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Bandarban dist bill passed

From Page 1... Secretariat had received a total of 2,189 amendment notices on the Regional Council Bill, 78...

Referring to various articles of the Constitution, Ershad argued... Administrative unit means a district or other areas designated by law...

Stevadores go on work stoppage at Mongla Port

KHULNA, May 5: Loading and unloading of goods from 25 ships anchored at the Mongla Port came to a halt...

Meanwhile, a workers' rally, chaired by Khalibur Rahman, protested the decision of the stevedores' association...

Bangabandhu Hall provost resigns

Provost of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall of Dhaka University, Prof Abul Kalam Manzoor Morshed resigned yesterday.

Campus sources said he submitted his resignation letter to Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury at his office at 11.45 am.

When contacted, Prof Morshed told UNB that it became impossible for him to discharge his duty as the provost due to lack of congenial atmosphere in the Hall.

Prof Azad told journalists that he had requested the provost to change his decision. Prof Abul Kalam also worked with us at my office till 2 pm and I have a good communication with him.

Bangabandhu Hall, a stronghold of JCD, was captured by ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League on April 23, following a fierce clash between the two organisations...

Hartal today

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at a press conference at her official residence yesterday called upon the people of all walks of life to make the hartal an all-out success to protect the country's integrity and sovereignty.

Shazneen murder

Whether there was anyone to prompt Shahid in spinning the cooked up story... Following surrender to CM-PS Kotwali police, Shahid had said that he was kidnapped by a gang in a white van...

Bangladeshis among 65 held in Turkey

ANKARA, May 5: Turkish Gendarme soldiers on Monday captured 65 illegal immigrants who crossed into Turkey in the hope of fleeing to Europe...

The news agency said that the Turkish soldiers had taken into custody the illegal immigrants from northern Iraq, Bangladesh and Iran...

The illegal immigrants, who hired the truck, included five women and three children. They were planning to go to the neighbouring Greece, according to the agency.

Girl gangraped in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, May 5: A young girl was gangraped allegedly by three persons in the classroom of Chuknagar High School in Duniatia thana on Monday night.

Gulshan Lake

From Page 1 nothing to do with it. Rajuk Chairman Azizul Haque said that since 1996, Rajuk had not allotted a 'single plot' in the lake area...

Edn Minister

From Page 1 "It is expected that in any case, they will continue their work till there is an amicable solution or their resignations are accepted."

Khaleda concerned at resignation of BUET teachers

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has condemned the government for its 'illegal interference' in the BUET administration and demanded immediate solution to the crisis...

Hartal in Ctg passes off peacefully

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 5: The dawn-to-dusk hartal called by Islamic Chhatra Shibir in greater Chittagong today passed off peacefully.

Shibir called the hartal protesting last week's violence at Chittagong University and demanding expulsion of what it said 'outsiders' from the residential halls.

Barring sporadic blasts of cocktails, no major incident of violence was reported. Police arrested 10 persons from the city on charge of picketing.

UNB adds: Shibir today announced fresh programmes, including a rail-road blockade in Chittagong on May 11.

Trial of Tania rape case begins

Obaid Mather alias Mora, the accused in the Tania rape case, was produced before a special tribunal court that began the trial of the sensational case yesterday, reports UNB.

The hearing of charge in the case will resume on May 17. On March 10, six-year-old Tania was raped near a police control room on the first floor of the CMM Court building.

Old man beaten to death in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, May 5: An old man was beaten to death at Chhalitabunia bazar in Uzirpur thana of the district today.

BB succumbs to pressure?

From Page 1 Rahman wrote to the Bangladesh Bank Governor seeking the rescheduling. He referred to "our several discussions with Honourable Finance Minister and your good self".

Suspension of DSE member withdrawn

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday has withdrawn the temporary suspension on Dhaka Stock Exchange member Hemayet Uddin Ahmed, imposed four months earlier.

D-8 summit in last week of Nov

Four countries have confirmed their participation in the second D-8 (Developing Eight) Summit scheduled to be held in Dhaka in November, reports agencies.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday told newsmen that the date for the two-day meeting will be finalised once confirmation from all member countries is received.

