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# Views of judges to be sought on changes in CPC

**By Staff Correspondent**

The parliamentary standing committee on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry will seek views of representatives of higher level of the judiciary shortly regarding the proposed amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

For the second consecutive day yesterday, the committee heard views of representatives of various bar associations in the country. Leaders of bar associations in Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions supported the move to amend the CPC while giving their views before the committee, headed by Suranjit Sengupta.

On Tuesday, bar associations in Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions gave similar views before the committee that sat at Committee Room 1 of the Sangsad Bhawan.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khasru piloted the proposed bill - Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1997 - last year to lessen the burden of 26,000 revision cases now lying with the High Court Division.

## SAARC summit

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The Colombo SAARC summit was originally scheduled to be held from July 20 to 22.

"Our Foreign Minister Lakhman Kadirgamar would be able to announce the new dates officially after final confirmation was received from all countries," he added.

According to the SAARC charter, all members have to give their consent to policy decisions, including summit dates.

The Sri Lankan High Commissioner expressed the hope that the forthcoming SAARC summit would contribute to "relaxing the atmosphere" in the Subcontinent and enable member-states to carry forward its agenda for greater economic cooperation.

S B Autogoda said Sri Lanka had excellent relations with all the SAARC states. His country was particularly happy that it was given the opportunity to host the 10th summit after Nepal and Pakistan agreed to pass over the important occasion to Sri Lanka.

The ninth SAARC summit was held in Male, capital of the Maldives, from May 12 to 14 last year.

According to the revised proposal, the three-day summit will be preceded by a one-day meeting of the foreign secretaries on July 6, followed by a two-day meeting of the foreign ministers.

# PM: Long march

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by giving arms to youths if they are frustrated due to unemployment," she said.

In this regard, Hasina mentioned her government's various programmes including a Tk 360 crore ideal village project, pension scheme for elderly people and a Tk 125 crore project for employment of rural youths.

She urged the people to make these programmes a success and said the government is also determined to remove illiteracy from the country by the year 2006.

About Bangabandhu Bridge to be opened on June 23, she said a long cherished dream and demand of the northern region will be realised.

"After inauguration of the bridge, sad days of people of northern region will come to an end, the region will be financially self-reliant," the Prime Minister said amidst thunderous applause.

She said: We have also solved Ganges water sharing is-

# Ensure security of female & child patients in hospitals: SNS

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilita Nari Samaj (SNS) has demanded of the Health Ministry to take immediate steps to ensure security of female and child patients and their attendants at hospitals and clinics in the country.

It expressed deep concern at the 'state of insecurity' at clinics and hospitals.

SNS, in a press release yesterday, mentioned that attendant of a child patient came under attack by a goon at Mitford Hospital on May 23 and it lodged a protest with the hospital authorities, identifying the attacker as Bilu, son of a class four employee at the hospital.

On May 25, SNS conducted a probe into affairs at the hospital and found that terrorist activities, toll collection and drug use were rampant there as the hospital had become a hostage to class four employees, the press release said.

SNS said that after its protest a guard was posted at the entrance of the building housing the mother and child ward but it was not sufficient to ensure security of all female and child patients and their attendants.

## Young man slaughtered in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, May 27: An unidentified gang slaughtered a young man and threw the body into a canal at Shahidnagar area of the town last night, police said.

Sadar thana police recovered the body of Chan Mia, 24, from the canal with deep cuts on his throat and his hands and legs tied.

Quoting the FIR, police said, a group of armed youths called Chan Mia out of the house of one Mohammad Ali at Shahidnagar where he went from his Kashiur residence at about 9 pm on Tuesday. The youths then took Chan Mia, son of Abdul Monnaf of Kashiur in Fatullah thana, to a nearby canal from where police recovered his body.

## DU students demand No exams during World Cup finals

Several hundred students of Dhaka University took part in a procession on the campus, urging the authorities to shift the dates of examinations that clash with the World Cup finals, reports BSS.

The students chanted slogans - "Defer exams.... We want to watch World Cup football."

The university officials, however, said it is unlikely that the authorities would give in to the demand of the students.

## Calculator

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public examinations or any paper giving false impression regarding the questions set for the examinations will be punishable for a minimum of three years and a maximum of 10 years in jail" said a press release issued on behalf of the five education boards yesterday.

