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## HC declares removal of SEC members illegal

**By SC Correspondent**  
 The High Court yesterday declared the removal of Dr AKM Sahabub Alam and Alamgir Kabir as full time members of the Securities and Exchange Commission as void, without lawful authority and is of no legal effect.  
 The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Hassan Amin yesterday pronounced the judgments on writ petitions filed separately by Dr AKM Sahabub Alam and Alamgir Kabir.  
 The government on January 19 by separate orders cancelled their appointments made on contract basis.  
 On January 20 the HC issued rule nisi and ordered stay of the removal orders.  
 Dr Kamal Hossain and Barister Rokanuddin Mahmud moved for Alamgir Kabir and Dr AKM Sahabub Alam respectively.

## Tribunal upholds seniority of '82 batch Admin Cadre officials

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 The Administrative Tribunal yesterday upheld the seniority of the officials of BCS (Admin) Cadre, Special Batch, 1982 over the 77 officials who were inducted into erstwhile Secretariat Cadre in 1984.  
 Administrative Tribunal Judge Mohammad Ibrahim Ali in a judgement yesterday declared that an order in this regard by the Establishment Ministry on April 4, 1994 was without any legal authority, said a press release issued by M A Awal on behalf of the 1982 special batch of BCS (Admin) Cadre.  
 The Establishment Ministry had ordered that the 1984 batch would have seniority over the 1982 batch when the Secretariat Cadre was merged with the BCS (Admin) Cadre. This was challenged before the Administrative Tribunal by the officials of the 1982 Special Batch. Abdur Rab Chowdhury appeared for the petitioners.

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# Rival Taliban faction seizes Mazar-i-Sharif, arrests top officials

ISLAMABAD, May 28: High-ranking Taliban officials including Foreign Minister Mulla Mohammad Ghaus were arrested when rival forces seized northern Mazar-i-Sharif after bitter fighting, Afghan opposition sources claimed today.  
 They were among thousands of people taken prisoner as the Islamic militia retreated from Mazar-i-Sharif, four days after entering the key northern city, Rasul Taliban, a leader of the opposition Hezb-i-Wahdat said quoting sources in the region.  
 The Taliban also lost hundreds of fighters in two days of fighting in the north, Talib told AFP.  
 "Reports received from various sources including some aid workers said Mulla Ghaus, Taliban's newly-appointed administrator of the northern region Mulla Abdul Razaq and the governor of Afghan Central Bank Ehsanullah were among hundreds of Taliban arrested in Mazar-i-Sharif by troops loyal to General Abdul Malik," he said.  
 No independent confirmation was immediately available.  
 Meanwhile, Opposition warlord Ahmad Shah Masood yesterday contacted the Taliban leadership saying that he wanted to hold peace talks with the Islamic militia's defence minister, the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) reported.  
 The Taliban chief Mullah Mohammad Omar has agreed and directed Defence Minister Mulla Obaidullah to respond to Masood's request for peace, AIP said quoting Taliban spokesman Wakil Ahmad.  
 The wireless message from Masood is the first direct contact between the Taliban and the former guerrilla leader, since defections split the anti-Taliban alliance last week.  
 Wakil Ahmad told AFP by telephone from Kandahar the

## Storm, heavy rains in Cox's Bazar again

**From Our Correspondent**  
**COX'S BAZAR**, May 28: Stormy winds reaching upto 75 kph accompanied with heavy rains struck Cox's Bazar and its adjoining areas again tonight, adding to the miseries of thousands who braved last weeks cyclone.  
 The rains totalling 40 mm. left the town's main street under three feet water. Hundreds of homes and shops were flooded by waters rushing from the hills.  
 The storm began pounding the town at 10:30 pm and continued until 11 pm. But the rains continued till late into the night. Report of any casualty or extent of damage were not immediately available.  
 UNB adds: The whole district plunged into darkness as the main power-supply line from Chittagong went out of order at Dohazari during the storm.  
 Local PDB officials said they couldn't find the cause of grid failure immediately. They were trying to detect the fault, they said.  
 Some 11.50 lakh people of seven thanas of the coastal district were affected by the severe cyclone of May 19.

