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India regrets landing of IAF chopper at Chunarughat

NEW DELHI, June 14: India today expressed regrets for the entirely inadvertent intrusion of an IAF helicopter into Bangladesh territory and assured Dhaka that necessary steps have been taken by the air force authorities to prevent such recurrence, reports PTI.

A detailed inquiry conducted by the IAF authorities revealed that an Mi-8 helicopter with three air crew and seven ground crew on board inadvertently strayed into Bangladesh, the External Affairs Ministry spokesman said in a statement here.

He said the government, in response to a clarification sought by Bangladesh into the See Page 12 Col 1

3 bodies recovered Search for boat capsized victims continues

Rescuers recovered three bodies while a hectic search for those missing since Friday's boat capsized in Dhanu river in Netrokona district continued.

Police sources in Netrokona told UNB over telephone that three bodies had been found till 3 yesterday afternoon and search for the missing continued.

Some 50-60 passengers were missing, they said.

Rescue teams of police and fire service have been continuing the salvage operation of the mechanised boat that capsized in the river in Mohanganj thana on Friday morning.

The trawler, which sailed from Sasna Bazar of Sunamganj for Itanabazar of Kishoreganj, was carrying 250 passengers, local officials said.

3 alleged child traffickers beaten up in city

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including a woman, were severely beaten up by people in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Some people near a sweepers' colony in Kotwali thana area beat up two men identified as Enayet, 30, and Afzal, 28, suspecting them to be child traffickers.

According to police, the two men identified themselves as snake charmers.

But their suspicious movement around the colony drew the attention of a section of local people who attacked them at about 10:30 am. Kotwali police rescued the two and took them into custody.

In the other incident, a 50-year-old woman Zahura Khanum also suspected to be a child lifter came under attack by a group of people in Dholpar area at about 2:30 pm. Demra police rescued the woman.

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FBCCI reaction to proposed budget SurchARGE to affect industrialisation

By Staff Correspondent

President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Yusuf Abdullah Harun yesterday hailed the budgetary proposals on social benefits and poverty alleviation.

He, however, urged the government to reconsider some of the tax proposals like the 2.5 per cent Infrastructure Development SurchARGE (IDS) on all imports.

Although a few measures have been adopted for protection of domestic industries yet imposition of the IDS on all imports will adversely affect

Proposed fiscal measures to ruin productive sectors, says Saifur

Former finance minister Saifur Rahman yesterday termed the new national budget anti-poor and anti-employment as he said its indiscriminate fiscal measures would ruin productive sectors, reports UNB.

"The budget is heavily dependent on bank finance and devoid of social justice," he told a post-budget press conference at the 29 Minto Road official residence of Leader of the Opposition of Begum Khaleda Zia.

Rahman described the proposal for 2.5 per cent surcharge for infrastructural development as "extra-ordinary discovery" and "most regressive" as it would be imposed on both the rich and the poor.

Questioning the logic behind such surcharge, the former finance minister asked: "Is our country engaged in any war or destroyed by any natural disaster that we have to pay this surcharge?"

He said the BNP government stopped collecting Jamuna Bridge surcharge imposed by the Ershad administration, be-

cause the construction of JMB is a part of the national development.

Rahman said the Finance Minister proposed the surcharge for construction of physical infrastructure as if there had not been any construction of roads, bridges, culverts, schools in the country in the past.

The government, he said, might have proposed this surcharge as it had not dared to increase duties or direct tax. "It is not wise to impose tax on everything in a poor country like Bangladesh."

