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Manikganj bypolls

Army will be deployed, if necessary: CEC

Army will be deployed, if necessary, to assist civil administration in Manikganj and Saturia thanas during the by-election in Manikganj-3 due for June 30, reports UNB.

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammed Abu Hena said this while he was briefing the election officials, monitoring staff and trainers of the constituency.

He said 15 mobile units of law enforcing agencies will be deployed during the voting and adequate reserve force will be kept ready to face any emergency.

The briefing was attended by Election Commissioner Abdur Rahman and Mushtaque Ahmed, Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan MP of BNP, Monirul Huj Chowdhury of Jatiya Party, Election Commission Secretary MM Reza and district officials.

2 accords likely during PM's Japan visit

Bangladesh and Japan are expected to sign two agreements on bolstering economic ties between the two countries during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's coming visit to Tokyo, Foreign Office sources said yesterday, reports UNB.

Hasina will pay a six-day official visit to Japan from July 1 at the invitation of her Japanese counterpart Ryutaro Hashimoto.

A credit agreement providing 15 billion Japanese yen for three infrastructure development projects in Bangladesh and another accord on investment.

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Biman crew's death in custody Murder case filed: SI suspended, closed

By Staff Correspondent

A murder case was lodged with Sutrapur thana yesterday after the autopsy report of Biman crew Nuruzzaman Sharif, who died in police custody in the city on Monday, said it was a case of homicide.

Police said a Sub-Inspector (SI) of Tejgaon thana, Shakhawat, was suspended and 'closed' at Razarbagh Police Line in connection with the incident. The SI was investigating the case earlier filed against Nuruzzaman for alleged trespass into the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

SI Abu Taher Faruqi of Sutrapur thana has started investigating the murder case. Beside,

CID is also conducting a probe and is likely to take up the case. However, police is yet to find out the persons responsible for the killing of the Biman crew. The autopsy report showed that he died following a torture resulting in internal hemorrhage.

A police official concerned said last night "They were investigating two possible 'leads' on the death of Nuruzzaman. He either succumbed after suffering fatal injuries during the two-day police remand or he died after an alleged clash with some inmates while in custody."

Nuruzzaman Sharif, 37, died soon after he was taken to court

on the expiry of police remand. The Forensic Department of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) handed over the autopsy report to Sutrapur thana Thursday. Hospital sources said the autopsy showed that Nuruzzaman suffered serious injuries in his left chest and abdomen.

The post-mortem examination did not need any chemical analysis to find out the actual cause of the death. It was clear that the death resulted from physical torture, the report said.

Following the autopsy report, Commissioner of Dhaka See Page 12 Col 1

KR Narayanan files nomination for presidency

NEW DELHI, June 20: Indian Vice-President KR Narayanan today put himself forward as a candidate to become the country's next president, reports AFP.

Narayanan handed over his nomination papers flanked by his two chief sponsors — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Sitarum Kesri, President of the Congress(I) Party.

Indo-Pak foreign secy-level talks begin

ISLAMABAD, June 20: The foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan sat down for their second round of talks here today amidst general bonhomie and desire on both sides to create "good-neighbourly relations", reports PTI.

"I am glad to resume my discussions and believe that our discussions over the next few days will be fruitful."

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Magurchhara gasfield fire spreading

Star Report

A new flame is being seen in the north-eastern side of the Magurchhara gasfield, our Moulvibazar correspondent reported last night.

Geological experts in Dhaka when contacted said the possibility of such spread of the fire can not be ruled out. Stratigraphic layers of the earth can get cracked if there is abnormal exhaustion of a reservoir, they said. But to reach a conclusion, a field survey is necessary, they added.

Another gas exploration expert said, as the height of the flame is reducing, there seems to be a cluster of flames from various points in the drilling site. "Gas is actually coming out from five or six holes around the drilling platform," he added.

Meanwhile, the second consignment of fire fighting equipment, which was scheduled to reach the Zia International Airport in a cargo plane from Singapore yesterday morning, is expected to reach today, according to official sources. Dousing of the fire may be delayed by a day or two. The dousing operation will start sometime next week, the sources said.

