

Dhaka signs land mine convention

Bangladesh has signed the Land Mine Convention at the UN headquarters in New York, reports UNB.

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Ambassador Anwarul Karim signed the convention on prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction on Thursday.

With this, Bangladesh has become the 126th signatory to the international treaty, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

The convention, after some years of negotiations known as "Ottawa Process," was finalised in Oslo on September 18, 1997 and opened for signature on December 3 in Ottawa.

Bangladesh government recently ratified the convention at a cabinet meeting.

Khaleda's token hunger strike on May 12

By Staff Correspondent

Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, along with her party lawmakers, will observe a day-long token hunger strike at the Paltan Maidan on May 12.

The hunger strike will be observed to press BNP's demand for repealing the "black accord" on Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and to protest what it called the government's failure to check price hike of essentials, unabated corruption, terrorism, deterioration of law and order, anarchy in educational institutions and problems in supply of gas, power and water.

A meeting of the BNP National Executive Committee yesterday urged people from all strata of life to express solidarity.

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3 CHT bodies reject Regional Council Bill passed in JS

A group of hill leaders have rejected the CHT Regional Council Bill 1998 passed in parliament on Wednesday and reiterated their demand for autonomy of the region, reports UNB.

Leaders of three hill organisations in a joint statement on Thursday said the bill and three other bills passed to amend the hill district council acts will bring no peace to the region.

The leaders are: General Secretary of Pahari Gano Parishad Prashit Bikash Khisha, General Secretary of Pahari Chhatra Parishad Dipayan Khisha and Chairperson of Hill Women's Federation Kabita Chakma.

There is no difference between the councils established in 1989 by the then autocratic ruler Ershad and the councils proposed in the recently passed bills. These will not be able to ensure the rights of the hill people," they said.

The hill leaders also threatened to go for vigorous movement if their demand was not met.

They criticised Janasanghati Samity for what they said its attitude of compromise and surrender to the government.

Gulshan Lake

Legal notice sent to PWD, Rajuk

By Staff Correspondent

Baridhara Residents Association sent a legal notice to the Public Works Department, Rajuk chairman and Directorate of Environment on May 6, demanding suspension of earth filling of Gulshan Lake and construction on its bank within seven days.

The association threatened to take legal action if the authorities failed to fulfil the demands, according to a press release.

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Standard of teaching at 3 major medical colleges 'extremely poor'

By Naimul Haq

Standard of teaching at three leading government medical colleges was found to be extremely poor during a quality assessment of teaching and learning in medical colleges in the country, said a reviewer from the UK.

"In terms of teaching, the lecture sessions I attended at Dhaka Medical College, Chittagong Medical College and Rangpur Medical College were found to be very poor," said Prof Charles Bryce of Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland, while giving his views to The Daily Star.

A teams of four external reviewers and a review secretary visited Dhaka, Chittagong and Rangpur medical colleges from April 19 to 30 and met members of the teaching staff and the students. The reviewers observed formal teaching sessions and analysed course documents for the quality assessment.

"During our assessment we focused on four main areas: curriculum and student guidance, teaching and assessment, environment and resources and

lastly, standards of quality control," Prof Bryce said.

Following a critical analysis, a draft report was produced giving grades to each of the three medical colleges, he said. However to ensure that any deficiencies in the teaching provisions have been remedied, the colleges concerned would undergo a series of follow-up visits.

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One killed, 20 hurt at CU during Shibir attack

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 8: An admission seeker was killed and 20 people including four police personnel were injured at Chittagong University during a gunfight on Wednesday night, police and campus sources said.

The dead was identified as Ayub Ali, 19. The injured are being treated in private clinics.

The violence erupted Wednesday when armed Shibir cadres in several groups launched a fresh attack to recapture three halls at about 9 pm, police said.

During the attack, the Shibir cadres opened indiscriminate fire at the halls which turned into a gunbattle with police, lasting for about two hours, police and campus sources said.

In the face of strong police resistance, the Shibir cadres retreated at about 11 pm, the sources added.

