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Mosque on runway Commissioner of Ward 14 refutes allegation

Commissioner of Ward 14 in the city Abdul Kader has refuted allegation by the Military Estates Office (MEO) that he was backing a group of people who illegally built a mosque on Tejgaon old airport runway.

A Daily Star report on September 6 said that a group of people built a mosque on the extreme northern side of the old airport runway. MEO officials alleged that the Ward Commissioner was backing the group.

Talking to The Daily Star, Kader said he was fighting to rid the area of illegal constructions. "The mosque people invited me to say prayers there but I refused because Allah will not accept prayers offered from an illegally occupied place," Kader said.

He alleged that 'unscrupulous MEO officials' were responsible for 'renting out' government lands in the same area for Tk 200 to 500 a month.

"There are over 200 unshaded houses rented by MEO officials, who realise rent every month," said the Ward Commissioner. He also said Works Minister Mohammad Nasim had ordered an investigation into the matter but the investigation report only said that the land did not belong to his ministry.

"I want to take the matter to higher authorities because it is a case of complete lawlessness here," said Kader.

US Open Girls' singles title for Black

NEW YORK, Sept 7: Today is the 'Infiniti Day' at the US Open. Infiniti is one of the sponsors of the 1997 championships. There will be five matches today including the men's and women's singles finals. The women's singles will start at 2 pm local time. But in the meantime girls' singles final has been played out and the number one seed Cara Black of Zimbabwe has won defeating unseeded Kildine Chevalier of France 7-6, 6-1, 6-3.

She will attend a state banquet to be hosted by President Ramos tomorrow. Sheikh Hasina will also attend a luncheon to be hosted by Federation of Philippines-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Century Park Sheraton Hotel on September 9.

She will meet the Bangladesh community on Tuesday at Manila hotel. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Hasina will visit the International Rice Research Centre (IRRI) before leaving Manila for home.

Men's singles final

as he briskly handled Jonas Bjorkman who almost threatened to run away with the semi-final. Rusedski was brisk and businesslike as he started with a 107-mile-an-hour serve and even Bjorkman could feel the heat he was down 1-6 in the first set. But morning not necessarily showed the day. The sturdy Swede rallied round with brilliant return of serves, the speed notwithstanding, and broke Rusedski regularly to take the next two sets 6-3, 6-3.

But the tall Briton who recorded a 141 miles second serve, seized his chances with both hands in the last two sets and finally won 6-1, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 for his first Grand Slam final. Michael Chang must have drained all his energy against Marcelo Rios in the quarter-final. He failed yesterday to play the big man role which he was supposed to as the only American left in the last four stages of the championships. Normally a quick mover and consistent baseliner, Chang had a difficult opponent to handle. Patrick Rafter, for sometime now had shown indifferent form and with young Mark Philippoussis

PM visits Rudana Museum, Bali Tourism Dev Corporation

BALI, Indonesia, Sept 7: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on the last day of her stay in Bali, visited the Rudana Painting Museum and the Museum for Ida Bagus Marka Gallery, reports BSS.

She also visited the Bali Tourism Development Corporation (BTDC) area. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, minister in waiting Indonesian Social Welfare Minister Inten Soeweno and members of her entourage accompanied the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the Governor of Bali Ida Bagus Oka hosted a dinner in honour of Bangladesh Prime Minister at Grand Bali Beach Hotel here last night. The dinner was attended, among others, by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Indonesian Minister for Social Welfare Inten Soeweno and members of the Prime Minister's entourage, including the FBCCI President Yussuf Abdullah Harun.

Hartal

Rajshahi, the BNP units said. Central Organising Secretary of BNP and Mayor of Rajshahi Mizanur Rahman Minu, in a statement criticised the government for 'withdrawing' allocations for the development programmes in Rajshahi region, including those of the City Corporation and the Barendra Development Authority.

Pradhan

On March 13, 1983, a dacoity was committed in Gini Exchange Jewellery Shop at Bangabandhu Avenue. After investigation, police submitted chargesheet against 12 persons, including Pradhan. Additional District and Sessions Judge Court, Dhaka, had framed charges and some witnesses also been examined in the case.

Ershad

The government can, however, withdraw these cases under Section 494 of CrPC. He, however, said, "Even if the cases are withdrawn now, these can be revived after change of government. There is a bright prospect of getting acquitted in all these cases," he observed.

Funeral for Teresa

Mother Teresa's religious order after she died on Friday night, and tributes poured in from dignitaries across the world hailing her devotion to the destitute and ill. Gujral, dressed in black, paid his homage at the St Thomas Church where the body of the 87-year-old Roman Catholic nun is kept for the thousands of mourners, witnesses said.

He was also accompanied by his wife, Sheila. Gujral said: "On behalf of the bereaved nation I have come here to pay tribute to Mother Teresa. She was a beacon of light and hope who removed the tears of suffering millions. We are fortunate that Mother Teresa started the Missions of Charity in this country. Gujral was joined by some 15,000 mourners who queued outside the Roman Catholic Church for a view of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Interpol confce in mid-Oct Dhaka, Delhi may raise issue of non-execution of Red Alert notices

Inter-state fugitives issue will be the top agenda when Interpol meets in its 86th annual conference in New Delhi in mid-October, reports UNB. Bangladesh as well as neighbouring India will raise the issue as both the countries want to get back some persons charged with criminal offences under their respective laws.