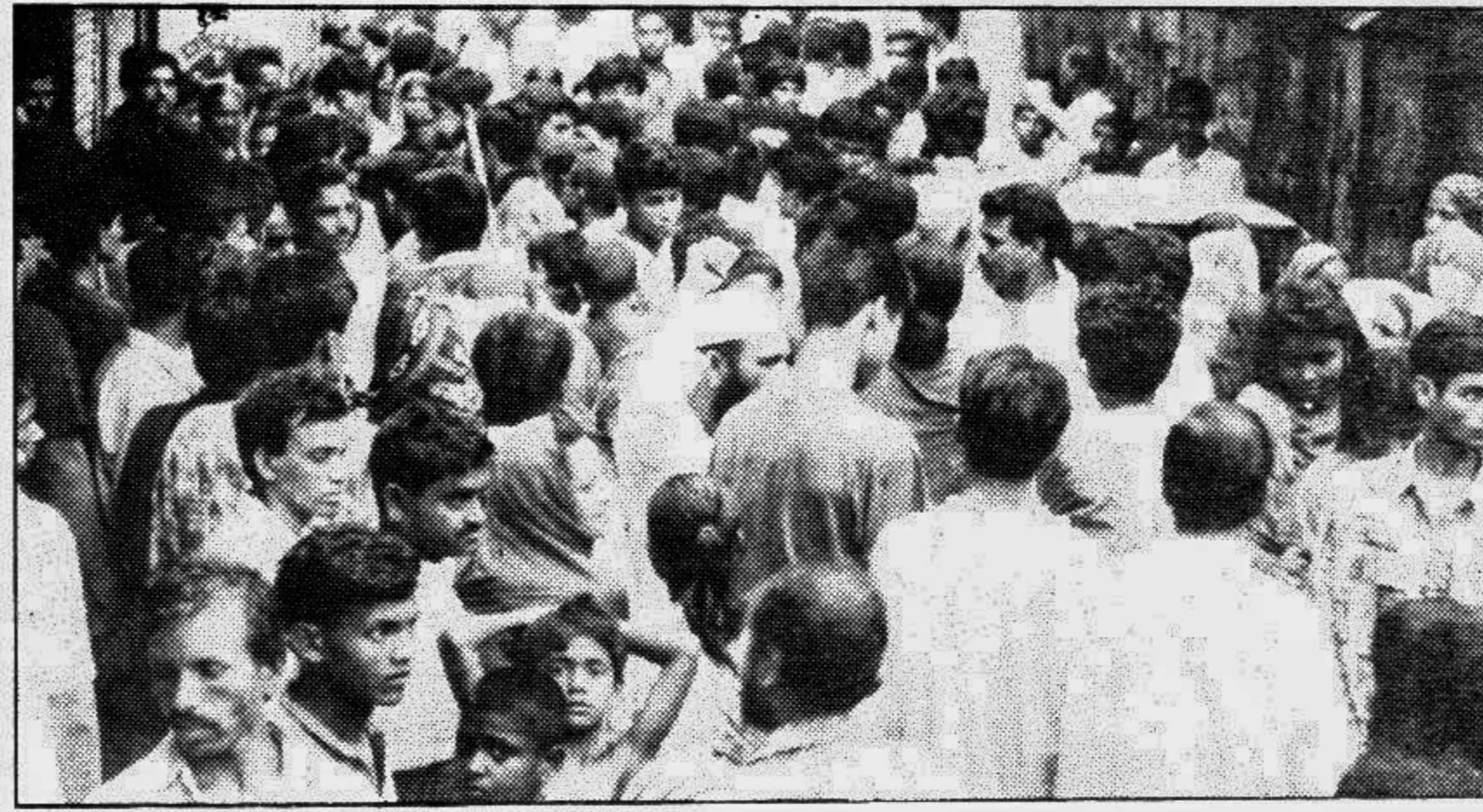
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2 Indians held in Habiganj

HABIGANJ, June 20: Police arrested two Indian citizens from Teliapara in Madhabpur thana of the district today, reports UNB.

