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2 Shantibahini men arrested

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 3: Two Shantibahini men were arrested by security forces at Kuntichandrapara under Matiranga thana of Khagrachhari hill district this afternoon, security sources said. One Chinese pistol and some ammunition were also recovered from their possession. According to sources, the Shantibahini men were arrested while they were collecting tolls.

BNP discussion meet today

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Independence, will hold a discussion meeting in front of its central office at 4 pm today. Distinguished personalities of the party will take part in the discussion. The programme, said a press release yesterday, reports UNB.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড ঢাকা

একজন সং মানুষ একজন সং করদাতাও বটে

চলতি আর্থিক বছরের দ্বিতীয় কোয়ার্টারের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের তারিখ ১৫ই ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯৬ ইং। সর্বশেষ করদাতা কর্তৃক দেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ফরম নং-আইটি-৩১(বি) (সংশোধিত) চালান ফরমের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করতে হবে। এই ফরমের যে যে স্থানে '৭৪(১)' সংখ্যাটি উল্লেখিত আছে তার স্থলে '৬৪' সংখ্যাটি প্রতিস্থাপনপূর্বক চালান ফরমটি যথাযথ পূরণ করে করদাতাগণ অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করবেন। উল্লেখ্য, সকল শ্রেণীর করদাতার জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে মোট আয়ের আর্থিক সীমা বর্তমানে ১০০,০০০/- টাকা। সর্বশেষ করদাতাকে ১৯৯৭-১৯৯৮ কর বছরের জন্য চলতি আর্থিক বছরের দ্বিতীয় কোয়ার্টারের অগ্রিম আয়কর ১৫ই ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯৬ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে এই পদ্ধতিতে প্রদানের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদান না করলে অথবা প্রদেয় অগ্রিম করের অর্ধেক থেকে কম পরিমাণ পরিশোধ করলে বাৎসরিক ১০% হারে সরল সুদ আরোপের বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

PM's secy leaves for Delhi today Hasina-Gowda summit Dec 10-11 likely

By M Anwarul Haq

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Deve Gowda are likely to hold a two-day summit in Delhi on December 10 and 11, which is expected to be capped by the signing of a water-sharing agreement between the two countries, sources concerned said yesterday.

Details of the summit are being worked out by the foreign ministries of the two countries. Signing of the water agreement will be the main item on the agenda of the summit talks between the two prime ministers, who will be meeting for the

second time. They met earlier in Rome during the World Food Summit. Bilateral discussions on improvement of relations between the two neighbours including talks on trade, business and regional security shall also figure prominently. Final touches on the draft of the proposed water-sharing agreement are also being given at the political level, through diplomatic channels, it is learnt.

Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir is due to fly to the

Indian capital today for further consultations relating to the water accord and for fine tuning the details, the sources said. Additional Foreign Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Tariq Karim is likely to accompany him. It is learnt that a copy of the draft water accord incorporating the 'essential ingredients' of Bangladesh in the proposed water sharing accord will be forwarded to high officials of the Indian government by the visiting Bangladesh officials.

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'Dress as You Like' competition at the Dhaka University ground organised by the Bangladesh Handicap Foundation on the occasion of the International Day for the Disabled yesterday.

President to lay shapath stambha in Sakhipur

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed said the nation will always remember the freedom fighters with respect for their great sacrifice and contribution in the liberation of the country, reports UNB.

The President was talking to a delegation of freedom fighters of Tangail district who called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday. Member of Parliament Bangabir Kader Siddiqui Bir Uttam led the delegation. Welcoming the delegation, President Shahabuddin recalled the glorious role of the freedom fighters, particularly those led by Kader Siddiqui in liberating the country. The delegation apprised the President that many genuine freedom fighters have not yet been properly honoured and rehabilitated, and sought his help and cooperation in this regard.

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Zobaida Rashid, Capt Nurul Huda refused bail

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court yesterday once again rejected the bail prayers of Zobaida Rashid and Capt (ret'd) Nurul Huda, accused in the Bangabandhu murder case, reports UNB.

Their counsel, Advocate Mahbubur Rahman, a former minister and now opposition MP, prayed for bail on behalf of them while court inspector Shah Alam opposed.

After hearing, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate M Habibur Rahman rejected the bail prayers. Meanwhile, law-enforcing agencies are examining the existing rules to decide what sort of action could be taken against Col (ret'd) Rashid's daughter for audio recording inside Dhaka Central Jail.

Mehnaz Rashid Khandaker allegedly recorded her mother Zobaida Rashid's voice declining the confessional statement under Section 164 of CrPC on the Bangabandhu murder case while meeting her in the visitors' room of the prison. On suspicion, on-duty jail wardens checked Mehnaz's

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Separation of judiciary underway : PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her government's firm commitment for separation of the judiciary from the executive to ensure justice in society and said the work for this is underway, reports UNB.

The government firmly believes in independence of the judiciary and is determined to separate the judiciary from the executive in light of the Constitution," she said addressing the 46th annual convention of the BCS Judicial Association at the Osmani auditorium in the city.

The Prime Minister said the government would take into account any suggestion from the judges to modernise the judicial system.

Judiciary is the most important pillar of the three estates of a country and establishment of the rule of law is the main precondition for establishing a democratic social system, she said.

Access to the rule of law and getting justice is the constitutional right of every citizen, said the Prime Minister, adding that a neutral and influence-free judicial system is the foundation of a democratic country.

Hasina said civilisation and development of a country could be determined by its judicial system and nature. Getting justice from the system is a sacred right of the people in the context of religious and social values, she added.

