

Dock workers at Ctg port start go-slow

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 25: The dock workers have again started go-slow programme at the Chittagong Port.

Loading and unloading work at the port has slowed drastically causing congestion of ships, port sources and users said.

The Port Users Forum's convenor Kamal Uddin told The Daily Star that despite a series of meetings held recently at the port in the presence of ministers recently, cargo handling situation is yet improved.

The dock workers started the go-slow programme as the stevedores refused to pay tips to them, port sources said.

Protesting the demand for tips by the dock workers, the stevedores stopped gang-bookings for about two days from November 19, but later with the assurance from ministers the stevedores withdrew their action programme.

Meanwhile, measures are underway to form a committee headed by the joint secretary of the shipping ministry to look into the impasse and submit a report to the government within one month, the sources said.

Trial opens Jan 1 Fresh charge in Manzoor Murder Case framed

The fresh charge in the Manzoor Murder Case was framed yesterday before the court of first Additional District and Sessions Judge, Mia Mohammad Sharif Hossain, reports UNB.

All the five accused, including former President Hussain Mohammad Ershad, Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdul Latif, Maj (ret'd) Emdadul Haq, Lt Col (ret'd) Shamsur Rahman Shams and Lt Col (ret'd) Mostafa Kamal Uddin Bhuiyan, were present in the court.

All the accused except Maj (ret'd) Emdadul Haq, who was brought from the central jail, are on bail.

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Train service with Sylhet resumes today

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 25: Direct passenger train service between Sylhet and rest of the country will resume tomorrow.

The train service remained snapped since June 15 following a huge explosion at Magurchhara Gas Field near rail tracks between Srimangal and Bhanugachh stations.

The railway authority repaired the damaged tracks and operated trial trains on the tracks before resumption of the direct service.

A railway official said the direct train service will resume with the inter-city Parabat Express leaving Dhaka at 7-40 am for Sylhet.

PM to leave for Tehran Dec 8

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka for Tehran on December 8 to attend the 3-day meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The OIC meeting of heads of state and government will be held in the Iranian capital from December 9 to 11.

Sheikh Hasina is due to return to Dhaka on December 12.

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CHT talks resume today: Agreed minutes likely

By Special Correspondent

The seventh round of negotiations between the National Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts (NCCHT) and the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati (PCJSS) begins in the city today.

According to highly-placed sources, the NCCHT will try to break the standoff between the two sides on the proposed Regional Council (RC) and other issues.

Besides, the authority of the RC to administer the lands in Chittagong Hill Tracts, absorption of PCJSS armed cadres in police and security forces upon their demobilisation and resettlement of settlers elsewhere from the tribal lands have been

dogging the prospects of a breakthrough.

The PCJSS has put forward these issues over what had been agreed upon earlier during the last round of talks in the city on September 14-19, in an effort to wrest more concessions from the government.

Despite the standoff, the sources are hopeful that they will be able to settle the differences and at least get an agreed minutes signed.

The talks begin at a state guest house in the city where a five-member PCJSS delegation headed by PCJSS chief Jyotindriyo Bodhipriyo Lama alias Shantu Lama will arrive in early afternoon.

A military helicopter will ferry them from Dudukchhara, a remote frontier hamlet in Khagrachhari, where Lama arrived on Monday to join his top lieutenants camping there since November 11.

Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser and Mosharrat Hossain, MP, two members of the NCCHT, will accompany the PCJSS delegation from Dudukchhara, the sources said.

Earlier yesterday, the Jatiya Sammonoy Committee for the Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee held a rally to martial support for a peace accord between the NCCHT and the PCJSS at the Central Shahid

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Earthquake death toll now 22 Sadia's uncle files case alleging negligence

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 25: The rescue team today recovered five more bodies from the rubble of the five-storey building which collapsed in Friday's earthquake at Hamzarbagh area in the city, raising the death toll to 22.

Police identified the victims as Julekha Aktar (18), Hosne Ara (20), Shahabuddin (27), Rini Aktar (1) and Lipi Aktar (16).

The rescue team drawn from the army, police, Fire Brigade, Chittagong City Corporation and Chittagong Development Authority carried out the joint operation to recover the bodies from the debris.

Meanwhile, a case was filed

with Panchlaish thana today alleging negligence by doctors at Chittagong Medical College Hospital in providing treatment to Sadia, 5, who was rescued from the rubble, but died at the hospital.

Police said the case was filed by Sadia's maternal uncle Jasim Uddin.

A magistrate along with police went to Hamzarbagh this afternoon to exhume the body of Sadia for post mortem. As the relatives of Sadia did not allow it a decision in this connection is likely to be taken tomorrow, police said.

