

Cabinet okays
4-tier local
govt structure

The proposal relating to the formation of four-tier local government structure was approved in a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's secretariat yesterday, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting which was attended by the cabinet members, cabinet secretary, principal secretary to the Prime Minister and secretaries concerned.

As per proposal, the Gram Parishad, Union Parishad, Upazila Parishad and Zila Parishad will be formed gradually in phases, said a PID handout.

70 businessmen from Pakistan, India may join Business Summit

By Staff Correspondent

Some 70 businessmen and 35 journalists from India and Pakistan are expected to arrive in Dhaka in connection with the Three-Nation Business Summit on November 23.

The business delegation from India will be led by K K Modi, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). It is likely to comprise 35 leading businessmen from different trade bodies.

The Pakistani business delegation led by President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Senator Bilo is also expected to comprise 35

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Ctg Port stevedores stop gang-booking of dock workers from today

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 18: Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association (BMSA) has decided to stop gang-booking of dock workers from 8 pm tomorrow at Chittagong port in protest against the go-slow programme followed by the workers for the past eight days.

The decision was taken at a meeting of BMSA held in its office.

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Hosting of WC cricket Dhaka's prospect bright, Dalmiya satisfied



International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya talking to newsmen at a city hotel yesterday. BCB president Saber Hossain, MP, is on his left. —Star photo

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh has the ability to host a major cricketing event, but a decision in this regard will be taken in the next executive committee meeting of the International Cricket Council, said ICC President Jagmohan Dalmiya at a press conference yesterday.

"I have visited Dhaka Stadium, had very cordial meetings with President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, BNP secretary general Mannan Bhuiyan and leaving the country as a satisfied man", said the ICC chief prior to his departure after a two-day visit to Bangladesh.

"But I can not assure you anything at this moment. I'm one of the member of the 16-man executive board. But I will advocate for the total commitment of your country when we meet in Calcutta on December 8 and 9 to finalise the venue for the proposed World Cup", said Dalmiya.

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Nasir Bahinimen open fire on police, torch their truck

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 18: Police raided the hideout of 'Nasir Bahin', backed by Islami Chhatra Shibir, near the Parade Ground at Chandanpura today and recovered one rifle and one debared gun and arrested three activists.

Police started the raid at 11.30 am but activists of Nasir Bahin opened fire and chased them. Police returned the fire.

The activists torched a police truck and damaged a pick up van and a jeep. At one stage, police retreated as the activists opened fire from sophisticated weapons, witnesses said.

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