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Revenue collection

Kibria dissatisfied over failure to achieve target

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria has directed the revenue officials to make all out efforts to achieve the revenue target, reports UNB.

He was addressing the senior officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) at a meeting on revenue collection at its auditorium in the city yesterday.

The Finance Minister expressed his dissatisfaction over the failure of the revenue officials to achieve the target in revenue collection in last several months and directed them to gear up their collection efforts.

Administering a note of warning against the officials concerned for their failure to achieve the target in revenue collection, Kibria asked all to work with sincerity and efficiency.

Emphasising the necessity to gear up supervision in revenue collection, Kibria said if necessary steps would be taken to enact new laws or review the existing ones for expediting

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Strengthening of police force: Proposal awaits approval

By Mian Ali

The Home Ministry proposal for strengthening police force, including creation of six new thanas in the Dhaka Metropolitan area, is waiting approval of the National Implementation Committee for Administrative Reforms and Reorganisation (NICAR), according to official sources.

The proposal made on June 2 was earlier approved by the Prime Minister and sent to the NICAR about a week ago.

Besides, a proposal for setting up of two police outposts, one each at Khulna University and Rajshahi University, is also being sent to the NICAR, the sources added.

The six proposed thanas in the capital are: Banasri thana

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AL city unit's protest rally tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka city unit of Awami League will hold a rally in the city tomorrow to protest what it said nationwide terrorism and anarchy perpetuated by BNP.

A party press release said, the protest rally is also meant to raise the demand for the arrest of the terrorist leaders.

The rally will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Meanwhile, a joint meeting of the AL front organisations will be held at 10 am today at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue and an extended meeting of the city unit of AL at the same venue of 6 pm today.

Last date for HSC admission now Sept 4

By Staff Correspondent

The last date for admission to Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) classes has been extended to September 4 from August 28 earlier, according to official sources.

The decision was taken at a meeting of a committee of education boards recently.

However, admission to HSC classes will continue till September 15 with fine.

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Simanta Express attacked: 15 hurt

Dacoits kill Ansar, snatch 8 rifles, rob passengers

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Aug 25: A platoon

commander of Ansars was shot dead, 15 others including Railway Police, Ansars and passengers were injured, eight fire arms were snatched and cash and valuables were looted in a train dacoity near here last night.

According to police, the dacoity was committed in the Sylhet-bound 'Simanta Express' near Barobazar station.

The dacoits took away eight firearms including one SMG and 190 bullets from the on-duty Railway Police and Ansars. They also robbed several lakh taka in cash and valuables from the passengers.

The killed Ansar commander was identified as Azizul Islam, 40, of 4th Battalion of

Ansar. He hailed from Nilphamari.

The injured includes GRP personnel Jagannath, Abul Kalam, Rezaul Karim, Babul, and Anisur Rahman. Ansar Naik Akhel Ali, Railway electrician Awal, passengers Narayan Chandra Karmakar, Abdul Majid, Ibrahim Hossain, and Matiar Rahman.

All of them were admitted to the General Hospital here.

The condition of Abul Kalam, Rezaul Karim and Anisur Rahman was critical, hospital sources said.

Two of the injured were later admitted to the Khulna Hospital this morning in critical condition, a report received here said.

According to police sources

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Khaleda, Sharif discuss issues

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia met Pakistan Prime Minister Mirza Mohammad Nawaz Sharif in Islamabad yesterday, reports UNB.

Sharif welcomed the Bangladesh opposition leader at his residence and discussed with her the bilateral, regional and international issues, said a party press release.

Later, Begum Zia attended a luncheon given in her honour by the Pakistan prime minister.

Ministers, political leaders, distinguished personalities and high officials of Pakistan, the entourage members of Begum Zia and Bangladesh High Commissioner in Islamabad joined the luncheon.

In the afternoon, Begum Zia joined a tea party, hosted by Speaker of Pakistan National Assembly Elahi Bux and exchanged views on parliament.

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Old Benedictines' substitute custodian Damudaran makes a desperate attempt to keep an onrushing Abahani's Uzbek forward Anatoly during the first round return-leg match of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Abahani won 3-0. (Story on Page 10)

— Star photo

ADB to provide equity, loan for investment in private sector

Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide equity and loan for investment in the private sector on criteria suiting the needs of Bangladesh for its economic development, reports UNB.

The annual ADB loan to Bangladesh will be over 400 million US dollars, though the implementing process of ADF-7 (Asian Development Fund, the soft-lending window of ADB) was slow.

For the construction of the Ganga barrage, the bank will also field a technical team to conduct a study in this regard.

All the pledges came from the visiting ADB president, Mitsu Sato, when he called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday.

Welcoming the ADB chief,

Hasina said her government had been trying to quicken the process of development. And support and assistance from the development partners like ADB would help accelerate the development process.

"We have to navigate the course of development in the face of different odds," the Prime Minister told the ADB President, adding that placing the interest of the country above all, the government has taken some important steps in the sectors like power, steel and petroleum.