Two committees have been formed by the government to

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PM visits Ctg People responsible for Sadia's death will be punished

CHITTAGONG, Nov 25: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina flew in to the port city today to convey sympathy to the family members of those killed in a tremor on Friday, reports UNB.

"I have no words to express my shock at the death of Sadia and others," she told the close kins of the victims beside the five-storey building that collapsed in the earthquake.

At least 18 people were killed in the building collapse at Hamzarbagh in Panchlaish thana, where rescue operation was still going on.

Consoling weeping mother, brother and grandmother of Sadia, Sheikh Hasina said people responsible for the death of the four-year-old girl will be punished after proper investigation into the alleged negligence.

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Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury conferring honorary DSc degree on UNESCO Director General Dr Federico Mayor at a special convocation at the TSC auditorium yesterday.

— Star photo

'Establish global intellectual solidarity'

By DU Correspondent

Director General of Unesco Prof Federico Mayor yesterday called for establishing "moral and intellectual solidarity all over the world" on which the future of mankind should be based.

"Through such solidarity, we will be able to oppose those who rule with force and intolerance," he said.

Prof Mayor was addressing a special convocation at the Dhaka University, arranged to confer DSc degree (honoris causa) on him for his excellent performance in the field of science and technology and his work for social and cultural development in the developing countries.

"As the globe approaches towards a new millennium, we need a transformation from the existing culture of war and violence. Universities have a crucial role to play in transforming the culture of war and violence."

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4 designs for Independence Monument

A 10-member jury board has selected four designs for an Independence Monument to be built at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan in the city, reports BSS.

Arbana, an architectural firm, won the first position for its design, while 'Sataya' secured the second place and 'Ingrid Architects and Multi Plan' jointly secured the third place.

The jury board presented the designs to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday evening.

The jury board, headed by architect Mazharul Islam, selected the four out of 47 designs for the monument.

The Prime Minister saw the designs and put forward some suggestions for building the monument.

Finance Minister Shah AMS

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A week ahead of UP polls AL, BNP campaigning for 'their nominees'

By Nazmul Ashraf

The major political parties have laid special emphasis on the upcoming Union Parishad elections to strengthen their respective power bases at the grassroots level.

The parties are unofficially backing candidates of their choice in the campaign, putting 'political power' behind them, and in cases, sponsoring their electioneering, sources in the parties said.

The UP polls are scheduled to begin on December 1.

Though the UP polls are non-political in nature, political parties traditionally back their 'preferred' candidates.

With only six days left for the elections, the major parties

are now busy extending all co-operation to their preferred candidates.

The two major parties — ruling Awami League and opposition BNP — are learnt to have taken up the UP polls as an opportunity to strengthen, reactivate and revamp their party units at the grassroots level. It's also a challenge to create power-base at the lowest tier of the local government administration, sources in both the parties said.

Insiders however said, both the parties have directed their MPs and other leaders at districts and thanas to put their maximum efforts behind the

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Accord signed SAARC Society for Cardiology to be launched

By Staff Correspondent

A SAARC Society for Cardiology will be launched soon for better coordination in research, development of treatment facilities and creating public awareness about cardiovascular diseases in the member countries.

An agreement to this effect has been signed involving organisations concerned from the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries.

This was disclosed by Abdul Malek, President of Bangladesh Cardiac Society while addressing the National Conference '97 on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Diseases here yesterday. The conference was arranged on the occasion of the

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Bangladeshi shooter Sabrina Sultana who clinched gold medal yesterday.

Sabrina bags gold in C'wealth shooting

Bangladeshi shooter Sabrina Sultana has clinched a gold medal in the Second Commonwealth Shooting Championship now being held in Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB.

Sabrina bagged the gold in the Women's Sports Rifles Prone 60 shots yesterday, according to a telephonic message received by National Sports Council here.

The event's silver medal

went to an English competitor while the bronze to an Australian.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader congratulated shooter Sabrina over telephone for her brilliant success bringing a laurel for the nation.

A six-member Bangladesh shooting team is now in Malaysia to participate in the meet which will conclude on Friday.

Youngman stabbed to death in N'ganj: 7 held

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 25: A young man was fatally stabbed by a gang at Paikpara-Namapara last night.

The gang waylaid Sayed Hossain Khandakar in front of the Joy Govinda High School at around 11 pm and repeatedly stabbed him. He died on way to hospital.

Police arrested seven people including a local leader of the Awami League-backed Chhatra League, Sharifuddin Sujon. The seven arrested are among 13 accused in a case Sayed's father, Chand Sharif Khandakar, filed with Narayanganj thana in connection with his son's murder.

