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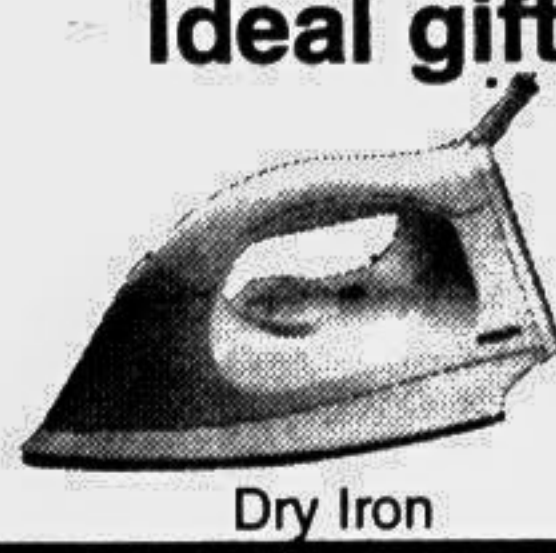
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Khaleda warns against any govt bid to foil long march

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday warned the government of a serious consequence if any obstacle is created to the June 9 Long March towards Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports UNB.

She said the long march, intended to make the nation aware of the perils of CHT accord, will be peaceful.

Begum Zia was addressing the conference '98 of the Dhaka City unit of Jatiyatabadi Schashchabak Dal at the Engineers' Institution in the afternoon.

She said by signing the CHT accord the government has virtually handed over one-tenth of the country's territory to the terrorists who had waged a bush war.

Issuing a stern warning, Begum Zia said the entire movement will be directed against the government if it tries to prevent the long march.

The Opposition leader said BNP had no alternative to the arduous course to protect the

nation. Begum Zia told the party workers that anti-government agitation will continue after the Long March. She asked them to mobilise mass support against the 'undemocratic and fascist government.'

Appealing all to join the long march, Begum Zia said, 'It is aimed at protecting the motherland.'

'We shall march on to Khagrachari to express our solidarity with the people and demand a fresh accord which will be acceptable to all.'

Begum Zia said, 'We also want peace and were in favour of an accord which would protect country's integrity and sovereignty.'

Referring to the hunger strike by the non-government primary school teachers, Begum Zia said when the teachers were in movement during BNP regime, the present ruling party encouraged them and committed to resolve all their problems. But now the government retreated from its pledge.

She accused the government of taking Tk 4,000 crore loan from banks. The people will have to bear the burden of this debt.

The conference was presided over by Akhtaruzzaman, President of Dhaka City unit of Sechchshabak Dal.

BNP guidelines

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Barisal districts and from Dhaka division have been asked to report to the reception committee before the start of the march.

Party chief Begum Khaleda Zia will address the marchers at the Paltan Maidan before they start the march boarding cars, buses and minibuses.

Party leaders and workers in Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narasingdi, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Comilla, Feni, Noakhali and Laxmipur have been asked to join the marchers at their respective places.

The partymen will arrange receptions for the marchers and provide first-aid and other facilities at different points on way to the CHT. Local units of the party have been directed to keep vigil for smooth passage of the marchers through their respective areas.

After a night halt on June 9 in Chittagong city, the marchers will start for Khagrachari from the outer stadium at 8 am in the morning.

They will reach Khagrachari by noon. The long march will be concluded after Begum Zia addresses a public meeting there.

Party leaders who have cars have been asked to use those for the long march. The party's thana and district units have been directed to manage as many vehicles as they can for the purpose.

The marchers have been asked to carry dry food, drinking water and other necessary things. During the June 9-10 long march, demonstrations will also be organised at all the thanas and districts.

CHT accord poses threat to interests of illegal arms, drug dealers: PM

BANDARBAN, June 3: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said only the illegal arms and drug dealers can oppose the CHT peace agreement and laws that posed a threat to their interest, reports UNB.

She said it is beyond her realisation as to why long march has been called against CHT accord and laws that 'can only anger arms smugglers and drug traffickers,' she told a public meeting at Rajbari Maidan here.

Hasina said people heaved a sigh of relief both at home and abroad after the historic accord was signed.

The hill region, including Bandarban, will be developed as special tourist zone, she added.

Hasina thanked the local people for their help in establishing peace in the region.

The meeting was also addressed by Environment and Forest Minister Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Awami League Presidium Member Amir Hosain Amu and Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury. AL district unit president Prasanta Kanti Tangchanga presided.

Earlier, addressing development coordination meeting at the local circuit house, the Prime Minister asked the officials to identify the problems of the region for taking proper and specific steps.

Dacoity at a house in Keraniganj

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of dacoits looted Tk 30 thousand and valuables worth about Tk 60 thousand from a house in village Bhawal Monoharia under Keraniganj thana in the early hours of yesterday.