People hope that the judges would ensure proper conduct of judicial system on the ideals of

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Abducted TNO, 5 others still untraced

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 3: The TNO of Thanchi thana under Banderbon district, abducted with five others by Shantibahini on Friday, still remained untraced, official sources said.

They said efforts were on to rescue the victims. According to sources, local leaders of Banderbon were also trying to contact Shantibahini leaders for the release of the kidnapped persons.

TNO Azim Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, along with five others, was kidnapped when they were going from Ruma to Thanchi by a boat on Friday afternoon.

Transport strike in North Bengal routes from today

From Our Correspondent
PABNA, Dec 3: A transport strike for an indefinite period will begin in North Bengal-Dhaka routes tomorrow morning to press the demands of the transport workers.

The president of the Pabna District Motor Sramik Samity Rafiqul Islam and the Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation Shemul Biswas said this at a press conference here this evening.

The four-point demand include action against extortion-

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Taramon Begum Bir Pratik speaking at a discussion on 'Reminiscence of the Liberation War' organised by the National Museum yesterday.

Silver Jubilee of Victory Day Real freedom is yet to be achieved : Taramon

Taramon Begum, Bir Protik yesterday called upon the people to materialise the unfulfilled dream of the freedom fighters, reports BSS.

The valiant freedom fighter was speaking at a discussion organised by the National Museum where freedom fighters were reminiscing their war time experiences.

Taramon Begum said, "We fought to liberate ourselves from poverty, hatred and corruption." But that real liberation could not be achieved, she said.

Yesterday was the third day of the four-night long programme to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the victory in Liberation War.

Toufik-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Bir Bikram, Shajahan Siddiki, Bir Bikram, Editor of Bichitra Shahadat Chowdhury, dramatic Nasiruddin Yousuf and Forkan Begum spoke on the occasion while A N M Gazul-Huq, a veteran of Language Movement was in the chair.

Reminiscing her memory, she said, she took part in the Liberation War responding to the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She informed the audience how she took training and learnt to operate weapons to fight against the Pakistan occupation forces.

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PCJSS accepts proposal to hold talks on Dec 21

KHAGRACHHARI, Dec 3: Parbatiya Chattagram Jano Sanghati Samity has accepted the government proposal to hold the proposed meeting at Khagrachhari Circuit House on December 21 instead of December 10, reports UNB.

Responding to the government's call to defer the date of the meeting, Shantibahini, the armed wing of the Jano Sanghati Samity, sent a letter to the National Committee on CHT today.

Convenor of the Liaison Committee on CHT, Hangsadha Chakma carried the letter to the National Committee.

The letter, signed by Shantibahini leader Ushatan Talukder, demanded of the government to release their 15 leaders, arrested during ceasefire since 1993.

MP having 'US citizenship' asked to record his statement

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission (EC) has asked Abu Naser Muhammad Ehsanul Huq Milon, a BNP MP elected from the Chandpur-1 constituency, to record his statement on the complaint lodged against him for allegedly having US citizenship, according to EC sources.

The Commission also asked the complainant, Momtullah Patwari, a director at the Prime Minister's Secretariat, to register his statement in this regard, the sources added.

According to an EC official, the Commission asked both the complainant and the respondent to record their statements, after being advised by the office of the Speaker.

Earlier, the complaint was lodged with the Speaker, which was subsequently referred to the EC for hearing and disposal, said officials of the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat.

The BNP parliamentarian, Milon, and his complainant were not available for their comments.

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Severe cyclone over Bay, may hit Andhra today

The depression over West Central Bay moved slightly west-northwestwards and concentrated into a severe cyclonic storm, reports BSS.

It was centred at 06 PM yesterday about 1050 kms south-west of Khulna town and 1200 kms southwest of Chittagong port.

A special weather bulletin said it is likely to intensify further and move in a northwesterly direction and may cross Andhra coast of India before noon today.

Maximum sustained wind within 64 kms of the cyclone centre is about 110 kph rising to 130 kph in gusts or squalls. Sea will remain rough. Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted distant warning signal number two.

All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay have been advised to remain close to the coast so as to take shelter at short notice.

The storm appeared in the Bay of Bengal off Andhra Pradesh last week, then headed northeast toward neighbouring Bangladesh. But on Sunday, it suddenly turned around and headed back toward the south-eastern coast of India.

Reuters from Hyderabad says, a severe cyclone with winds of up to 120-150 kmph was likely to hit Andhra Pradesh early today.

The storm has intensified since early afternoon and now looks certain to hit the coast early on Wednesday," JNM Naidu, director of the Cyclone Warning Centre at the port town of Visakhapatnam, said yesterday.

"At the moment, it looks like it will hit the coast between Nellore and Kakinada (coastal towns)."

Naidu said the storm, located around 300 km southeast of Machilipatnam port, could generate gale force winds of 120-150 kmph.

"But the way the storm is intensifying, we fear that by the time it hits the coast, wind speeds may increase to 150-180 kmph," he said.

Officials in the state capital Hyderabad said they feared the cyclone would cause greater damage than the one which devastated coastal Andhra Pradesh in early November.

Over 2,000 people were killed or lost at sea in the storm last month. Property damage was estimated to be in excess of 50 billion rupees.

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CLARIFICATION

Attention of the Commission has been drawn to the report recently published in some newspapers stating that the effectiveness of the Commission's SRO No. 206-Law/96 dated 6th November 1996 barring the stock-brokers, stock-dealers and the authorised representatives from being or remaining director of the companies listed with the stock exchange has been kept in abeyance.

In this respect, it is clarified for information of all concerned that stock-brokers, stock-dealers and the authorised representatives who are sponsor directors of the listed companies are allowed a maximum time of six months from the date of the SRO or in case of elected directors of listed companies till the date of next AGM, which ever comes first, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the said SRO.

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