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Indo-Pak tension over N-tests: Hasina willing to meet Sharif, Vajpayee

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is willing to visit New Delhi and Islamabad at the earliest opportunity to meet her counterparts there to discuss the situation arising out of the nuclear tests, reports BSS.

In separate letters to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the Bangladesh leader said, "Personally I would be happy to visit your great country at an early date to discuss the situation arising out of nuclear tests and all issues of mutual concern."

The letter was handed over to high commissioners of India and Pakistan who were separately called in the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

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DU to raise tuition fees after 30 yrs

The authorities of Dhaka University are planning to increase tuition fees of students after a period of 30 years, highly placed official sources told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to raise tuition fees will be implemented during admission of students in July this year.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof A K Azad Chowdhury when contacted confirmed it and said that the decision was taken at a meeting of the university authorities.

"The increase in tuition fees, dormitory charges and other fees aimed at providing better educational facilities to the students," he added.

"As per the proposal, the tuition fee will be raised to Tk 25 from Tk 10 now and the dormitory charge to Tk 15 from Tk 8 per month," a source said.

The decision to raise the fees was taken at a recent meeting of the Vice-Chancellor and pro Vice-Chancellor with deans of faculties and provosts of halls, the sources said. It will be taken up in the Syndicate meeting shortly, the sources added.

The university will generate funds of about Tk one crore by increasing the fees. The increase in fees will be matched by increasing scholarships for students.

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Trader shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

A garments trader was gunned down by a gang of assailants at Tejgunipara in city's Tejgaon area yesterday morning.

Police and hospital sources identified the dead as Syed Sadekur Rahman, 35. A resident of Tejgunipara, he was also a security officer of a garments factory. Police could not ascertain the motive behind the killing immediately.

Police said a gang of about three unidentified gunmen attacked Sadek in Tejgunipara at about 8:30 pm.

The assailants shot Sadek three times from a point-blank range and escaped from the scene. Sadek, father of a two-year-old child, received three bullets in his head, abdomen and in his back.

Sadek was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

None, however, was arrested.

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Relatives waiting for Sadek (inset) who was shot dead at Tejgaon in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Writ challenging CHT Regional Council Act '98

By SC Correspondent

A writ petition challenging the Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council Act, 1998 and the three Hill Districts Local Government Amendment Acts, 1998, was filed with High Court yesterday.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, a BNP central leader presented the writ petition on behalf of the petitioner for hearing in the division bench of the HC comprising Justice AM Mahmudur Rahman and Justice Md Mozammel Hossain.

The Division bench asked Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia to move the writ petition today.

One Aung Yong Mung of Roma thana under Bandarban district filed the writ petition as the petitioner.

It was prayed in the writ petition to issue a rule nisi upon the government and others to see Page 12 Col 3

Steps taken to strengthen local govt bodies : PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has taken steps to strengthen the local government bodies to ensure a better life for the rural people, reports UNB.

"Villages are the life force of the nation and government has taken all possible steps for the development of rural areas by strengthening the local government system," she said.

The Prime Minister was addressing the elected chairmen and members of Union Parishad at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city.

Several thousand Union Parishad chairmen and members, including women, attended the conference.

Hasina said the government has decided to make the Union Parishads more effective and take steps to increase the economic power of the councils.

She said the Union Parishads are already working as the administrative unit and the chairmen and members will have to exercise their right with more skill and efficiency.

In this regard, she mentioned that the government has taken a programme with the help of UNDP to impart training to the UP members and chairmen.

The Prime Minister said the government has already increased the number of projects to be implemented by the Union Parishads. Now it will implement eight projects, instead of five. And the project money has been increased from Tk 10,000 to Tk 25,000 for each.

"You will have to be on the alert against corruption during the implementation of these projects," she told the UP chairmen and members.

Steps have also been taken to increase the sources of income.

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Shazneen murder CID likely to interrogate Badal again

By Staff Correspondent

The CID is likely to take supervisor Badal into custody in a couple of days for further interrogation in connection with the Shazneen murder in Gulshan on April 23.

Badal was placed on a fresh two-day remand on Sunday. One of the six accused in the killing, he was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail from CID custody last week.

Besides, CID is likely to produce carpenter Shoni Ram before the CMM's court today. The investigators may pray for further remand for interrogating the carpenter.

Meanwhile, the CID was interrogating contractor Hasan who allegedly offered money to the five others for committing the crime.

