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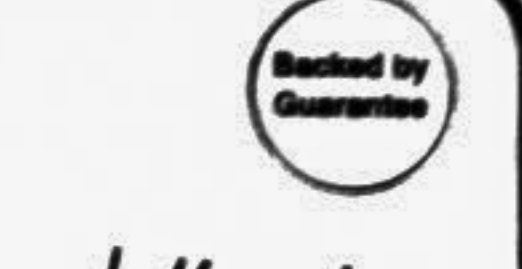
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EU team assures help in lifting ban on frozen food export

The visiting two-member technical team of EU Commission has assured the frozen food exporters of its cooperation in lifting the temporary ban on export from Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The assurance came at a meeting of the EU Commission's technical experts Dr Donald M Gibson and Oscar R de Porto with the members of Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association at its office in the city yesterday, said a press release.

The exchange of views session was chaired by Association president Golam Mostafa. The EU experts said they would provide necessary cooperation and advice to the departments concerned of the government and the exporters so that the ban is withdrawn on the basis of observance of the commission's rules and regulations.

The team had also a brief discussion on the issue with the officials of the Fisheries Ministry on Friday.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, during his recent visit to Brussels, had sought cooperation from the EU Commission in improving the quality of country's frozen foods and lifting the ban.

Barricade

put up barricades at five strategic points - Jatrabari, Sayedabad, Sadarghat, Mohakhali and Rampura, BNP's city unit convener Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP told newsmen at Begum Zia's Minto Road official residence yesterday evening.

Asked if they will halt traffic movement in other parts of the city, he said, "We'll confine our barricades to those five areas only and carry out the programme peacefully. Disturbances may break out and spread in other parts if police attack the demonstrators."

Asked about future programmes, a central leader of the party said, "The next course of agitation will largely depend on how the government behaves with the Opposition tomorrow."

To drum up support for today's programmes, BNP units at different wards in the city brought out processions and held street rallies yesterday.

On the other hand, a truck procession was also brought out from Fulbaria bus terminal yesterday afternoon opposing the barricade programme.

An emergency meeting of the Jatiyabadi Mahila Dal, BNP's women front discussed their participation in today's programme.

Ershad

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formances of Jatiya Party, BNP and Awami League governments. Among others, JP leaders Nazim Rahman Manju, Sardar Amjad Hossain, Monirul Haq Chowdhury, Fazle Rabbi and Azhar Uddin Sarkar addressed the meeting with convener of district JP Mojibur Rahman Sentu in the chair.

After the meeting Ershad left for the capital.

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Jamaat to observe CHT day Oct 13

By Staff Correspondent

The Jamaat-e-Islami will observe 'Chittagong Hill Tracts Day' on October 13 holding rallies in different parts of the country, a party press release said here last night.

The party will observe Demand Day on October 29 for introduction of Islamic education system in the country.

2 held for raping garments worker

CHITTAGONG, Oct 4: Police have arrested two of the five persons accused of gangraping a tenaged garments worker Thursday night at Kapuripara in the city's Doublemooring thana, reports UNB.

Mahfuzur Rahman Lahul, 26, and Liton, 25, were arrested from Badamtoli in Agrabad on Friday night after the victim, Fatema Begum, wife of Saidur Rahman, had filed a case with Doublemooring police.

Teachers

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Manglapara Registered Non-government School, under Shahdollar thana in Gaibandha district. He was talking to this correspondent at the Association's office at Nawabpur in the city yesterday.

On September 24, more than fifty thousand non-government teachers led a 'hunger procession' in the city and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's office.

Education Minister ASHK Sadek could not be contacted for his comment as he is now in Vienna to attend an international conference.

DU exams

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Earlier, several hundred examinees of different departments came to the university yesterday to know about today's examinations but they could not.

They could not even contact the controller of examinations or the VC as both were not available in their offices, residences, they said.

It was at 8 last night when the VC, contacted over telephone, told The Daily Star that the university authorities had decided to hold the examinations on per schedule.