The arrested are Shantideb Borna, 26 and Asit Borna, 25, of Sidhai thana of the Indian State of Tripura. They were caught for their suspicious movement.

Another death, for whose fault?



Star report and photo by Anisur Rahman

Garments worker Nargis, 22, died on her way back from work, apparently stepping on the base of an electrified pole at Pearabagh in Maghbazar area of the city yesterday. The tragic incident occurred barely 15 hours after a grocer, Nurul Islam, 35, died there, walking onto a snapped

live wire on Thursday night.

The death of Nargis made agitated people gather there in protest, that kept DESA people off the area. They switched-off the power line 40 minutes after Nargis died but did not dare to repair the lines, fearing mob violence.

Power supply in the area was stopped immediately after Nurul Islam's death during the rain storm which flooded streets. The supply was restored late Thursday night.

DESA personnel came to the spot with two truckloads of police at 5:30 pm yesterday. They, however, could not give

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Water treatment plants being set up in 6 arsenic affected dists

Six water treatment plants are being set up in six districts for supply of arsenic free water, reports Probe news agency.

The districts are Manikganj, Sherpur, Narail, Meherpur, Satkhira and Magura. The plants in Manikganj and Satkhira will be completed within this year and the remaining four plants by the middle of the coming year.

The plants are being set up under 18 District Town Project (DTP) of the Department of Public Health, Engineering (DPHE) with a private firm carrying out the supervision.

Talking to the news agency, See Page 12 Col 5

Shima's death in custody JS probe body to take testimony in Ctg today

By Reaz Ahmad

Members of the parliamentary committee, formed to probe the mysterious death of garments worker Shima Chowdhury in Chittagong, would take testimony of a number of people in the port city today, sources concerned said.

The committee members led by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad are scheduled to visit Chittagong for the hearing to be held at the Circuit House in the afternoon.

After their return to the capital tomorrow, they will finalise a report for submission

before the Jatiya Sangsad soon.

The Jatiya Sangsad on February 18 last formed the 11-member committee to investigate the death of Shima while in 'safe custody' in Chittagong Jail on February 7.

Shima, 17, picked up by police on suspicion of eloping with one Abdul Hafiz on October 8 last year, was allegedly raped by four police personnel inside Raozan thana on the following night. The girl's death in 'safe custody' only five days after submission of charge-

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Terrorists active again: Hasina

LAXMIPUR, June 20: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said neither the terrorists nor their patronisers will be spared, all will be punished under the law, reports UNB.

"All the armed hoodlums, terrorists and their protectors will have to be punished," she said calling upon the people to build up resistance against the terrorists and the killers.

Addressing a huge rally at the Laxmipur Government College ground this afternoon, Hasina said people have rejected the terrorists in the last election, but they are continuing their acts of terrorism to disturb the peace in public life.

Reiterating her government's commitment to remove terrorism from the society, she said stringent action will be taken against the terrorists,

whoever they may be and whichever party they belong to. She said some vested quarters are trying to destabilise things when "We're striving to establish peace in the society."

The prime minister said those vested quarters had handed over arms to the youth to win the election through rigging.

Referring to the killings of a number of ruling party workers in the district, Hasina said the terrorist and their patronisers let loose terrorism in the district. They are giving misleading statements to disturb peace and create anarchy, she added.

About local problems, the prime minister said the government will solve the problems of local government college and hospital and link Bhola with Laxmipur to have

direct connection with the capital.

"We want to build up the country in shortest possible time, we want to build up a self-reliant nation ensuring industrial investment," she said.

The prime minister later gave Tk one lakh each for the families of four persons who fell victims to political killings in Laxmipur. They are: Navy officer Fazlul Karim, Liton Chandra Day, Abdus Sattar and Hedayetullah Khalifa.

Another report adds: Sheikh Hasina today asked the members of law enforcing agencies to take stern action against the terrorists to wipe out terrorism from the society.

Addressing a meeting on law and order of the district at the local circuit house, she said, See Page 12 Col 6

BMET project funds DU yet to take action for misappropriation

By Aminul Islam

No action has yet been taken by the Dhaka University authorities against the persons involved in alleged misappropriation of funds of a World Bank aided project under the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), sources in the university said.