Sheikh Hasina informed Sato that in sectors like local government, water resource, industries, communications, agriculture, energy and planning, a good number of important steps had been taken.

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AL plans to unite forces to face opposition move

By Reaz Ahmed

The ruling Awami League has planned to further increase its organisational strength by uniting the 'pro-Liberation and progressive' forces in the wake of simultaneous movement planned by opposition parties.

AL sources said that the party was actively preparing to face the probable move by the Opposition from a 'nationalist' platform.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman said there was nothing to wonder if some opposition parties united under the banner of a 'nationalist front'. Referring to the BNP, breakaway faction of Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and some other right-leaning parties, he said, "They always maintain some sort of entente

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BNP-led opposition holds rally today: Tougher programme likely

By Nazmul Ashraf

Six opposition parties led by BNP are chalkling out 'tougher' anti-government agitation programmes.

The parties are likely to announce their programmes from separate public rallies in the city today.

According to sources in the parties, the programme may include 'gherao' of the Jatiya Sangsad protest government's 'anti-people' decisions, especially the price hike of petroleum products.

The Sangsad goes into its sixth session on Saturday.

The parties also plan to submit separate memoranda to the Speaker, complaining against what they say the government's tendency to take major policy decisions by pass.

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43 seats reserved for students at JS visitors' gallery

Forty-three seats have been reserved at the visitors' gallery of Jatiya Sangsad for students of different educational institutions to enable them to witness the parliament session, reports UNB.

According to a press release of Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat, the interested students will have to apply for the seats to the Deputy Secretary (Administration-2) through the heads of their respective educational institutions before a week of the particular day on which they want to witness the session.

It also said an educational institution is entitled to get maximum 20 passes to be collected from the Service Department for their students. The students will be no less than 12 years of age.

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JRC meet begins Friday Draft accord on Teesta sharing to be finalised

LALMONIRHAT, Aug 25: Water Resources secretaries of India and Bangladesh will hold talks Friday-Saturday, on a permanent formula for sharing the waters of the common river Teesta, reports UNB.

The meeting will finalise the draft of an agreement to be formally signed in the 33rd Joint River Commission (JRC) meeting scheduled for November in New Delhi, officials here said.

Indian Secretary of Water Resources Mata Prasad will lead his team while Water Resources Secretary Dr ATM Shamsul Huda will lead the home side in the two-day meeting at the Doani rest house, 'Abasor', in Hatiandha thana.

A nine-member Indian delegation will arrive in the capital

on Thursday and fly the following day to Saidpur airport. From there, the Indian team is expected to go by road to the meeting venue, JRC member Khalilur Rahman informed.

The upcoming talks is a follow-up to the 32nd meeting of JRC held in Dhaka on July 19 that suggested a Secretary-level committee to identify the problems of sharing waters of the Teesta, one of the 53 common rivers.

A preparatory meeting of the officials was held on August 3 at the No-Man's land of Chengrabandha and another cross border meeting of the JRC Standing Committee held on August 10-13.

There are two barrages over

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Fresh tension at DU

By DU Correspondent

Tension has mounted in different Chittagong University dominated halls of Dhaka University following a change in the leadership of the organisation on the campus as per a decision of the 'high command' of the BCL, sources said.

Shamim Ahmed, a central leader of the BCL, who had 'dominated' most of the 'BCL-occupied' halls was ousted from the leadership yesterday.

The leadership has been rested with Babul Talukdar, Aminul Islam Ratan and Tomy. All the three were close aides of Shamim. Babul recently got enrolled again as a student of the university after a long break. Ratan and Tomy are not students, the sources on the campus said.

The change in the leadership

has been made following Shamim's 'cold relations' with Auranga and Liakat, both former leaders of the BCL. The decision was taken on Sunday and conveyed to Shamim over phone.

Shamim was admitted to the university in 1988-89 session in Bangla department could not cross the second year and his name was ultimately struck off.

Two associates of Shamim, Babul of Zahirul Haq and Saroj of Mohsin Hall were 'ousted' from their halls after being beaten up, the sources said. Mizan, another aide of Shamim was ousted from Zahirul Haq Hall and handed over to police for allegedly possessing a pistol, the sources said.

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Imposition of congestion surcharge

BSC may charter 2 container vessels in Ctg-S'pore route

CHITTAGONG, Aug 25: Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) is likely to charter two feeder vessels to facilitate transportation of container cargo in the Chittagong-Singapore port.

The situation arising out of the congestion surcharge had earlier been discussed in a meeting at the Prime Minister's office.

The meeting, convened by Prime Minister's political Advisor

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source, the authorities in a meeting held last week on the issue of congestion surcharge, agreed to allow BSC to charter two container vessels to be used in the feeder service.

The high-level meeting was organised after leading trade vessel operators under pressure as well as to foil their monopoly control over the container cargo handling in the Chittagong-Singapore route.

The source informed that the government is soon likely to issue an official order to BSC for

chartering the container vessels if the fund against it could be ensured