"Non-programmable Scientific Calculator Model Casio FX-100 and their equivalent scientific calculator will be allowed for use during the examination. Programmable Scientific Calculator and scientific calculator above the prescribed model, however, will not be allowed," the release added.

Meanwhile, sources in the Education Ministry told The Daily Star that they have sent a circular to all the deputy commissioners asking them to deploy necessary police force at the examination centres in their respective districts. They have been asked to deploy even paramilitary forces whenever necessary.

# THE VANISHING CITY PARKS



We have already published pictures of two parks (on Tuesday and Wednesday) which have already 'vanished'. Today we publish the picture of the third. The above photograph is of the once flourishing Children's Park near Hardeo Glass Factory at Hatkhola. The picture shows that a Community Centre is being built there. So out of 32 city parks, we have shown that three have already 'vanished'. Follow our picture story to learn about the fate of the others.

— Star photo by Amran Hossain

## Govt gagging press: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday accused the ruling party of gagging the press and repressing the journalists and said this party did the same when it was in power after independence, reports UNB.

The opposition leader was speaking at the opening session of the 9th biennial council of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) at the National Press Club in the morning.

Begum Zia said the post-liberation government had closed down all newspapers except four state-owned dailies. Many journalists became jobless and homeless during that regime.

And the present government is also resorting to suppression of the press freedom, she alleged.

She said the government had closed down four national publications including The Times, Dainik Bangla and Bichitra overnight last year.

Begum Zia alleged that the government with the help of police had evicted the employees of those publications who were on strike at their offices to press for payment of their dues.

The former prime minister alleged that the government advertisements are not being given to those newspapers which hold different opinion. The government also does not allow these papers to reach Bangladesh missions abroad.

Presided over by BFUJ president Amanullah Kabir, the meeting was also addressed by BFUJ general secretary Zahurul Huq, DUJ president Abu Saleh, A R Mohammed, Abu Taiyab, Mir Sajjad Ali Santosh and Anwarul Kabir Nannu.

## Home Ministry

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The proposal is now awaiting final approval of the Finance and Establishment ministries, the sources said.

An official of the Home Ministry said the squad will begin its operation by the first week of July this year.

# Corruption in leasing out land

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spontaneous came across rows of roofless houses. Men and women told this correspondent that on May 11, a day after the official handover, more than 1,000 *lathials* attacked their village and damaged houses and beat them. They said the *lathials* unleashed terror in the presence of about 50 policemen, standing nearby. They alleged that the *lathials* were sent by one Moni Thakur and a former MP, Mansur Ahmed.

"We have been living here for more than three years and paying taxes," said Munira Khatun, a mother of five. She said since the attack, she had been living with her relatives elsewhere.

The alleged attack by *lathials* caused a strikingly similar damage to each of the 100 dwellings at Jhayanari. The leaf-made four-part roof of every house was carefully cut off from the joints. Other than the fallen roofs lying against clay-made structures, the area did not bear any trace of the alleged atrocity. The village which grew by an embankment was almost devoid of children - an unusual scene in this context. The women said the children were at school at the time. The only

## Workers gherao Ctg Port bldg

CHITTAGONG, May 27: Administrative works at the Chittagong Port remained suspended for two hours today (Wednesday) as the workers gherao the Port Building, reports UNB.

Port Sramik-Karmachari Federation observed the gherao programme from 10 am protesting the reported move to privatise the port. They also demanded incentive bonus.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the Chittagong Port Authority chairman, urging him to accept their 6-point demand by June 6.

## One arrested on charge of killing industrialist Babul

A man arrested on charge of murdering industrialist Obaidul Huq Babul, 45, gave confessional statement to the police yesterday, reports UNB.

Saidul, 28, was nabbed by the Detective Branch from Gabtali Bus Terminal Tuesday afternoon, said a DMP press release.

Babul was killed on October 13 in 1996 at Mirpur in the city. The arrested man in his statement to the court disclosed the names of others involved in the murder. They include Jasad Babu and Shah who, he said, were the main plotters of the killing.

Earlier, police arrested six people including Ilias Khan, Farid, Golam Kibria Tipu in this connection. Ilias and Farid also gave statements confessing their involvement.

## Murder of Ansar member: 7 held

Police arrested seven people from different parts of Dhaka and Munshiganj districts in connection with the killing of a member of Ansar at Sutrapur in the city on May 23, reports UNB.