Equipped with pipegun and sharp weapons, the gang of 15 to 20 robbers swooped on the house of Md. Nur Rahman Bhuiyan, a retired teacher, at around 1 am. They entered the house breaking open the collapsible gate, police said.

The dacoits also beat up the teacher and his son Khalilur Rahman Bhuiyan. When the villagers chased them, the dacoits fled the scene firing gunshots.

A case has been filed with Keraniganj thana. However, none was arrested till last night.

Local people said that the incidents of dacoity have increased alarmingly in Keraniganj area recently.

Thanas in city

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paid' police constables have to work for 18 hours at a stretch and that their accommodation problem has become acute.

The police officials also pointed out that many criminals roam around boarding sophisticated and speedy vehicles, police personnel have to go on patrol duty boarding tempos or even trucks.

They, however, expressed their happiness that the minister gave a patient hearing to them and assured of sorting out the problems faced by policemen in the city.

Govt okays

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Growing foreign trade is creating congestion at the port, forcing ships to wait for at least 17 days to berth instead of the average 12 days, shipping sources said.

As a result, shipping companies often slap surcharge to recover their costs, making the country's imports and exports expensive.

Officials of the company said the container terminal near Chittagong Port will handle ships having 10.5 metre draft. The port currently handles ships having 8.5 metre draft which is another problem facing the port, located deep on shore on the Karnaphuli river.

The container terminal would be located only one kilometre from the open sea at Patenga, SSA, Bangladesh officials said.

A World Bank feasibility study had recommended the place, they said. They said a barge service, run by 10 vessels, will ferry the containers down the riverways to Pangaon, Dhaka.

It will significantly reduce the cost and time of transporting containers by train. The 1070 metre container berth will eventually be expanded to 1500 metres, they said.

The World Bank recently congratulated the government for 'taking a pragmatic decision in approving the proposal'. In a letter to the shipping ministry, the World Bank said it may provide assistance for building necessary infrastructure and funds to the developer.



A non-government primary school teacher being treated by a doctor at Osmany Udayan yesterday where the teachers were staging a hunger strike. They withdrew their strike last night.

India test-fires naval version of 'Trishul' missile

NEW DELHI, June 3: India test-fired the naval version of its short-range, surface-to-air 'Trishul' missile for the first time today, the Defence Ministry said, reports Reuters.

The naval version of the Trishul surface-to-air missile was flight-tested from INS (Indian Naval Ship) Dronacharya in Cochin at 3:20 pm this afternoon, a ministry statement said.

India tested the anti-aircraft, 50-km-range missile from land on May 11, the same day that it conducted its first underground nuclear tests for 24 years.

Shibir activists

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thana of Chittagong district and Tojammul Hossain of village Purnasi under Chatkhil thana of Noakhali district.

Police brought them to Sylhet and produced them before the magistrate's court today. They were sent to jail.

BCL activist and student of the medical college Soumitra was hacked to death in the morning of May 24 after the killing of a Shibir activist and medical college student Mohsin on the previous night in the Zia Hostel of the Osmani Medical College during a BCL-Shibir clash.

Following the killings, the college was closed sine die.

Two cases were lodged by the Islami Shibir accusing the BCL activists of killing the Shibir activists while one case was lodged by the brother of Soumitra accusing the Shibir activists of killing him.

Police of Sylhet Kotwali thana earlier arrested two BCL activists and one Shibir activist for their alleged involvement in the killings.

Del Piero

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Italy, the 1994 runners-up, depart for France on Friday and open Group B play against Chile at Bordeaux June 11.

Del Piero will work one-on-one with the team trainer Thursday.

The healing process is going well. It's all going according to plan, said Del Piero, 23. 'But I can't say any more than that. We'll wait until the work intensifies and we will see how I hold up.'

A healthy Del Piero, who scored a career-best 31 goals for Juventus this season, would start in attack alongside either Christian Vieri or Fabrizio Ravanelli.

Del Piero was injured in the Champions' Cup final May 20.

Stricter laws needed

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UNDCP Consultant Dr Syed Kamaluddin Ahmed, Executive Director of Voluntary Health Services Dr. Nasiruddin, former director of the National Institute of Mental Health Dr Hedayetul Islam, and psychiatrist Prof M.A. Sobhan, former IGP Dr Enamul Haq, General Secretary of Mahila Parishad Ayesha Khanom, President of University Women's Federation Selma Malek and OCAB President Zagul Ahmed Chowdhury, among others, took part in the discussion. Home Secretary Saifur Rahman presided.

Prof Nurul Islam said the best way to build a drug free society is to make the people conscious about the problem through a vigorous campaign. He said there should be stricter international laws and united efforts by the world community to 'eliminate' the druglords.

'They (druglords) control everything with money from behind the scene and they are beyond the reach of the law enforcing agencies', he said.