# Study report on N-W region handed over Formulate fair plan for balanced development of all areas: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government is determined to build a developed society free from disparity and bring the neglected northwestern region in the mainstream of development, reports UNB.  
 An effective action plan should be adopted on urgent basis to attain economic development of the country, she told the inaugural session of the final workshop on North-West Area Development Study, a joint project of the Ministry of Planning and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).  
 "Our aim is to bring about balanced development in all areas and for all classes of people of the country. It is our constitutional responsibility to formulate fair plan and ensure its implementation."  
 A report has been completed by the Planning Ministry and the Asian Development Bank to find out prospects, obstacles and new opportunities of the North-West area after the completion of Jamuna Bridge.  
 State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, who chaired the function, handed over a set of the study report to the Prime Minister.  
 Addressing the inaugural function at Sonargaon Hotel, the Prime Minister said it is true that the Jamuna Bridge would create ample scope for economic development in the country. "But we should keep it in mind that desired development cannot be achieved automatically."  
 Effective plans are needed for attaining the target, she said adding that a fair and dependable study report is necessary on the accounts of prospects, obstacles and new opportunities of the northwestern region of the country.  
 The report contains an extensive study on agriculture, fisheries, transport, industry, finance and urban development, and also a set of recommendations for rapid economic growth of the region along with strategy for implementation.  
 The Prime Minister said deliberations and recommendations of the workshop on the study report would be of significant use for the government in formulating policy and undertaking different steps.  
 The government, she said, will consider the recommendations of the workshop with due importance for a balanced development of all areas and people of different social strata.  
**PM to visit Japan from July 1**  
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay a week-long visit to Japan from July 1 in quest of investment in Bangladesh, an official source said yesterday, reports UNB.  
 The visit, taking place at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, also aims at bolstering Dhaka-Tokyo ties, particularly in economic and trade fields.  
 During the visit, Hasina will  
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Visitors at a photograph exhibition organised by the Naripakkha marking the Safe Motherhood Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Sett tense: 2 factions call rallies today

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Riot police again moved inside the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday as rival groups of employees chased each other and attempted to hold separate rallies.  
 Police separated the two rival groups as tension continued for the second day following Tuesday's clash.  
 The rival factions — one led by Zafar Ahmed and the other by Syed Mohiuddin — have called separate rallies in the Secretariat at 8 am and 9 am today respectively.  
 Tension has been mounting since the Syed Mohiuddin faction lost its grip on the Secretariat Employees Association after being defeated in the elections recently. This group is accused by their rivals of acting against the interests of the employees and delaying the announcement of the Pay Commission report.

# DU to open six more deptts & instts soon

**By Aminul Islam**  
 The Dhaka University will have six more institutes and departments soon to meet the needs of time, Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday.  
 Besides, some existing departments will be expanded and developed as part of the university's ongoing academic development project, he said.  
 The proposed institutes and departments are: Institute of Department of Bio-Technology and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Population Sciences, Institute of Urban Studies and departments of Environmental Sciences, Peace and Conflict Studies and of American Studies.  
 To meet the challenge of 21st century, the departments of English and Law and the Institute of Modern Languages will be developed and expanded, the VC said.  
 Two "centres of excellence" will also be set up for higher studies and research in different fields of knowledge. These are: the Centre for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology and the Centre for Advances Studies in Arts and Social Sciences.  
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# Govt to privatise 61 enterprises this fiscal

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 The government has earmarked 61 state-owned enterprises for sale in fiscal 1996-97. "Unfortunately, in the last 11 months, not a single enterprise was privatised," Chairman of the Privatisation Board Kazi Zafarullah told a group of businessmen from leading multinational and local companies at a meeting at the Foreign Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the city yesterday.  
 "The Privatisation Board will act like a shop from now on," he said.  
 "Already the Privatisation Board has issued letters of intent to off-load 5 enterprises. These are Hafiz Textiles, I K Industries, Bangladesh Cold Storage, Feroz Afa Dal Mill and Royal Textile Mill," he said.  
 The chairman of the board also told the businessmen that the government was selling majority of its shares in nine public limited companies through the stock market. These companies are: Reckitt & Colman, National Tubes, Eastern Tubes, Atlas (BD) Ltd, Metalex Corporation, Osmania Glass Sheet, Renwick Jagdishwar, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills and Shyampur Sugar Mills. The government will get around Tk 10 crore this year from sale of these shares, he said.  
 Kazi Zafarullah said he was dissatisfied with the slow pace of privatisation. Only 12 industries were privatised in the last four years, he added.  
 The chairman said the government cannot continue to sustain an annual loss of about Tk 2500 crore in the name of subsidy to the SOEs.  
 "The Awami League government is committed to speed up the privatisation process and has taken a number of decisions in this regard," he said.  
 The government has restructured  
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## Death in wheel carriage: Probe report today