Local people said all the 13 are identified terrorists of

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Muggers stab one, take away cash, valuables worth Tk 3 lakh

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of muggers took away gold ornament, share certificates and cash totalling about Tk 2.89 lakh from a businessman at Jigatala under Dhanmondi thana in the city yesterday.

Police said a gang of three muggers on board an auto-rickshaw waylaid the rickshaw in which Shamsur Rahman, a resident of Jigatala, was travelling

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Save Islam from the hand of this govt: Khaleda

BAGERHAT, Nov 25: Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today alleged that the government was engaged in conspiracy to destroy the country and banish Islamic values, reports UNB.

"Now time has come to protect the independence, sovereignty and integrity of the country and save Islam from the hands of this corrupt, oppressor and undemocratic government," she said.

Addressing a huge public meeting at Khan Jahan Ali College ground, the BNP Chairperson called upon all nationalist and Islamic forces to unite and build up strong resistance against the misdeeds of the present regime.

Begum Zia said the government is not at a people's government because it did not come to power through their verdict.

"They came to power through stealing and rigging of votes and changing the people's verdict," she added.

Referring to the forthcoming Union Parishad Elections, the opposition leader alleged that the government had instructed the local administration and government officials to help pro-government candidates win the polls at any cost.

"We have already come to know the government conspiracy to snatch people's verdict in the UP polls and it seems that

the government is desperate to make its partymen win the election," Begum Zia said.

She warned of a post-government movement if the government takes recourse to the path of unleashing terrorism and rigging the polls.

The BNP Chairperson accused the government of destroying the country's economy and industries in last 16 months and introducing the politics of terrorism and anarchy across the country.

She said leaders and activists of BNP and other opposition parties are being harassed throughout the country through filing of false cases.

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5 killed as bus, tempo collide at Kaliakoir

GAZIPUR, Nov 25: Five people were killed and 14 others injured when a bus collided with a tempo on Dhaka-Tangail road in Kaliakoir thana today, reports UNB.

Police said five passengers of the Mirzapur-bound tempo from Kaliakoir died on the spot when the Dhaka-bound bus rammed it at Sutrappur village at about 3 pm.

The dead were identified as Jibon Chandra, 25, Shahadat, 22, Solomon Begum, 30, Shilpi, 12, and an unidentified man aged about 60.

Eight other passengers of the tempo and six bus passengers, who also received injuries, were admitted to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital and Kaliakoir Thana Health Complex.

892 more refugees back home

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 25: Some 892 more refugees of 151 families returned home from Thakumbari refugee camp in Indian state of Tripura today, the fifth day of the ongoing repatriation, reports BSS.

With these, 4,109 tribal refugees of 698 families returned home since November 21 from Shilachhari and Thakumbari refugee camps.

Some 758 more tribal refugees of 150 families are scheduled to return home tomorrow, official sources said.

The repatriation is taking place smoothly under joint supervision of the leaders of the Tribal Refugees Welfare Association, Indian Authority and officials of Bangladesh government.

BCL, Shibir clash at RU: 35 injured

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 25: At least 35 people, including 10 policemen were injured during a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Jamaat backed Islamic Chhatra Shibir on Rajshahi university campus last night.

The clash followed a BCL procession brought out from the Shaheed Zohra Hall at 10:30 pm. The BCL was preparing for the annual conference of its Rajshahi University Unit.

scheduled to be held on November 27.

The Shibir activists brought out another procession simultaneously from same hall to counter the BCL procession. They chased the BCL activists and took control of the hall.

Soon after, the clash spread to six other dormitories of the university. The Shibir activists took control of the hallsousting the BCL activists by 1:30

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'Pak army has no political demands'

ISLAMABAD, Nov 25: The Pakistani army today slammed reports attributing power-sharing ambitions to it after its mediation calmed a constitutional crisis in the country, reports AFP.

The army is 'quite clear about the limits and responsibilities of its constitutional role,' said a statement issued by a spokesman of the military's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate.

"The army has no political demands and no power sharing requirements," the statement said.

The army stood 'cohesive, apolitical and determined to

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6 BWDB staff suspended

Six officials and employees of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), including two executive engineers, have been suspended on charges of corruption, reports BSS.

The action was taken for their alleged corruption in "flash gate supply in Netrokona water development division," said a BWDB press release yesterday.

Those who have been suspended are: Monojit Kumar Bagchi and Abdul Ghani, executive engineers, Shailendra Nath Saha, sub-visional engineer, AFMV Nurul Huda, accounts officer, Syed Akram Hossain, sub-assistant engineer, and Md Sohrabuddin, assistant accountant.

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