Meanwhile, a DU press release last night said, the third year (Honours) course system formation, which was scheduled to begin at the Arts Faculty at 1:30 pm today, will now begin at 2:30 pm. The rest of the examination schedule will remain unchanged.

Nepali govt

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ing to control a radical Maoist movement that started last year. The defeated coalition controlled 105 lawmakers in 205-member lower house of Parliament. Eleven lawmakers revolted and supported the opposition Nepali Congress' bid to oust the government.

The Nepali Congress controls 83 seats. The rebel faction was led by the Surya Bahadur Thapa, the Nepalese Democratic Party chief.

Sankose canal to help solve water problem at Farakka point'

CALCUTTA, Oct 4: Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury paid a courtesy call on West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu at his Writers Building office here today, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interests with special reference to preservation and development of flora and fauna in the Sunderbans. They also underlined the need for further bilateral cooperation to conserve and develop the world's largest mangrove forest Sunderban covering both the countries.

While exchanging views on the Ganges water sharing treaty, Basu said that his government take proposed Sankose canal connecting Bangladesh and West Bengal into consideration which is aimed at increasing the water flow at Farakka.

"Sankose project will play a significant role in solving the problem of paucity of water at Farakka point," Basu hoped. In this connection, he also mentioned that an expert team is studying the possibility of constructing the Sankose canal in such a way that little damage is caused to environment, forestry and animal sanctuary of the region. Basu told Bangladesh minister that he will be visiting Bhutan in near future.

Besides, Jyoti Basu underlined the need for opening of Dhaka-Calcutta bus service soon and added that the common people specially the young generations of both the countries would be benefited from it.

Focus on CBA

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Rival unions of the Sonali Bank's CBA also made similar allegations. They have made at least 1,600 transfers so far and it is quite natural they will try to stop the activities of the Task Force," said AKM Mazharul Huq, secretary general of SBEA. Huq said, the Task Force should investigate the irregularities done by CBA's in the banking sector.

But Jamaluddin, who has been involved in trade union activities for more than 20 years, felt that the formation of Task Force was not needed as the existing law was enough for brining discipline in union activities.

The Sonali Bank MD said that it was formed under an agreement between the government and the World Bank. He said five unions were active in his bank.

He said the Task Force is working to identify the areas where banking activities are being affected by the union activities. It will prepare a report suggesting the government for future actions. The Task Force report will be submitted to the government sometime in November.

Union leaders think that the Task Force was formed to give 'golden handshake' to at least 10 per cent of the total employees. But it was denied by Ibrahim Jamaluddin, however, threatened to launch an agitation programme if there was any such move behind formation of the Task Force.



Preparations are going on for Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindus. — Star photo

Dhaka for close South Asian cooperation: FM

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said that Bangladesh was pursuing the policy of friendship to all and malice to none as enunciated by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was following a forward looking, positive and constructive foreign policy formulated by Father of the Nation after assuming office in 1972. Azad said while addressing a function at the Asia Society in New York on Thursday.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister was the key speaker on "Bangladesh's relations with its neighbours", a message received in Dhaka yesterday said. Samad Azad said the government has been pursuing an active policy mainly to strengthen bilateral relations in resolving longstanding disputes with India.

9 more fishermen rescued

BARISAL, Oct 4: Nine more missing fishermen returned to their homes at Kalapara under Patuakhali district today after being rescued by some fishermen of Cox's Bazar.

They were floating in the Bay of Bengal with the help of plastic drums and bamboos of their fishing boats which capsized in the sea during the cyclonic storm of September 26.

The rescued fishermen are Berek, Nasu Mia, Delwar, Jabbar, Rashid, Nuru Mia, Kader, Rahman and Jalil.

Meanwhile, many people are still searching for the bodies of their relatives along the bank of the river Meghna in different places of Daulatkhana thana, according to report reaching here.