Later police recovered the bullet-ridden body of Ayub Ali from behind Shah Amanat Hall.

Police could not confirm whether Ayub was killed in crossfire or by the Shibir cadres.

Campus source, however, said Ayub was dragged out from a room of Shah Amanat Hall and was gunned down allegedly by the attackers.

Ayub, who hailed from Patuakhali, was staying with another student of the university

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JCD activists' rehabilitation at DU halls begins

By DU Correspondent

About 100 activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), who were ousted from four halls of Dhaka University, were rehabilitated in their respective dormitories on Thursday, ending a fortnight-long stalemate that virtually paralysed the university.

The JCD activists were ousted from the halls by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on April 23 following a gunbattle between them which left one BCL leader killed.

The university authorities, after a series of discussion with the feuding student organisations, reached a settlement for

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'Joint resignation not aimed at quitting jobs'

By Staff Correspondent

The 13 teachers of Architecture Department of BUET, whose resignations were accepted by the Syndicate, felt that their reinstatement in jobs would help solve the crisis at the university, a spokesman of the teachers said yesterday.

Best sources close to the Syndicate said that those teachers would have to follow the legal procedure in this regard.

A decision of the Syndicate on the 13 teachers, taken on May 3 and sent to each of them individually said, "You may personally apply to the Syndicate through separate letters (not joint), regarding reconsideration of Syndicate's decision of 26.4.98 on withdrawal of your resignation."

Some of the teachers from the group of 13, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, said that they needed assurance from the BUET Syndicate regarding their reinstatement.

The BUET may face six months' session jam if the current deadlock is not ended during the five-day mid-term break for the students beginning from Sunday, according to official sources in the BUET.

"There has been no progress towards a solution of the deadlock," Prof Razzak Akand, President of the BUET Teachers Association told The Daily Star last night. "We will start our efforts to end the crisis when the university reopens on Sunday," he said.

Crisis in the university began with the Syndicate's acceptance of resignation of 13 teachers' of Architecture Department on April 26 last.

Pressure from the high authorities to reverse the decision led to the resignation of Prof Iqbal Mahmud from the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University on May 4, followed by resignation of 71 teachers from

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Teenage boy stabbed to death: 3 held

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage boy was stabbed to death by a gang of local hoodlums at Shambazar under Shrutapur thana in the city Thursday afternoon.

Police identified the dead as Zahurul Islam, 17, son of Abdul Rauf Mia, a resident of Baraitola under Keraniganj thana.

After preliminary investigation, police said Zahurul was killed due to previous enmity with the gang.

A gang of about ten local hoodlums led by one Sagar, started beating Zahurul in front of a grocery shop at Shambazar vegetable market at about 4 pm, police said.

At one stage, Sagar stabbed Zahurul in his back and fled the scene with his gang, police added.

Zahurul was rushed to nearby National Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead, according to police.

Police arrested Nuru, Babu, and Noor Hossain in connection with the killing on Thursday night. Shrutapur police produced the three before the CMM's Court yesterday seeking seven day's remand.

The body of Zahurul was handed over to his family yesterday after autopsy at DMCH.

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Accused Hasan was produced before the CMM's court yesterday where he was placed on two days' remand. Photo shows Hasan trying to avoid journalists and photographers outside the CID office after returning from court. —Star photo

Shazneen murder

Shahid's new disclosure

By Staff Correspondent

Shahid, the prime suspect in the Shazneen murder case, was placed on further CID remand for five days on Thursday while contractor Hasan and two others were again placed on a two-day remand yesterday.

CID officials said the four accused persons were placed on remand for further investigation into the case and determining whether there were one or more abettor(s) with Shahid in killing Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, in their Gulshan residence on April 23.

Meanwhile, bail prayers were moved for the three accused when they were produced before the CMM's court yesterday.

Advocate Chowdhury Sanawar Ali revealed while arguing for the bail that Hasan was the relative of an influential minister in the present government. He however, added that his client was not using this connection because he wanted a fair trial. He did not mention the name of the cabinet minister who was supposedly the relation of accused Hasan. However, the court rejected that bail prayers and granted a two-day remand.