Probe bodies formed by the Board of Governors of the IBA and the university syndicate found that a total of Tk 30 lakh of the Bangladesh Management Education Training (BMET) project was misappropriated through 34 forged cheques, the sources said.

The BMET project was launched in 1989 to train teachers and students of com-

merce-related subjects and to buy teaching equipment and books. Beside the IBA, the project also covered Chittagong University and the Bangladesh Management Development Corporation (BMDC). The project period ended in 1990.

According to the reports of the probe bodies, no work was done under the BMET project in the IBA although money was drawn.

According to documents, 24 cheques out of the 34 were signed by the Director of Accounts of Dhaka University and the then Director of IBA.

In all the cases, faults with the cheques have been primar-

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Space problem CPA to build temporary yard

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 20: The Chittagong Port Authority has decided to build a temporary yard beside jetty No. 17 to keep empty containers for easing the space problem, according to official sources.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the port authorities held yesterday. Space problem at the port yards has slowed down unloading of container vessels in the last few days compelling the ships to stay longer at the port.

Tenders are likely to be floated soon to build the temporary yard that may require at least one year, the source added.

Efforts were on to start reconstruction of yard No. 8 to create more space for loaded containers, the sources said.

Project to resettle city slum dwellers may face setback

By Naimul Haq

The 28.5 million US dollar Urban Poverty Reduction Project for the city slum dwellers may suffer a setback as the government could not yet find sufficient land for those to be resettled, according to sources in the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) which will implement the project.

Representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which is to provide 20 million dollars for the project, at a wrap-up meeting last week, expressed dissatisfaction over the issue of land to be arranged by

the land ministry. The government will provide 8.5 million dollars for this project.

The meeting, attended by representatives from ADB, Planning Commission, External Resources Division, Dhaka City Corporation, LGED and various other agencies concerned, decided that ministries would be requested to find khas land which would not be used by them in at least 10 years. A survey to find suitable khas land would start soon, the sources said.

Once rehabilitated in the

khas land, the settlers would be given permanent ownership of land under the Urban Development Project in phases.

According to a 1989 survey by the Centre for Urban Studies, there were 2,156 slums in the city. As no other survey has been conducted, since then, it has been roughly estimated that the number of slums has risen to about 3,000 now with some four lakh dwellers.

The project aims at improving the overall life style of the slum dwellers. It is an integrated plan to gradually remove

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Proposal to set up MLCs in each dist under study

By Staff Correspondent

The Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs is examining setting up of a Money Loan Court (MLC) in each district according to official sources.

Money Loan Courts are now functioning in 19 out of 61 districts. Judges of these courts also deal with civil and criminal cases.

Setting up of MLCs was suggested earlier by the Banking Division of the Ministry of Finance. The Banking Division had also suggested that the MLCs should deal only with

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JP activist shot dead at Demra

By DMC Correspondent

A Jatiya Party activist was killed by an unidentified gang in Goalpara under Demra thana in the city yesterday.

Shamsul Alam, 30, son of Abdul Latif Khan of South Dhania was shot in the head and hacked in the neck by a gang of five yesterday evening, police said.

Alam was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital but doctors there declared him dead. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police could not say anything about the motive behind the killing.

Flash flood Ctg-Cox's Bazar road link snapped

COX'S BAZAR, June 20: Road communication between Cox's Bazar and Chittagong was cut off today following heavy shower and onrush of water from the hills that flooded six unions in Chokoria thana, reports UNB.

The communication snapped at around 10 am as a bally bridge on the Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway, near Dulahazara Forest office, went under water.

Several hundred houses were inundated in Koirabeel, BM Char, Lakkhar Char, Kakara, Pekua and Mogarna unions with the swelling of Mata-muhuri river.

The downpour, which began Thursday evening, also caused waterlogging in the low-lying areas of the town.

Khaleda visits Magurchhara gasfield today

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia will visit the Magurchhara gasfield today, reports UNB.

Party sources said Begum Zia is making the trip to see the latest situation at the burning gasfield in Moulvibazar district that caught fire early Sunday.

She will be accompanied by central BNP leaders.

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