chhatra Shibir on the campus today.
Campus sources said over 100 students were wounded, many of them with bullets, in the clash that erupted at about 11 am and continued till 2 pm today.
The IU Syndicate at an emergency meeting decided to close the university sine die, an official of the university said.
Authorities also directed the students to vacate their halls by 5 pm.
Later, in protest proctors and provosts and house tutors of the halls have tendered their resignation en masse.



A group of young men clashed with fruit traders in the New Market area in the city yesterday, disrupting traffic movement. —Star photo

Govt handout on power import Team led by BNP minister visited India, gave recommendations

The government yesterday termed the statement of BNP leader and former power and energy minister Dr Khandakar Mosharrar Hossain devoid of truth, baseless and imaginary, reports BSS.
The rejoinder of Dr Hossain to the Press Note of the Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry stating that talks were initiated during the period of the past BNP government for importing electricity was published in different newspaper yesterday. The government said in a handout the rejoinder may create confusion in the minds of the people.
After verifying the documents, papers and records, the government said that on August 4, 1994, AKM Ramchandran, Additional General Manager, Grid Corporation of India Limited, made a courtesy call on the Joint Secretary (electricity) of the Power and Energy Ministry. Afterwards in a letter on August 10, 1994 to the Joint Secretary, Ramchandran invited him and his delegation to visit the high voltage transmission line of the power, it added.
It further said the Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi visited Assam and Meghalaya from October 14 to 21, 1994, and sent a report to the Foreign Ministry, a copy of which was forwarded to the Power and Energy Ministry. In his report, the High Commissioner mentioned the possibility of importing surplus electricity from Meghalaya to Bangladesh, the handout said.
The handout pointed out that on March 29, 1995 the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited submitted a business proposal to the Power Development Board for the connection of electricity between the two organisations. After reviewing the proposal, the Power Development Board in a letter on October 10, 1995 informed the Power and Energy Ministry that this kind of connection would be profitable for the two organisations. Stating the need for detailed discussions between the officials concerned of the two organisations for implementing the proposal, the Power Development Board had sought guidelines from the government in this connection, it said.
It noted that a delegation of the Power and Energy Ministry led by then minister Dr Khandakar Mosharrar Hossain had participated in the 'Natural Gas Potential South Asia Summit' held in New Delhi in March, 1995. Later, the Bangladesh delegation in an executive summary on March 29, 1995 submitted two recommendations. One of it said that if any proposal came from India for the import of electricity by

Customs Valuation Department Shifting of head office protested in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Sept 26: The government order for shifting the head office of the Customs Valuation Department from Chittagong to Dhaka triggered protests from both business and political circles in the port city.
Business leaders here complained that the shifting of Customs Valuation Department's head office to Dhaka will increase the sufferings of the traders and will reduce the importance of Chittagong as the country's commercial capital.
The government issued the order recently for shifting the head office of valuation department to Dhaka by September 30. The decision for its shifting was taken in a board meeting of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) held recently.
The head office of the valuation department was set up in Chittagong during the Pakistan period in consideration of the fact that lions share of revenue from imported goods used to be realised from the port city, sources concerned said.
Moreover, the functions of this office had close links with the Chittagong Customs House

Permission to 14 non-banking institutions MR Khan okayed only 6

By Staff Correspondent
Contrary to the allegations that the former Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank (BB), M R Khan, had given permission to 14 non-banking financial institutions within a very short span of time, official documents show that he and the committee that he headed had, in fact, given permission to only six such institutions.
The rest eight had been given permission by other high officials of the Bank including the governor himself.
Khan was made OSD last week on allegations that he granted permission to 14 non-banking financial institutions, the reason and procedures of which Finance Minister SAMS Kibria had questioned.
Sources close to the departmental committee on Non-banking Financial Institutions said the central bank governor had been notified about the is-

Youths, traders clash near New Market

By Staff Correspondent
At least ten people were injured during a clash between a group of youths, reportedly students of Dhaka College, and fruit traders near New Market under Dhanmondi thana in the city yesterday morning.
The clash was a sequel to a previous conflict between a young man and a trader of New Market area. The trouble began as the trader reportedly sold rotten fruits to the young man, on Wednesday night, local people said.
However, some others in the area alleged that young men who identified themselves as students of Dhaka College often disturbed the traders and hawkers in the New Market area.
Meanwhile, several crackers were exploded and some shops ransacked during the two-hour long violence that began at about 10 am yesterday, wit-

Tapes of Mushtaque's speeches seized

Criminal Investigation Department CID has seized some radiotapes of the speeches of country's then President, Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, who took over after the August coup, reports UNB.
The CID personnel on Wednesday also seized tape of some 'so-called' state official announcements over radio since the assassination of Bangabandhu till November of the same year.
The assassination news of country's independence leader, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was first broadcast over radio by Major Dalem in the morning on August 15 in 1975.
Bangladesh Betar sources said the CID seized the tape for investigating the gruesome killing of four national leaders inside Dhaka Central Jail early on November 3 the same year.
Along with other Awami League leaders, Syed Nazrul Is-

Shahriar taken on fresh remand

Col (ret'd) Shahriar Rashid was taken on 7-day remand in CID custody yesterday in the jail killing case, reports UNB.
The remand was granted by the CMM court when he was produced there at the end of a five-day remand which began on September 19.
Shahriar Rashid was arrested on August 13 under section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). He was later implicated in the November 3, 1975 jail killing case.