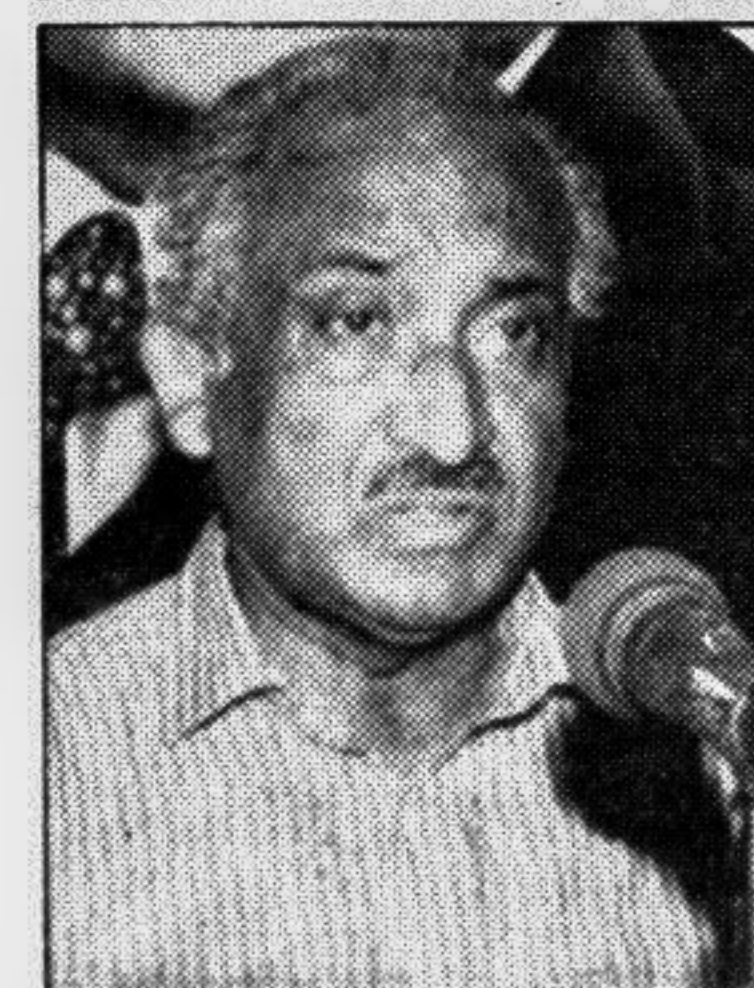
Rahman, who had placed national budget seven times as the Finance Minister in the past, said international agencies had advised him to impose a blanket coverage of tax, but the BNP government didn't impose any surcharge or tax on the common people.

He said his successor overestimated revenue earning and underestimated the revenue expenditure.

About the budgetary allocation of Tk 700 crore for new pay scale, he said it would require at least 1800 crore to Tk 2000 crore to implement the new pay scale from July 1.

Rahman said the Finance Minister did not say in his speech how he would implement the new pay scale.

The ex-finance minister observed...



Saifur Rahman

No measures to boost export trade: BGMEA

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has expressed mixed reaction on the proposed budget for 1997-98, hailing the welfare measures and criticising the absence of measures to boost the export trade, reports UNB.

Giving his reaction in a press release yesterday BGMEA President M G Quddus welcomed the welfare measures such as pension for the poor and the elderly people, introduction of employment bank for the youths and allocation for providing loans and grants for the poor and the homeless.

He hailed the proposed budget for reduction of corporate tax, saying that it would help increase industrial growth, and privatisation of state-owned enterprises.

He, however, opined that when the VAT policy is still to be well defined and transparent, the widening of VAT base may create anomalies. "Nothing has been mentioned in the budget to exclude the exporters from the purview of VAT," he

Port users call off strike

CHITTAGONG, June 14: Chittagong Port Users' Forum has called off its indefinite strike from tomorrow following a government assurance of allowing the use of private equipment in cargo handling in the port from June 30, reports UNB.

The assurance came from a high-level meeting in the capital today.

The meeting was attended by the prime minister's political adviser S A Malek, MP, Chittagong city mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the chairman of Chittagong Port Authority and leaders of different trade unions of the port.

The decision of the meeting was conveyed to Forum leaders by president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, MP.

D-8 to be launched in Istanbul today

By M Anwarul Haq

Eight OIC member countries, with a combined population close to one billion people and commanding nearly ten per cent of the global GDP, are set to launch a new economic bloc in the Turkish capital of Istanbul today.

To be known officially as the Development Eight or 'D-8', the organization will be floated this morning through a declaration at the summit meeting of leaders of the eight countries.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who left Dhaka yesterday, is already in Istanbul to be present at the one-day summit meeting. Among the leaders of the eight countries who are expected to be present are President Suharto of Indonesia, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia, President Ali Akbar Raisanjani of Iran and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan.