The D-8 was launched in July last year in Ankara at the summit of eight Muslim countries. The group comprises Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The meeting was held in the city ahead of the summit. Earlier the Foreign Minister presided over a preparatory meeting for organising the summit.

CHT bills: Amendments

From Page 1 Treasury Bench in the parliament were also present at the briefing held at Sangsad Bhaban cafeteria.

Sengupta explained that the Rangamati local government bill was yet to be signed into an act by the President. He, however, could not confirm whether the legal lapses in the bill, if there are any, would be corrected before the President gives his assent to it or afterwards.

Another PCJSS leader, Rupayan Dewan, said, "Replacing the word 'and' with 'or' in the definition of non-tribal in the bill has made a word of change. This has violated the spirit of the peace accord."

AM College

From Page 1 Makul was arrested on Monday in connection with his involvement in a land dispute at Mymensingh town.

At Noon today, a group of BCL workers gheraoed the DC when he was coming to his office by his car, and demanded release of Rumi.

When police intervened to rescue the DC, the BCL activists pelted bricks at them. Police charged baton and looted tear gas shell to disperse the BCL activists.

Later, the BCL activists damaged vehicles in front of Zilla Parishad office and put up barricade on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway disrupting traffic for about two hours.

They also put up barricade on rail line near the college. Police also arrested four BCL activists in connection with today's clash.

PM intervened in BUET affairs

From Page 1 Expressing his surprise, Dr Malek said that he was under the impression that they had requested for a review of the Syndicate decision taken on April 27, Prof Mahmud added.

I then decided to resign. I felt I could not stand it any longer. On arrival at my office I discussed it with my senior colleagues and decided to send my resignation letter, though against their will. I then faxed my resignation letter at about noon the same day.

The said letter by the 13 teachers was sent to the education minister even before it was received by the VC, he noted. "I received the letter when the Syndicate meeting was about to begin."

Some of the Syndicate members who had earlier met the education minister insisted on discussing the new letter, although it was not on the agenda. The BUET teachers in the Syndicate, however, protested against the move.

"As the chairman I did allow the Syndicate meeting to discuss the letter. There was nothing new in the contents of that joint letter. It had only reiterated their earlier decision," he said.

The Syndicate unanimously decided that the new letter could not be considered as an application for review of the Syndicate's earlier decision taken on April 26, he added.

"The syndicate also decided to inform each of them individually that they would have no apply personally mentioning their prayer specifically for a review of the Syndicate's decision."

This particular act of the education minister trying to influence the non-teacher BUET Syndicate members just before the scheduled Syndicate meeting was the last straw on camels back, Prof Iqbal Mahmud said.

"Then again on May 4, at about 7:45 am Dr Malek, political advisor to the PM, called me over the telephone at my residence. He asked whether the case of the 13 teachers were jointly withdrawing their earlier resignation, Prof Mahmud recalled. "I waited for one month hoping against hope that they would rethink and follow the procedure laid down by the Syndicate. Then on April 26, after waiting one full month the Syndicate had to make distinction between the two who had complied with the Syndicate instruction and those who did not. Thus the resignation was accepted," he said.

Rehabilitation

From Page 1 The provosts of the concerned halls and the hall administration will conduct the rehabilitation process. Central leaders of all student organisations, Proctor and Assistant Proctor of the university and the members of law-enforcing agencies will be present at the time.

Khaleida: Rules violated

From Page 1 "I appeal to President Shahabuddin Ahmed. I hope you'll refrain from assenting to the (CHT) bills, proposed to national interest and being made hoodwinking the people, with the spirit you, as the then Chief Justice, showed in the case of eighth amendment to the Constitution," she said.

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According to a Bangladesh Bank circular, loans must not be rescheduled more than twice. Even if it is done for the third time to facilitate recovery, a senior central banker said referring to the circular, the loans will still be treated as classified.

All this reminds one of Mallick Exports, which did not exist at all, or almost non-existent Baghkhali Fisheries -- companies that gave birth to the story of issuing cheques worth 24.5 crore against a Tk 10,000 account.

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