Meanwhile CID sources said that in a major change in accused Shahid's statement he told investigators yesterday that contractor Hasan was the man behind the plot to murder Shazneen. He said that on several occasions over the last few months, Hasan had been approaching him to commit the crime with the offer of a large sum of money.

He said Hasan had first approached him before Eid holidays in April saying that if he (Shahid) did as he was told "You will never have to work again."

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Vajpayee for trade routes between NE states, neighbours

NEW DELHI, MAY 8: Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee today suggested reopening of traditional trade routes between India's north-eastern states and the neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting of the chief ministers of north-eastern states and Sikkim, the Prime Minister said the BJP-led coalition government would initiate necessary steps including examining afresh the possibilities of reopening of direct communication and trade link with the neighbouring countries.

The meeting discussed issues relating to economic development of the north-eastern region of India.

Emphasising the need for reopening of trade routes along

the north-eastern borders, Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Jaswant Singh said that the nearest port from Agartala via neighbouring Bangladesh covered only 70 km while the same route via Calcutta was 1700 km.

Speaking at the meeting, Home Minister L K Advani said the continuing disturbed situation especially in the states of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura is a cause of serious concern.

Advani stressed the need for modernising police forces in those states, saying, "Our experience of fighting insurgency in Punjab and Kashmir has shown that insurgency can be tackled effectively only when the state police function effectively."

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Oil & gas block bidding Go-slow, review of PSC profitability suggested

Star Report

The government should be cautious with the second round block bidding for oil and gas exploration and it should not award all the block to foreign companies in one go, experts and officials of Petrobangla observe at a brain storming session at Wednesday.

They suggested a go-slow in block bidding and review of the profitability of the existing production sharing contracts (PSCs), with four foreign companies.

Sources said that the Petrobangla authorities for the first time held such session in line with the "cautious policy" announced by the Prime Minister regarding the much-debated block bidding. Chairman of Petrobangla Mosharraf Hossain moderated.

The Chairman invited experts and officials of different divisions of Petrobangla and BAPEX to discuss whether the government should award all the block in one go. If not, how the country is going to face the future gas crisis.

This session was held in view of press reports and public

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'No secret mission' I am in Dhaka at invitation of an NGO, says Pak minister

A Pakistani minister yesterday refuted the allegation that he is in the city on a "secret mission," saying that he has come to Dhaka at the invitation of an NGO to distribute relief among the stranded Pakistanis, reports UNB.

The controversy over his trip arose following a press report that Dr Mohammad Farooq Sattar, Minister for Local Government of the Sindh Province of Pakistan, arrived Dhaka on Wednesday on a "secret mission" and was staying at a guest house in Gulshan.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the evening, Dr Sattar said he is here at invitation of the Middle-East based NGO, Mohibban-E-Pakistan Overseas, to carry out relief operation in all the 66 camps of the stranded Pakistanis.

The Sindh minister said a four-member delegation comprising himself, Tariq Jawad MNA, Khalid Bin Walid, MPA (Sindh) and Rouf Siddiqui, Chief organiser of Mohibban-E-Pakistan, is carrying out the

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80 acres of forest damaged beyond regeneration

Magurchhara explosion

By Shehab Ahmed

At least 80 acres of forest in Srimangal were damaged beyond regeneration when fire gutted the reserved forest following the explosion at Magurchhara gasfield where Occidental oil company had been drilling in June last year.

An unspecified number of mammals, reptiles and birds perished in the fire. Those who could flee the inferno failed to escape from the clutches of poachers, a preliminary survey found.

An estimate by the Forest and Environment Ministry put the loss at Tk 176 crore. But the figure may go up when the total damage to environment and wildlife is assessed, officials said.

Shortly after the fire, the ministry formed a committee headed by a joint secretary and comprising forest officials, an official from Petrobangla and two representatives each from

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Trees around Magurchhara gasfield are now dying. —Star photo