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Political cases A little more time needed: Home Minister

By Staff Correspondent

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam said yesterday that it would take his ministry a little more time to reach a decision regarding withdrawal of political cases against leaders and workers of the main opposition BNP.

Responding to a newsman's query with reference to a report published in The Daily Star yesterday, the minister said, "It is taking time to scrutinize the cases as the list provided by BNP did not mention the contents of cases and names of police stations concerned specifically."

Rafiqul Islam was exchanging views with members of the Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (OCAAB) in the city yesterday.

The Daily Star reported on See Page 12 Col 7

Home Minister says Govt won't use force to stop BNP 'long march'

By Staff Correspondent

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam yesterday said police force will not be used to stop the BNP planned 'long march' towards the Chittagong Hill Tracts on June 9.

"This (long march) is a political programme and it will be faced politically. Home Ministry has nothing to do with it," the minister told a questioner during an exchange of views with members of the Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (OCAAB) at the Liberation War Museum in the city.

Rafiqul Islam said the he had talks with local administrations and political leaders in the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban. "I got the impression that people living in the hills want peace". He, however, acknowledged presence of 'splinter groups' having interests in drug, toll collection and arms trading who do not want peace.

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Nayeema Haider made Assistant AG

Begum Nayeema Haider, an advocate of the Supreme Court, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General, an official order said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Land grabbing in Uttara—III

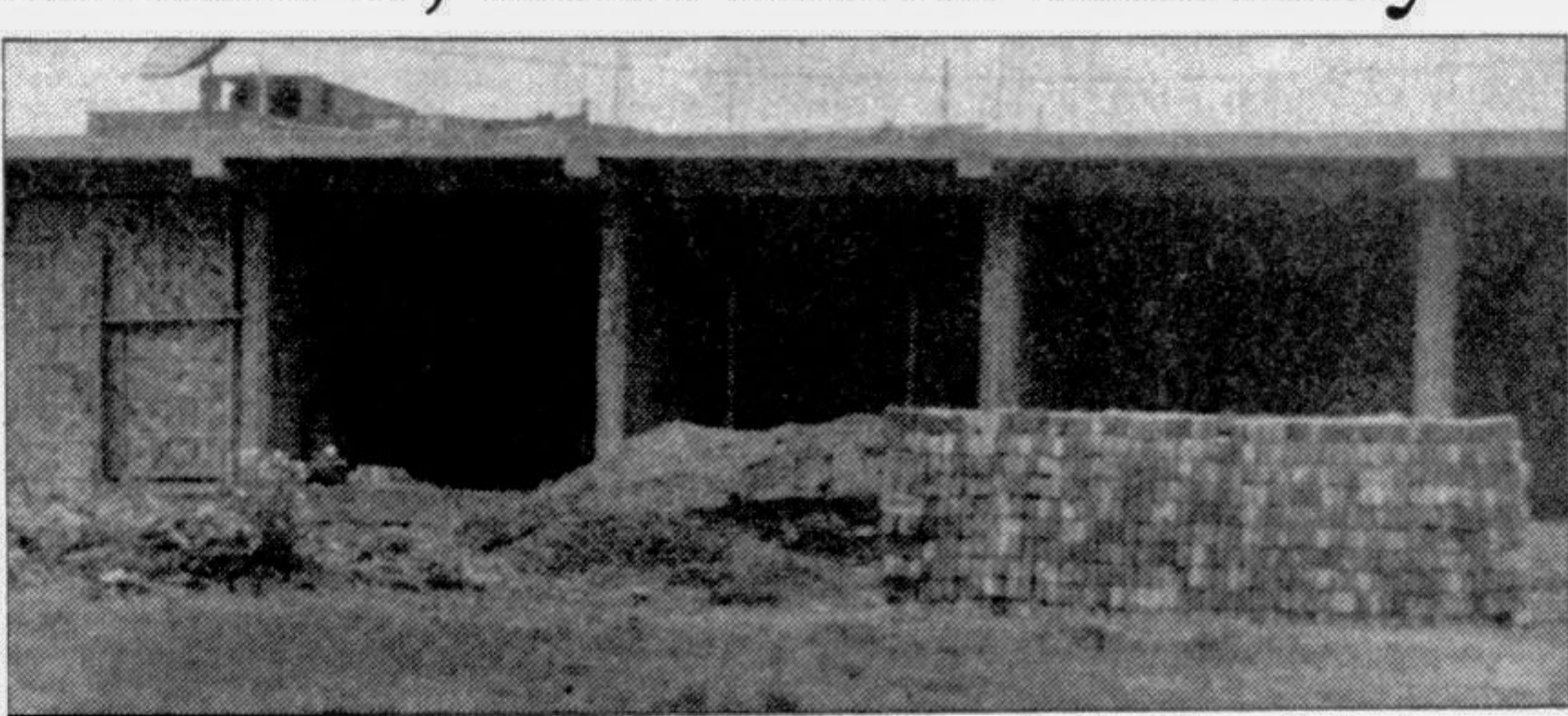
Rajuk 'extracted' 31 plots from original plan in Sector 5, sold those 'secretly'