Two of the arrested confessed to the magistrate that they were involved in the killing of the Ansar man, Selim Mia, 30.

## BNP programmes to observe Zia's death anniversary begin today

The four-day programme of BNP to observe the 17th death anniversary of the party founder, president Ziaur Rahman, begins today, reports UNB.

A discussion meeting on the life and works of Ziaur Rahman will be held at Ramna Batamul today while a mourning procession will be brought out from the party central office at 4 pm tomorrow.

The programmes also include hoisting of black flag atop the party offices, and feteha, Qurankhwan and milad mahfil at the mazar of Ziaur Rahman at 9 am.

## Safe Motherhood Day today

Safe Motherhood Day will be observed throughout the country today, reports UNB.

The day will be observed in the country for the second time with a commitment of building social responsibility towards ensuring safe motherhood and child birth.

## Clinton

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region following India's nuclear tests would not affect the US President's planned trip to Bangladesh.

Clinton is also due to visit India and Pakistan in November as part of his tour of South Asia.

He may start his South Asian trip from Bangladesh.

## BUETTA

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indefinite strike since May 5, following resignation of Prof Iqbal Mahmud from the post of Vice-Chancellor and 71 other teachers from their administrative posts.

Prof Iqbal Mahmud, had resigned from his post on May 4, protesting interference from higher authorities in the university affairs.

# Share of Ganges water

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Ganges water.

Authorities in Dhaka had brought this to the notice of those in New Delhi and both sides agreed to look into the causes. Later, the then Water Resources Minister of India Sis Ram Ola had said at the Dhaka meeting of the JRC in July last that the two countries would set up a scientific committee to identify the reasons for the shortfall in the flow of water. The Indian minister had also assured that "there would be no problem in future."

Although the content of the report of the scientific committee is not known, it was told by the Indian side earlier that last year's shortfall was due to 'technical reasons' and 'natural causes' including scanty rainfall in the upper reaches of the Ganges.

The experts, however, feel that Bangladesh cannot be solely dependent on the 'whims of nature' and that the joint scientific committee should identify and remove the impediments in the upper reaches of the Ganges in the Indian side to ensure the stipulated supply of water as per the agreement to

enable Bangladesh to take up long term water management strategy.

Engineers and technicians of both the countries have been jointly monitoring the water levels of the Ganges at three points at Farakka and at one point at the Hardinge bridge since January 1. The monitoring will continue till May 31. The water sharing accord provides for monitoring of the water levels for the five dry months.

Four Bangladeshi monitors are overseeing data in the Farakka feeder canal, the navigation lock and below the barrage.

A water ministry official said, unlike in the past, Bangladeshi monitors this time have free access to all the operations. At the last JRC meeting, "the two sides agreed to maintain transparency in implementation of the treaty both at Farakka and at the Hardinge bridge," the official said.

The data available at the Farakka points is being sent to Dhaka through the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta, he said.

## Advani

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keep the borders between the two friendly countries "free from any tension and instability."

Referring to smuggling and illegal entrants, Advani said these are minor problems which could be easily resolved given the bonds of friendship and political will that exists on both sides.

The BDR DG called for early ratification of the 1974 Indira-Mujib agreement which is crucial to sustainable peace along the Indo-Bangladesh borders.

Requesting the Indian government to ratify the agreement as soon as possible, he said that Bangladesh ratified the agreement in 1974 the year it was signed.

## HSC exams

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(Alim, Fazil and Kamil examinations).

An official of the Education Ministry said the administration has taken strict security measures for smooth holding of the examinations across the country. Vigilance teams have been formed for all the examination centres to ensure security and check adoption of unfair means.

A report from Jamalpur said some 468 candidates of Islampur College who have not received admit cards yesterday demonstrated in front of TNO's office.

Another report from Jessore said about three hundred students were yet to receive admit cards.

CHEHLUM

The Chehlum of Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, daughter of Mr. Latifur Rahman and Mrs. Shahnaz Rahman will be observed on Friday, 29th May 1998.

A Milad Mehfil will be held after ASR PRAYERS at their residence at House No. NE (J)-4, Road No. 83, Gulshan-2. Relatives, friends, well-wishers are requested to attend the Milad and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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