



HC rejects writ challenging M K Alamgir's role in JS

By SC Correspondent
The High Court yesterday dismissed the writ petition filed challenging the Cabinet division notification authorising Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, technocrat State Minister for Planning and Civil Aviation to function in the Parliament on behalf of the ministries other than his own ministry.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Hassan Amin gave the verdict on the writ petition filed by Barrister Nazmul Huda, a BNP MP and former information minister.

Earlier on February 2, the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice M A Matin

Govt executing plans coming from across border: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent
BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia has accused the government of implementing plans of its 'foreign masters'.

"It doesn't have any plan of its own... as a subservient government, it just executes the plans coming from across the border", the Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad told a public rally at Moulvibazar in the city yesterday.

Protesting the two-day weekly holiday, Begum Zia said the government decision to this affect was taken bypassing the Sangsad, even the cabinet and ignoring the business community.

For whose interest the decision has been taken? Begum Zia asked. It was just execution of an order by their (government) foreign masters. "The two-day holiday will destroy the national economy and make it dependent on others," she added.

Blaming the 11-month-old Awami League government for 'destroying' the economy and sovereignty, the BNP chief called upon the people to get prepared for street agitation for their survival. None could dare to arrest all when the people took to the streets protesting

Mahub's death Show cause on 3 ZIA officials

Three officials, including the chief security officer of the Zia International Airport, were yesterday issued show cause notices for their alleged failure to prevent boarding of an Airbus by Mahub and his consequent death, reports UNB.

Official sources said the chief security officer at the ZIA, Major Mizanur Rahman, has been asked to reply to the show cause notice within five days.

Two others served with show cause notices are Biman's general manager (security) Sharfuddin Ahmed and his chief of flight safety Captain Pasha.

Earlier, four security personnel of the ZIA were suspended. They are security officer Hon. Capt (ret'd) M A Wahab Khan, supervisor Khandaker Nuruzzaman and security men Bayen Mia and Abdur Razzak.

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Vehicles damaged, police attacked

Demonstrators inside Sectt batoned : 12 hurt

By Staff Correspondent
Police used batons on demonstrating Secretariat employees, who retaliated by stoning them yesterday during renewed protest against the new office-timing.

Employees' leaders said at least a dozen people including seven women were injured when police tried to stop the protesters who defied a ban on demonstrations inside the Secretariat. The injured include Abul Bashar, Sirajuddin, Marjina Sarker who were treated at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Eight others — Meherunnessa, Rokeya Islam, Farida, Majeda, Abul Bashar, Jibon Chandra Das, Rubi and



Police chasing employees during clashes inside the Secretariat yesterday. —Star photo

6 killed, 25 hurt in road accident

From Our Correspondent
BRAHMANBARIA, June 2: At least six persons, including two women, were killed and 25 others injured, in a road accident on the Brahmanbaria-Dhaka highway near Malhata, tonight.

According to police and hospital sources, the accident happened when a minibus collided head on with a truck.

Benapole paralysed due to Indian truckers' strike

From Our Correspondent
JESSORE, June 2: All business activities have come to a halt at the Benapole Land Port since yesterday following a strike by the Indian Truck Drivers Association at Petrapole on the other side of the border.

The Indian truck drivers called the strike to protest the arrest of one of their colleagues

Tk 388cr planting project Trees facing extinction to get priority

By Staff Correspondent
A community tree planting (social afforestation) project costing about Tk 388 crore will continue for at least another seven years, Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said.

Addressing a press conference to announce the winners of the Prime Minister's National Planting Prize yesterday, Sajeda Chowdhury said the government would plant eight crore saplings throughout the country in the next fiscal year.

"This time we will also focus on planting trees which face extinction," she said. "Nim, shumil, aurzun, krishnachura and other trees which are becoming increasingly rare will be planted."

She said under the community tree planting project, people would be encouraged to plant different fruit trees like mango, jackfruit, coconut, betel-nut and Jam, which also have timber value.

Re-afforestation will also be carried out in areas where the recent cyclone uprooted thousands of trees. The minister said as per the Prime Minister's instruction, "We will drop seeds from helicopters in the cyclone-affected coastal areas, and when the saplings sprout our department will transplant them to ensure they are evenly distributed."