By Morshed Ali Khan

At least 31 plots in Uttara Sector-5 have "disappeared" from the original plan of Rajuk and local residents alleged that a section of influential individuals and organisations have 'taken over those'.

The "disappeared" plots are at several roads of the housing project where Rajuk started allocation in 1976. An investigation reveals that there are four such plots at Road 7A, eight at 6A, ten at 5A, three at 4A, three at 9C and three plots at Road 9D. Local people alleged that these plots were given out secretly violating the provisions of the original plan.

The Uttara Sector-5 Kalyan Samity members, showing the original plan, said Rajuk has See Page 12 Col 1



Shops being constructed at a site earmarked for a primary school at Uttara Sector-5. — Star photo

Brojen Das dead

World famous Bangladeshi swimmer Brojen Das died at a clinic in Calcutta yesterday morning. He was 71, reports UNB.

Brojen Das was undergoing treatment at the clinic for nearly one and half months. He was suffering from Leukaemia and also had a bypass surgery few years ago.

His body is expected to arrive in the city either this afternoon or on Wednesday morning, said General Secretary of Bangladesh Swimming Federation Mosharrar Hossain Khan.

Chief of the Naval Staff and BSF President Rear Admiral M Nurul Islam will receive the body at the airport. Later, his body will be kept at Mirpur National Swimming Complex and National Sports Council premises.

Brojen Das, who crossed the English Channel six times, was the first Asian swimmer to cross it in 1958.

His name was enlisted in the Guinness Book of Records in See Page 12 Col 1



Indonesia to probe wealth of Suharto

JAKARTA, June 1: Indonesia said today that the Attorney General's Office would hold an investigation into the wealth amassed by former President Suharto during his 32 years in power, reports Reuter.

Attorney General Sudjono Atmonegoro told a news conference that his department had assigned an official to investigate the former president's riches and his wealthy charity foundations but said he did not expect a quick result.

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100 non-govt pry teachers on hunger strike

By Special Correspondent

At least six teachers fell sick and four of them were hospitalised when nearly 100 teachers of non-government primary schools yesterday began a fast unto death at Osmany Uddyan in the city to press their demand for nationalisation of the schools.

Earlier, the teachers retreated to Osmany Uddyan at about mid-night Sunday from the VIP road near Sonargaon hotel, where they staged a sit-in since early afternoon.

Some of the teachers wore white shrouds to dramatise their protest.

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Rubi murder case Gatekeeper confesses his involvement

By Staff Correspondent

Emdad, one of the gatekeepers of the building where Rubi lived, gave a judicial statement yesterday confessing his involvement in the killing of the housewife as Samad promised to give him money.

Emdad was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at about 1 pm yesterday, our court correspondent reported.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdus Samad Mia took about four hours to record the statement of Emdad under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Later, Emdad was sent to Dhaka Central Jail.

Female UP members should have specific job, power, jurisdiction

By Nurul Kabir

These views were expressed by many female members at the Dhaka Divisional UP Chairmen and Members Convention held in the capital yesterday. Female UP members were directly elected by people for the first time in the country in December last year.

Jahanara Begum, a member of the Char Aulia Union Parishad in Raipura thana under Narsingdi district, said that a female member was voted by an electorate three times larger than that of a male member.

"Besides, we had to spend more money than our male counterparts in the elections. But they, instead of showing due honour, always ignore us, both in policy making and implementing decisions."

Jahanara also complained that the female members did See Page 12 Col 3

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২। এমতাবস্থায়, সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে আগামী ৩০-৬-৯৮-ইং তারিখের মধ্যে বকেয়াসহ হাল সনের সমুদয় কর একত্রে পরিশোধ করিয়া বকেয়া করের উপর আরোপিত সমস্ত সারচার্জ মওকুফের সুযোগ গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। সারচার্জ মওকুফের এই সুযোগ সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত হোল্ডিংসহ সকল ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য।

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