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Bangladesh Apparel Fair begins in Los Angeles

By Staff Correspondent The Bangladesh Apparel Fair, BAF '96, Bangladesh's biggest ever single country apparel fair at the non-government level, began in the US city of Los Angeles on Tuesday, said a press release of the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) yesterday.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is flanked by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and outgoing president Abdur Rahman Biswas after the swearing-in ceremony at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Shahabuddin takes oath

From Page 1 The oath-taking over, the new President proceeded to take his seat and the immediate past president stood up to congratulate his successor. The two then exchanged their seats on the podium. The new President also shook hands with the Chief Justice. After sitting in his chair, Justice Shahabuddin signed the text of the oath.

2 fall from rooftop in city, die

Two young men were killed as they fell off the rooftop onto the ground in separate incidents in the city yesterday, reports UNB. Hospital sources said, Shah Alam, 25, a construction worker, was critically injured as he fell from the rooftop of a three-storey underconstruction building at Lalbagh Chowdhury Bazar at about 9 am.

3 US scientists share Nobel Prize for Physics

STOCKHOLM, Oct 9: Three US scientists were awarded the Nobel prize for Physics today for their work in low temperature physics. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced, reports AFP.

5th Wage Board reconstituted

The government yesterday re-constituted the Fifth Wage Board with Justice Anwarul Haque Chowdhury as chairman to recommend salaries, allowances and other benefits for the journalists, press workers and general employees of newspapers and news agencies, an official handout said, reports BSS.

Faulty seating

From Page 1 mats, intellectuals, leaders of professional groups and the non-PM politicians. Most of the seats, reserved for the MPs, were seen lying vacant. There was no arrangement of seats near the podium for the journalists who covered the occasion. All the journalists were given seats adjacent to those of the photographers.

Arsenic poisoning

From Page 1 The speakers said that there was an acute shortage of equipment to test shallow tubewell water. Most of the government health workers lack training on how to deal with arsenic poisoning, they said. They urged the authorities to detect the tubewells with high content of arsenic and to seal those off, advise people to drink water from arsenic-free tubewells, set up new tubewells, introduce new filter devices, inspire farmers to use rain or surface water and identify affected people through doctors, health workers and NGO workers.

Abducted son of Ctg businessman yet to be rescued

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: The son of a businessman, allegedly kidnapped three days ago, is yet to be rescued. However, police said, efforts were on to rescue the victim, Mahbub Anwar Chowdhury, who is also a student of the Moulana College in the city.

Strike at DU

From Page 1 at the Aparajeo Bangla of the university. The JCD rally was addressed by Abdul Khaleq, Nasiruddin Asim, ABM Mossarrat Hossain and Monir Hossain.

Indian HC

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PM: Mayor

From Page 1 Hasina said, "I am holding meeting with you as I want to do something for the people." She said the LGRD ministry had already approved the DCB budget and budgetary allocations for all city corporations had been increased.

Rao held, freed

From Page 1 against arrest in a seven-year-old criminal forgery case until October 14. Delhi High Court judge S K Mahajan said the pre-emptive, or anticipatory bail would last until a lower court holds a hearing into the forgery case on October 14.

New cases

From Page 1 an ex-employee of the Eastern Housing company, purchased a 15-acre wetland in the city's Mirpur area on January 27, 1992 at a cost of Tk 2 lakh.

Forged currency, stamp-making factories found

By Staff Correspondent The Criminal Investigation Department unearthed two factories used in making forged currencies and stamps, and recovered different types of stamps and US Dollar Travelers Cheques (TC) worth about Tk three crore from Ramna and Sutrapur thana areas in the city late Tuesday night.

PM tells police officers

Earn people's confidence thru' sincere service

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the members of the police force to earn the confidence of people by discharging their duty more sincerely to improve law and order all over the country, reports BSS. "Our government is pledged-bound to ensure the safety and security of people and the country's gradual economic development," she said and expressed the hope that the police would work as the servants of the nation to supplement government's efforts in improving the lot of the people.

Habiganj-2

From Page 1 On the day of election, seeking votes, canvassing or preventing anybody from voting within 400 yards of polling centres is restricted. Anyone violating this rule will suffer six months to 3 years' imprisonment with fine.

BIT, Rajshahi

From Page 1 Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL). Both the groups allegedly deployed armed outsiders and took positions in the residential halls last night creating panic among the students and others.

Landslide kills Bangladeshi worker in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9: A hillside collapsed in heavy rain, killing a Bangladeshi man working in a vegetable garden today, reports AP. Two other Bangladeshi men and a local Chinese woman were seriously hurt in the landslide in the Cameron Highlands, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Kuala Lumpur, the Bernama news agency reported.

Panthopath

From Page 1 part of the road at the intersection of Panthopath and Green Road about two months ago. WASA sources said. The explosion occurred inside a forty-year old sewerage pipe due to formation of gas inside, they claimed. The spot still emits stench as the authorities are yet to repair it.

Hasina calls on

From Page 1 ister Zillur Rahman, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed and Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim accompanied the Prime Minister.

ICB

From Page 1 The ICB made a net profit of Tk 4.75 crore during the last fiscal year compared to Tk 3.77 crore in 1994-95 fiscal year which is 25.96 per cent higher than the previous year's.

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Aid disbursement

From Page 1 the biggest improvement during the first quarter of the current fiscal. According to official figures, disbursement for agriculture projects was 6.08 per cent of the opening balance during the first quarter of 1996-97 against 1.04 per cent in 1995-96, 2.10 per cent in 1994-95, 3.04 per cent in 1993-94 and 1.10 per cent in 1992-93.

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