Quoting from a study report, Dr Hedayetul Islam said 80 per cent of drug addicts are below the age of 30 years while 20 per

Dacoits stab two policemen, snatch two rifles

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of dacoits stabbed two policemen and snatched two loaded rifles from them in Konapara area under Demra thana in the city late Tuesday night.

Constables Noor Hossain, 48, and Asaduzzaman, 50, were under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Orthopedic Hospital.

Demra police said they arrested five people in connection with the incident. The arrested five, aged between 24 and 31, were wanted in various cases filed with Demra thana.

The injured constables said a gang of about 10 attacked them when they were on 'foot-patrol duty' in front of a textile mills at Deila near Konapara police outpost at about 11:45 pm. A microbus carrying the gang stopped near them and the gang members said they were attacked by snatchers. The driver got off the vehicle and pretended to repair it, the policemen added.

At the time, some of the gang members approached the policemen, hiding their sharp weapons and all of a sudden started stabbing them indiscriminately.

As the injured policemen fell down the gang snatched two point 303 rifles with 10 rounds of ammunition from them and fled.

Corruption case

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pointed as sub-inspector, according to the charge sheet.

The case, which also involves the then home minister in her government, was filed soon after she resigned in March 1996.

The charge sheet was filed with the CMM court yesterday.

The other case in which Begum Zia has been accused of abusing her position to decorate her private residence at government expenses, is now under investigation.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in a statement last night said the charge sheet against Begum Zia was based on 'false and ridiculous' allegations. He strongly condemned submission of the charge sheet and demanded its immediate withdrawal.

Mannan Bhuiyan alleged it was politically-motivated and designed to harm Begum Zia's popularity and public image. The charge sheet was submitted at a time when she called for a movement to 'protect the country.'

80 killed

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on Germany's premier high-speed ICE line, inaugurated in 1991, and the deadliest rail crash in western Germany since World War II.

At least 13 cars derailed, piling into each other and crashing into the base of the overpass; collapsing it. The force of the pile-up pushed cars metres (yards) high into the air.

Several of the rail cars were demolished, and splintered glass covered the scene. Luggage was piled next to the wreckage as workers struggled to pry passengers from the train.

A crane was positioned to lift chunks of the bridge to reach buried rail cars.

Officials said the auto had crashed through the guardrail of the bridge running over the train tracks.

Although it remained unclear, evidence at the scene suggested that the car struck the train as it passed under the overpass. The nose of the train had cleared the bridge, while the cars behind derailed and jackknifed into each other.

The German border patrol sent helicopters and 80 personnel to help emergency workers free passengers trapped inside the rail cars. Officials feared many inside were dead.

The high-speed trains carry more than 65,000 passengers daily.

Bangabandhu murder case trial resumes

The trial of Bangabandhu murder case resumed at the special *ejlash* of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday after a 42-day recess, reports UNB.

The trial was postponed on April 22 after Judge Kazi Golam Rasul fell sick with hepatitis. Investigation officer of the case, who is the last of 61 prosecution witnesses, was being cross-examined by the defence lawyers at that time.

The District Judge underwent treatment at the Combined Military Hospital.

The judge took his seat at the special *ejlash* near Dhaka Central Jail at 10:25 in the morning.

The cross-examination of IO Abdul Kahar Akand, an ASP of Criminal Investigation Department, continued for a brief period yesterday before the judge adjourned the court till June 10.

Akand informed the court that PW-3 M Selim alias Abdul told him that Major Aziz Pasha, an absconding accused in the case, had shot and killed Begum Mujib and others at the bedroom on August 15, 1975.

'Abdul didn't mention the name of any army personnel directly... But he told me that three black uniformed people pulled Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman,' the IO said.

Jiang: India

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the White House Rose Garden following a meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Albright was due to leave later in the day for a meeting in Geneva of the five declared nuclear powers on the mounting tensions between India and Pakistan.

She pledged American leadership in helping to pull India and Pakistan away from the brink by persuading them to stop nuclear testing and resolve their differences over the state of Kashmir.

But she said the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) would not be amended to recognize India and Pakistan as nuclear weapons states.

SAARC summit

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hand over personally letters of invitation from President Chandrika Kumaratunga.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, said 'Bangladesh is eagerly looking forward to the holding of the Colombo summit.'

When his attention was drawn to reports in some Bangla newspapers that Dhaka had asked for postponement of the summit in view of heightened tension between India and Pakistan, the state minister dismissed the reports as 'figment of imagination'.

Meanwhile, the Maldivian President postponed his planned visit to Pakistan and India which was due to begin on Tuesday.

However, diplomats concerned said Gayoom may take the trip now a new date as the SAARC summit was still several weeks away.

Gayoom had already visited Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

It is a convention for the SAARC Chairman to visit all member countries before handing over the chairmanship.

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