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 The Bangladesh Biman enquiry committee probing the recent mysterious death of a young man in the wheel carriage of a Biman airbus is likely to submit its report to the authorities today.  
 Sources in the Biman and the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) said that the young man was identified as Mahbub, aged around 20. He worked in a garments factory at Uttara in the city and resided with his uncle in Ashkonia area under Uttara thana.  
 Mahbub, who hails from Swarupkathi in Propur district, was found dead in the wheel carriage of the airbus in Riyadh Airport early Saturday. He was wearing blue jeans  
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3. Pylon Industries Ltd., Foudjerhat, Chittagong.	Land-6.26 Acre, Spindles-780.
4. Dosa Extraction Ltd., Foudjerhat, Chittagong.	Land-2 Acre
5. BG Bangla Rice Mills Rohiya, Thakurgaon.	

(2) Set of prescribed forms, tender conditions and other related papers can be procured from the Secretary on all working days from 31.05.97 to 02.07.97 during office hours on cash payment of Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Thousand) or US\$ 125 (one Hundred Twenty Five) only which is non-refundable.  
 (3) Interested foreigners, Bangladeshi citizens living abroad, overseas commercial firms etc., willing to procure the tender forms may contact Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington, Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, New Delhi, Tokyo, Singapore and Seoul on or before 02.07.97.  
 (4) Relevant data relating to the enterprises are available with the Privatization Board (Tel: 9563763-5 Fax: 880-2-9563766) and can be seen by the intending buyers during all working days from 31.05.97 to 02.07.97. These documents will also be available in the above mentioned High Commissions/Embassies.  
 (5) The tender box will be closed at 11-00 a.m. on 03.07.97 and opened at 11-30 a.m. on the same date.  
 (6) Tenders found incomplete or otherwise faulty shall stand cancelled. No explanation, appeal, to review or reconsider such a cancellation shall be entertained.  
 (7) The Privatization Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Secretary

# Bangladesh in UNFPA report 50 pc murders related to violence against wives


**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Upto 50 per cent of the murders committed in Bangladesh are due to husbands' violence against their wives.  
 This was said in a report released by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) yesterday.  
 The report titled 'The State of World Population 1997' focussed on violation of reproductive rights of women.  
 In quoted the International Conference on Population and Development and said that better worldwide reproductive healthcare would cost an estimated 17 billion US dollars annually by the year 2,000 — less than the world currently spends on armaments each week.  
 It said denial of sexual and reproductive rights was responsible for the death of one woman every minute in the developing world and many more were disabled because of childbirth.  
 It also said 120 to 150 million women who wanted to limit or space their pregnancies were still without effective means to do so. 350 million couples in the world also lacked information on or access to contraceptive services.  
 Domestic violence — physical or emotional abuse of women by their male partners — has been identified by UNFPA as one of the most persistent risks to women's physical security.  
 Sexual exploitation and trafficking of children continue to be a global problem, and commercial sex is increasing in Asia. Due to growing inequalities in wealth and increased demand, prostitution is on the increase in poor and developing countries, UNFPA said.  
 The report pointed out that each year two million girls aged between five and 15 were introduced to commercial sex market, while tens of millions were already in the trade.  
 It estimated that 300,000 Nepalese women had been sent or sold to brothels in India. Political figures concerned reported the complicity of police and local authorities in some of this trafficking.  
 The report noted that sex workers were more vulnerable to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection than most women, and that it was they who suffered most from  
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## DU teacher asked to pay Tk 135000 to estranged wife

**By Court Correspondent**  
 A judge yesterday ordered Prof Nazrul Islam, Chairman of Sociology Department of Dhaka University, to pay Tk 1,35,000 to his estranged wife, Zinat Islam, as maintenance cost for the last two years.  
 The first Assistant District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, also ordered Prof Islam to pay Tk 6,000 per month to his daughter, an A-level student, and son, a student of class three. They are presently staying with their mother, who is a school teacher. The judge also asked Prof Islam to pay another Tk 3,000 every month to their mother for her upkeep until she gets married again.  
 Zinat Islam complained that she was not given any money to maintain the family for the last two years during which Prof Islam allegedly has been having an affair with a teacher of Jahangirnagar University.  
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## 803 more deportees from KSA arrive in Ctg port today

**From Staff Correspondent**  
**CHITTAGONG**, May 28: The fifth batch of Bangladeshi deportees from Saudi Arabia will arrive here tomorrow morning, port sources said.  
 The ship, Mecca-1, carrying 803 returnees will reach the outer anchorage of the port tonight.  
 Earlier, the Saudi government deported 7,712 Bangladeshi workers.

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