The venue of the signing ceremony — the Ciragan Kempinski Palace Hotel, a magnificent place located on the shores of the River Bosphorus. The hotel has been set up in the general premises of the Ciragan Palace of the last Sultanate.

President of Turkey Suleyman Demirel will preside over the formal ceremonies. Later, the visiting dignitaries will take a boat ride on the Bosphorus where besides discussing the future of the new organization, they will also seize the opportunity for holding bilateral talks.

The D-8 will be a global effort to forge closer ties for creating bigger economic markets for the common benefit of its

Dhaka, Ankara for meaningful ties among D-8 members

ISLAMBUL, June 14: Bangladesh and Turkey today expressed firm determination to help expand meaningful and effective eco-cultural ties among the D-8 member countries, reports BSS.

Turkish President Suleyman Demirel and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made the pledge when the latter called on him at the Ciragan Palace Hotel.

Sheikh Hasina expressed her deep gratitude and appreciation to President Demirel for successfully carrying forward the task of giving D-8 an institutional shape. The present success and development of D-8 is the result of dedicated and sincere thrust made by Turkey, she said.

President Demirel and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

LC recommends law to make genocide punishable offence

By Nazmul Ashraf

The Law Commission (LC) has recommended legislation making genocide a punishable criminal offence.

The recommendation was made after the Law Ministry enquired whether it would be proper to enact a law making genocide a punishable offence in the light of the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment for the Crime of Genocide, Commission sources said.

Bangladesh did not ratify the UN Convention and is not obligated to have a law on genocide. But there is no bar to have a law incorporating the principles laid down in the Convention.

The ruling Awami League, while in the opposition, was vocal for trial of those responsible for genocide during the War of Liberation in 1971.

The Commission also suggested inclusion of a new chapter in the Penal Code of 1860, defining genocide and punishment for it.

The LC defined genocide as: a) killing members of a group b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of a group c) deliberately inflicting on a group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within a group and e) forcibly transferring children of a group to another group.

It described "serious bodily or mental harm" as hurting or raping.

Someone found guilty of genocide can get death penalty, life imprisonment or a prison term of upto 10 years. They can

FMs meet to finalise statement

ISLAMBUL, June 14: Foreign ministers and senior officials from eight Islamic nations met today in Istanbul to finalise a statement announcing the creation of an economic cooperation body known as the D-8, by analogy with the G-7, the group of major economic powers, reports AFP.

The D-8, the "D" standing for developing countries, will be officially declared at a summit here tomorrow involving Turkey, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan.

"The D-8 will act collectively to resolve the common problems of humanity in a world that is becoming globalised," Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan said at an inauguration ceremony.

The grouping would form "a major force with a total population of 800 million people and a trading volume of 400 billion dollars a year," he said.

He stressed that D-8 would be open to all other countries and "does not constitute an alternative to other regional organisations."

DCC's food testing lab shut for over six weeks

By Morshed Ali Khan

The Dhaka City Corporation's public health laboratory — the only official centre for testing the quality of food in the city — has not been functioning for more than six weeks.

Sources said, the laboratory was not working because it was being shifted from the old part of the city to the Nagar Bhaban. "Up till now, we do not know where to set up our lab. Now, we have two rooms but these have not been 'officially' given to us," said a DCC health department official adding although the laboratory equipment have been kept in the rooms, the lab cannot start functioning until the rooms are officially allotted.

A department of official also noted that there is an acute shortage of qualified field inspectors for more than a year. According to him most of the lab equipment are obsolete and virtually useless.

"We advertised job vacancies for the posts of field inspector but received no response. We then recruited a number of un-

Budget Industries to incur severe losses, says Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has cautioned that imposition of taxes in the proposed budget for 1997-98 fiscal year will severely affect the people of all strata, reports UNB.

"Small as well as large industries will incur colossal losses for this tax-ridden budget... Working people, owners and employees, businessmen, professionals, agriculturists, all will be affected," she said.