N'ganj Jubo League body dissolved

By Staff Correspondent
The Narayanjan city committee of Jubo League has been dissolved.
The central committee of the pro-Awami League youth front, Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, announced the decision yesterday, says a press release.
The central committee also expelled Jahangir Alam, president of the just dissolved Narayanjan city Jubo League, from the organization.
Announcing the decision, the committee said there was no place for toll collectors, mastans or terrorists in the

Four held for 'abducting' businessman in Banani

By Staff Correspondent
Four persons were arrested yesterday for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping of a businessman from Gulshan area in the city Wednesday morning.
A gang kidnaped Kamaluddin Majumder, of Road No 6 of Banani, when he was going to his work place. JK General Store, from his residence by a rickshaw at around 11 am Wednesday, police said quoting Kamal, who was released later.
The kidnapers had demanded a ransom of Tk 10 lakh for his release.
Gulshan police arrested the four when they reportedly went to the store near Banani Bazar at around 6 pm yesterday. The arrested were identified as Tokon Chowdhury, 26, Zahiduzzaman, 25, Awalad 25, and Shaluli Islam alias Monir, 28, police said.
The gang, riding in a microbus, intercepted the rickshaw in which Kamal was traveling and dragged him in the vehicle.
They covered the eyes of Kamal with a cloth and took him to a house in the city, police said quoting Kamal. However, Kamal could not identify the place.
They demanded Tk 10 lakh from him and threatened his life if the money was not paid. At one stage, they agreed on a ransom of Tk three lakh instead of Tk ten lakh, police said.
The gang members allegedly made phone calls to JK Store owned by Kamal's relative and informed that they were holding Kamal as a hostage. Later, they were released.
They face this problem very much when flight traffic is relatively more frequent," said a senior airport official.
About the situation at the arrival lounge of the airport yesterday morning, the official said many passengers who had

Rao chargesheeted in fraud case, may be arrested

NEW DELHI, Sept 26: Indian federal police filed criminal charges today against former prime minister PV Narasimha Rao in a seven-year-old forgery case, local news agencies said, reports Reuter.
They said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a charge-sheet naming Rao and three others in the St Kitts forgery case involving and alleged attempt in 1989 to damage the reputation of VP Singh, an opposition leader who later became prime minister.
The criminal charges were believed to be the first against Rao who is under investigation in at least two other cases but had not been indicted.
The St Kitts case involve the alleged forgery of bank documents to show that VP Singh's son, Ajeya Singh, had bank account in the Caribbean island. Ajeya was later cleared by authorities.
AFP adds: An Indian court today rejected an application for bail by Narasimha Rao in a 100,000-dollar fraud case, raising fears of his possible arrest.
Judge SK Mahajan of the Delhi High Court turned down the appeal for anticipatory bail which Rao, who was premier from 1991 until May, sought a



Indian law allows a suspect to secure bail in advance of possible arrest. Mahajan said the bail application, ahead of a scheduled appearance in court on September 30, was not maintainable. The court rejected arguments by Rao's lawyer Kapil Sibal that the former premier could be arrested on September 30 when he is expected to be charged with cheating and criminal conspiracy by the court.

Water-sharing Expert-level talks in Delhi from today

A three-member expert committee left for New Delhi yesterday to discuss details of the sharing of Ganges water, reports UNB.
Additional Foreign Secretary Ahmed Tariq Karim is leading the committee. Two other members are Director of JRC Khalilur Rahman and Dr Aminul Nishat, Professor of BUET Water Division.
The experts will hold talks with their counterparts in New Delhi today and tomorrow in a bid to prepare the ground for a new agreement on the sharing of Ganges water by synchronising the differences in data on the flow of the river during dry season.
The Bangladesh delegation will meet Indian External Affairs Secretary Salman Haider before the expert-level talks.
There has not been any agreement between India and Bangladesh on the distribution of water of the common river

Coordination body of city service organisations

By Staff Correspondent
The government has formed a coordinating committee to oversee the development work in the city and also to coordinate among the different service organisations, according to sources concerned.
The Minister for Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) made its convenor and the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation was made the joint convenor of the committee formed recently.
The committee consists of sixteen members including the chairman of RAJUK, Water Development Board, T&T Board, DESA, BRTA, the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), Commissioner of DMP, Chief Engineer of the Directorate of Public Health, Managing Director of Dhaka WASA, DG Directorate of Environment, DG Directorate of Social Welfare, DC of Dhaka, Managing Director of Titus Gas

Body to probe alleged IEH irregularities

Star Report
The Directorate of Health has formed a three-member inquiry committee to probe the alleged irregularities in Islamia Eye Hospital (IEH) in the city, according to official sources.
The committee has been constituted under instructions from the Ministry of Health.
Earlier, a request was made to the Prime Minister by Mirza Behroze Isphani, on behalf of the donor family of the hospital, for implementation of the Ahsanullah inquiry commission report on the IEH.
Member-Secretary of the management committee of the IEH Dr Mustafizur Rahman was not available for details, Doc-

Shortage of staff causes suffering to passengers at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent
The shortage of staff engaged in the loading and unloading of baggage at the arrival lounge of Zia International Airport (ZIA) was the cause of jam and suffering to the passengers, airport sources said.
"We face this problem very much when flight traffic is relatively more frequent," said a senior airport official.
About the situation at the arrival lounge of the airport yesterday morning, the official said many passengers who had

DMC classes resume Sept 30

Classes of the Dhaka Medical College (DMC) will resume September 30, according to a college press release yesterday, reports BSS.
This was decided at the 150th meeting of the academic council of the Dhaka Medical College Wednesday.
The students, residing in the hostels, will be able to enter the hostels from September 29 at 8:30 am after showing their identity cards, the press release said.
**Mild tremor
in Rangpur**
From Our Correspondent
RANGPUR, Sept 26: A mild tremor shook Rangpur and its adjoining areas last night at around 11:40. It continued for about five seconds. Met office said the tremor was felt but failed to tell the intensity of tremor due to lack of required machineries. No casualties or damage of property has been reported.