SSC students in Rajshahi begin boycott of class

RAJSHAHI, Oct 4: The students of class nine and ten across the district began an indefinite class boycott yesterday protesting government move towards holding SSC examinations within one week from next year, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the students abstained from attending classes at the call of the SSC Examination Demand Realisation Committee.

Move to reinvestigate Ratan Sen murder case

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, Oct 4: Preparations are being taken to reinvestigate the Comrade Ratan Sen murder case in which 11 people are accused, according to official sources.

Despite confessional statement before the CMM's court by two of the accused involving nine others in the murder, the then district judge, Taha Molah, pronounced the verdict on September 12, 1993 acquitting all the accused named in the FIR.

Later, a move was taken by the central leaders of CPB seeking reinvestigation of the case and accordingly the then DC of Khulna sent the case docket to the concerned authorities.

But the move was stalled as the entire case docket allegedly disappeared mysteriously, the sources added.

Comrade Ratan Sen was brutally stabbed to death on the morning of July 31, 1992 near the office of the police super.

The case was first investigated by the DB of KMP, but later was transferred to CID.

Meanwhile, police failed to arrested the BNP leader who was the alleged mastermind of the murder, named in the FIR, in a pre-dawn swoop on his house.

Khulna unit of CPB held a rally today halting the decision of government to reinvestigate the murder case.

Gaffar acting DCC mayor

By Staff Correspondent

The Commissioner of Ward-40, MD Abdul Gaffar will act as the city mayor during the absence of Mayor Mohammad Hanif who flew to Riyadh for treatment on October 3, said a press release of the city corporation.

Prime group

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workers. Meanwhile, a senior Prime Group official claimed that Palash, the main accused in the case which they filed with Fatullah thana following Thursday's incident, entered one of the industry premises today.

The official told this correspondent that Palash assured the workers claiming that the industry was in their grip and all the workers' demands would be met.

Criticising the police role, the official also claimed that police were not arresting Palash. Two cases — one by the workers and another by the owners — were lodged with Fatullah thana in connection with Thursday's violence.

Meanwhile, police forces are guarding the industries to avert further violence.

Export-oriented units

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ferent countries were also present at the ceremony. "I also urge the government to play a positive role in this regard and help the industries to grow," she said.

The BNP chief said "We shall continue to cooperate in the efforts for industrial growth of the country because we, as opposition leaders, believe in politics of development and production. We want an uninterrupted development process so that the unemployed get employment and the country can equip itself properly to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Begum Zia went on "We do not call for stoppage of work without proper reasons. The government is intolerant of criticisms and has launched attack on us. We were compelled to call for stoppage of the sovereignty and independence of the country."

She said "We do not want to increase hardship of the people. But we will not tolerate those activities of the government which will impede peace and happiness of the people."

The former prime minister recalled "During the non-stop hartals in '96, the BGMEA leaders had urged the then Opposition leader to withdraw hartal. But she had told them to ask me to resign." She added "I will not blackmail you like that!"

Begum Zia asserted that BNP had a soft corner for the garments sector, the biggest foreign exchange earner, as it was "President Ziaur Rahman's far-sight in the late seventies which had shaped up the direction for the country's garments sector."

Found dead

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strangled and sent the body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police quoting the hotel register said Aslam and Rintu came to the hotel from Debdhar in Comilla.

Manager of the hotel Parimal Chandra filed a murder case with Demra thana in this regard. None was arrested till last night.

Cricket team

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seats at the hand of Bangladesh in the ICC Trophy final. For Bangladesh, the eventual winner in that cliff-hanger in Malaysia early this year, this is going to be third African safari since their infamous Nairobi ICC Trophy mission way back in 1994.

But in a changed circumstance with Bangladesh, the ICC Trophy champions, winning the ODI status along with Kenya, the triangular tourney will be a testing time for the national team, which will be led by skipper Akram Khan.

আমাদের অগণিত ক্রেতার চাহিদা এবং সাধকের সমন্বয়ে
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