The BNP leader was talking to a delegation of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) at her Minto Road office last night.

The delegation included BGMEA president Mostafa Golan Quddus and leaders of the association Redwan Ahmed, Mahub Ali and Abul Kashem Haider.

"A government is known by the budget it offers to countrymen," Begum Zia said adding, "This (AL) government's budget is in no way a better one than

20 hurt: 30 arrested Jamaat activists clash with police in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 14: At least 15 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing, Islami Chhatra Shibir were injured in a clash with police in Hatemkhan area of the city this evening.

Five policemen were also injured.

According to witnesses, the clash (ensued) when the police personnel deployed in Hatemkhan area the stronghold of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student front resorted to *lathi* charge to disperse a procession of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The activists of the city and the district unit of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir brought out the procession to drum up support for their half-day strike in Rajshahi division on June 22.

Police lobbed teargas shells while the processionists hurled bombs at the policemen.

Jamaat picked up 30 activists of Jamaat-Shibir from the spot. A total of 25 bicycles were also seized by police from the Hatemkhan area.

IA flights between Calcutta, Dhaka & Calcutta, Ctg reduced

The Indian Airlines (IA) Limited has reduced the number of its weekly flights between Calcutta and Dhaka and Calcutta and Chittagong from seven to four beginning next week, reports BSS.

Due to operational reasons, the airlines from June 16 will operate only three flights on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Calcutta and Dhaka, an IA press release said yesterday.

The frequency of its flights on Calcutta-Chittagong sector has also been reduced from the existing two flights to one.

The airlines said the Airbus A-320 flight IC-723/724 (Calcutta/Dhaka/Calcutta) will arrive in Dhaka at 1440 hours and leave for Calcutta at 1530 hours, while flight IC-749/750 by the same type of aircraft will arrive in Chittagong on Mondays at 1240 hours and leave for Calcutta at 1330 hours.

Budget lacks directions for overcoming stagnation

By Staff Correspondent

Participants in a post-budget dialogue in the city yesterday criticised the proposed budget for fiscal 1997-98 for neglecting export-oriented industries and imposing surcharge on imports.

They said though the financial and industrial sectors have been in a state of stagnation for the last couple of years and required proper policies to overcome the situation, the proposed budget lacked those.

They also stressed the need for down-sizing the government and improving the quality of projects under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) to have a breakthrough in human resource development.

The dialogue on The State of Bangladesh Economy and the Role of the Budget in Stimulating Economic Activity was organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and chaired by its Executive Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan.

Held at the CIRDAP auditorium, the dialogue was participated by Finance Minister SAMS Kibria, former finance ministers M Syeduzzaman and AMA Muhiith, former advisor in the caretaker government Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud, Chair-

30 hurt as villagers clash in Barisal

By Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, June 14: At least 30 persons were injured 9 of them seriously, when two groups of villagers were locked in a clash at Char Commissioner under Muladi thana of the district this morning.

Police and witnesses said, a large number of people belonging to one Mridha group aided by musclemen went to the char area for reaping paddy this morning. The rival group resisted their attempt.

Both sides used lethal weaponry during the clash.

The seriously injured Zakir, 40, Hamed, 45, Faruk, 30 and Jahangir, 30 of the Mridha group and Nur Mohammad, 70, Rashid, 35, Sohrab, 28, Tota, 25, and Khaleque, 60, of the Sarder group were admitted to the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla medical College hospital.

বিশেষ ট্রেডমার্ক সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্ব সাধারণ তথা বৈদ্যুতিক পানির পাম্প প্রস্তুতকারক ও ব্যবসায়ীগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আমরা মক্কেল পেডরোলো এস.পি.এ. ইটাগিলি তাহাদের নিয়ে প্রদর্শিত ট্রেডমার্ক স্পেশাল ডিজাইন ও গেট-আপ তাহাদের প্রস্তুতকৃত পানির পাম্পের কার্টন ও নেমপ্রটের উপর প্রদর্শন করিয়া বাংলাদেশসহ বিশ্বের ১২০ (একশত বিশ) টি দেশে রক্তানী/বাজারভিত্তিক করিয়া আসিতেছে

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