The two countries will also raise their voice separately against non-execution of Interpol's Red Alert notices served against the persons, officials said in Dhaka. A Red Alert Notice sent by the Interpol, requiring arrest of a criminal, is generally honoured by the Interpol member-

Feni lawyers start boycott of court

FENI, Sept 7: The district lawyers association has decided to boycott the court for seven days from today protesting at the decision taken by the court in violence in the district, reports UNB. The decision was taken following miscreants' attack on advocate Sheikh Baharul Alam on September 4 and APP Farooq Alam Chowdhury on August 26.

Bodies of garments workers handed over to families

The bodies of the five garment workers killed in a stampede in a fire-related incident in a high-rise building housing three garment factories in the city's Mohakhali area on Saturday were handed over to their families yesterday. The dead were identified as Julekha, 17, Renu, 18, Monuja, 22, Asma, 18 and Bari Bama, 25.

Education policy

lakh was allocated for formulating the report. Speaking on the occasion Prof Shamsul Huq said that the committee has recommended a three-tier education system for primary, secondary and higher secondary levels. The committee has also suggested a uniform curricula for the primary level, change in the existing system of examinations, adoption of a work-oriented curricula and training for teachers at all levels.

Customs

national Board of Revenue (NBR) has ordered on Thursday their immediate transfer following allegations against the officials. A number of other officers who have completed five years in the city have also been ordered to be transferred elsewhere in the country next month, they said.

DCC

lowed Aero Bengal to use the adjacent old airport. Moreover plans were underway to turn the old airport into an 'alternative airport to ZIA'. At the old airport building, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) officials also expressed their surprise at the DCC decision. "It is a good decision to ban public meetings on city roads but the parade square is not the right place for such thing," said a CAAB official.

Rajshahi Board

do irregularities. "So punishment should also be given to those officials," one principal demanded. Chairman of the Board was not available for his comment.

Sirajganj Wahed Marium College closed sine die

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 7: Haji Wahed Marium Degree College was today closed sine die, reports UNB. The authorities at a joint meeting with police administration and local Awami League leaders on Saturday night also postponed the college student union election for five years.

On Thursday, college authorities cancelled the student union election scheduled for September 23 following a factional clash, in the pro-AL Chhatra League over submission of nominations.

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Khaleda returns today

BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia returns home today, after a 15-day visit to the United States and Pakistan. The Opposition leader is scheduled to reach the Zia International Airport by a Biman flight at 5 am, according to a party press release.

Two murdered

In the other incident, Sahidul Islam alias Titu, 22, was killed by a gang of about five persons at New Super Market near New Market in Dhanmohi thana Saturday. Titu's brother-in-law, Jamal, filed a case with Dhanmohi thana in this connection. Police later arrested three persons.

Quoting the FIR filed by Jamal, police said Titu went to a garments shop in the New Super Market, his previous work place, at about 10am Saturday to meet his former colleagues. But the shop owners caught him. Being informed, Jamal contacted the shop owners who told him that Titu had taken Tk 7000 from them and that he should pay the amount to release Titu from their custody.

Khaleida

On the occasion, Non-formal Education Directorate will hold a prize giving ceremony at the Osmani Smriti Auditorium at 10.30 am. President Shahabuddin Ahmed will attend the programme as chief guest while Education Minister AHK Sadique and Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Begum Zinatunnesa Talukder will be present as special guests.

Diana

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No emergency exit

many die in stampede in the staircase," said a senior fire official. Fire experts and also some garments factory owners agreed that the workers should be trained to handle fire incident. Besides, the holding of fire-drill on a regular basis was also considered essential to prevent deaths in garments factories.

Deposition of witnesses Oct 22

CHITTAGONG, Sept 7: The District and Sessions Judge Court today fixed October 22 for deposition of witnesses in the case of mass killing at Laldighi Maidan in the port city in 1988, reports UNB. The deposition of witnesses was scheduled for today, but the court refixed the date upon a prayer from the defence lawyer of the lone accused, former CMP Commissioner Mirza Raquib Huda.

Seeking two months' time with an affidavit, counsel Advocate Ahsanul Huq Hena submitted to the court that a revision petition would be filed before the High Court challenging framing of charges against Huda. District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Zahurul Islam granted one-and-half-month time for the deposition of witnesses.

Literacy Day

are needed to meet the challenge of illiteracy. On the occasion, Non-formal Education Directorate will hold a prize giving ceremony at the Osmani Smriti Auditorium at 10.30 am. President Shahabuddin Ahmed will attend the programme as chief guest while Education Minister AHK Sadique and Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Begum Zinatunnesa Talukder will be present as special guests.

SAF football

Blatantly, who earlier were held to a 1-1 draw by Maldives in their inaugural match last Friday, finished their first round campaign with a solitary point. They will now have to wait for the outcome of the September 9 match between India and Maldives to know their fate in the six-nation tourney. An Indian victory by at least four-goal margin, will only ensure Bangladesh a berth in the last four.

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