She said the aail or land boundary demarcation system, by which owners mark off their respective areas, also hampered the effective use of land. She said the department would plant babla, date-palm, palm and betel-nut trees — which do not block sunlight — on the often unused plots of land.

The minister said the Prime Minister's National Prize was

Govt vagrant centre at Manikganj

Children maltreated, often deprived of due food

By Mizan Ali
According to him, an officer of the rank of deputy director of the Directorate of Social Welfare was looking after the Centre.

Local people alleged that the children at the Centre were abused and maltreated. They also complained against the

management of the Centre saying that the Dhaka-based officials posted there were not available even on the working days.

Some employees of the Centre also endorsed this view. On condition of anonymity, they also said that some posts of guard, essential for such Centre, were lying vacant for the last few months.

Initially, the children were unwilling to say anything because two guards were standing near them. But when the guards left on request, the children became relaxed and told their stories.

"We hardly get meat and fish to eat," said eight-year-old Sumon. A group of fellow inmates, who had gathered around nodded their heads in agreement. They all said the food given to them was poor both in quantity and quality.

DMP asked to take action against trouble mongers in govt offices

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has been given order to take legal action against the trouble-mongers in all government offices, including the Secretariat, semi-government offices and directorates, to maintain working atmosphere, reports UNB.

A statement issued by DMP Commissioner A K Al Mamun yesterday said normal working atmosphere was disrupted at the Secretariat for last few days due to unruly acts by some employees.

He said chase and counter-chase, scuffle and provocative statements by rival employees inside the Secretariat led to disruption of work.

Narrating yesterday's incident, the DMP Commissioner said several policemen, including Police Inspector Mohammad Manirul Huq, were injured during the trouble in the Secretariat.

BNP to contest by-election in Manikganj

By Staff Correspondent
Sangsad last night, the nearly two and a half hour meet resolved that BNP would contest the by-election in view of the Election Commission's assurance of fair polling.

The resolutions further said that BNP decision had also been taken because of the EC's positive responses to nine of the BNP's 10-point suggestions for holding the by-polls in a free and fair manner.

The meet also stressed the need for a neutral role of the government as regards the by-election and said "Government's role in the by-polls would demonstrate its sincerity in ensuring free and fair elections in the future."

First 10 months of export Earnings by 4 major sectors fall short of target by Tk 1589 cr

By Govinda Shil
Export earnings by four major sectors — garments, leather, frozen foods, and jute goods — fell short of their target by Tk 1,588.51 crore during the first ten months of the current fiscal year.

According to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), earnings by ready-made garments fell short of its target by Tk 640.61 crore, frozen foods by Tk 382.25 crore, jute goods by Tk 265.31 crore and leather by Tk 300.34 crore. The four sectors normally account for 75 per cent of the country's total annual export earnings.

Exports of petroleum products, tea, handicrafts and electronic goods also failed to reach their targets.

However, some agricultural goods, chemical and engineering products, knitwear and other 'minor sectors' performed 'better than expected' and helped minimise the gap between target for the first ten months of fiscal 1996-97 and the total earning. Target for the period (till April) was Tk 15,330 crore and the earnings stood at Tk 15,137.58 crore, leaving a shortfall of Tk 192.92 crore. The target for fiscal 1996-97 was Tk 18,396 crore.

Earnings from hosiery and knitwear exceeded the target by Tk 872 crore. The target was fixed at Tk 1,785 crore and the earnings till April stood at Tk 2,657 crore, according to the EPB.

When contacted Commerce Secretary Alamgir Faruk Chowdhury said the four major sectors may not be able to meet their targets this year. The government is concerned about their performance and officials are asking exporters for suggestions how to improve the situation, he said.

He however, said he was optimistic that the overall export target of Tk 18,396 crore for 1996-97 would be fulfilled.

EPB Vice Chairman Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury said improvement in the minor sectors

2 alleged muggers beaten to death in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, June 2: Two alleged muggers were beaten to death and two others injured when a mob attacked them at Pahartali bazar this afternoon, police said.

The angry people also set fire to the microbus used by the muggers and foiled their bid to snatch money from a contractor, Alamgir Badsha, at around 4:30 pm today, police said.

According to police, the muggers way laid Alamgir at Pahartali when he reached there by an autorickshaw from Halishahar with about Tk four lakh that he had received from a government office.

As soon as the victim raised a hue and cry for help, the local people rushed to the spot and caught the muggers and started beating them.

The injured muggers were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Byelection: AL invites applications

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh Awami League yesterday invited applications from intending candidates for contesting the byelections in Manikganj-3 on June 30.

The application forms would be distributed from 10 am to 5 pm from party central office at 23 Bangabandhu Avenue on June 4 and 5.

A party press release issued last night said, the applications will have to be submitted between 10 am and 8 pm on June 5 and the nomination seekers will have to appear before the AL Parliamentary Board (ALPB) on June 6.

The eleven-member ALPB, headed by Sheikh Hasina, includes Zillur Rahman, Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Momin, Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hussain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed, Abdul Jalil and Mohammad Nasim.

Young man stabbed to death in city

By Staff Correspondent
A young man was stabbed to death by an unidentified gang at Sutrapur in the old part of the city yesterday.

Police found the body of Ahmed Ali, 17, a welding machanic, on Johnson Road near the Victoria Park at about 8 am. The body bore marks of stab injuries.

The cause of the killing could not be known immediately. None was arrested in connection with the murder till last night, said police. The body was sent to the Mitford Hospital for autopsy.

Ali's mother, Momena Khatun, filed a case with Sutrapur thana.

Bomb hurled on RU bus: 7 hurt

From RU Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, June 2: At least 7 persons, including two women, were injured at Rajshahi University, as Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activists allegedly hurled bombs on a university bus this afternoon.

According to sources, two buses with university employ-

Power generation disrupted in 2 Ctg plants

CHITTAGONG, June 2: Load-shedding again gripped the port city of Chittagong as power generation in Raozan and Shikabaha power plants was disrupted yesterday, reports UNB.

Official sources said power generation in two units of the 210-mgw Raozan power plant was tripped at 6:26 am on Sunday due to a technical fault on the line caused by a violent storm.

"It will take at least 72 hours to resume power generation in the two units," said Abdul Quader, manager of the power plant.

At Shikabaha power plant in Bandar thana, a 60-mgw unit of the plant went out of production on Sunday afternoon as its internal breaker shut down due to mechanical fault. Production in another 66-mgw unit of the plant was also snapped this morning.

According to officials, only 120 megawatts of power were today supplied from Kaptai Water Power Plant.

Fresh deadlock: Users threaten port boycott

From Nurul Alam
CHITTAGONG, June 2: The Port Users Forum (PUF) has threatened to launch a fresh boycott programme at Chittagong Port from next week in support of its demand for the use of private equipment at the port.

Talking to this correspondent, convener of PUF, Kamal Uddin Ahmed said "we will again start our action programme of boycotting Chittagong Port as the government has not yet implemented the decision of the Prime Minister" to allow use of private equipment.

"The Prime Minister during discussions with us before going to Male last month, gave a decision to allow use of private equipment and also assured its implement action after returning from Male. As a result, we withdrew our earlier boycott programme," the convener said. "But nothing has been done in this regard so far."

He further said, "Rather, we wrote to the political adviser to

Fire at Ctg Rly office damages furniture, records

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, June 2: A fire broke out this morning at the Chittagong Railway office at CRB damaging official records, furniture, doors and windows and some equipment, Railway and fire brigade sources said.

They said the fire had started from 5 am today at a room of chief signal engineer's office which later spread to three other adjoining rooms at the second floor of the Railway building.

On receiving the information

Hartal observed for second day in Bandarban

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, June 2: Normal life was disrupted in Bandarban as a hartal was observed there for the second day today.

The district all-party action committee gave the call for an indefinite strike at Bandarban demanding removal of four officials, including the Deputy

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- প্রদেয় কর যথাসময়ে পরিশোধ করুন এবং অর্থনৈতিক কর্মকাণ্ডে আপনার অবদান রাখুন।

The last date for advance income tax payment for the 4th and last quarter of the current financial year is June 15, 1997. The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is to be paid through I.T Form No I.T 31(B)(Amended) Challan.

The taxpayers should pay the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual by replacing the figure '74(1)' with the figure '64' in as many places as it occurs in the form. It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax for all classes of assessee is now Taka 1,00,000/- (one lakh).

All assessee concerned are requested to pay their advance income tax for the 4th and last quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1997-98 under this system by June 15, 1997. Simple interest @ 10% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

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