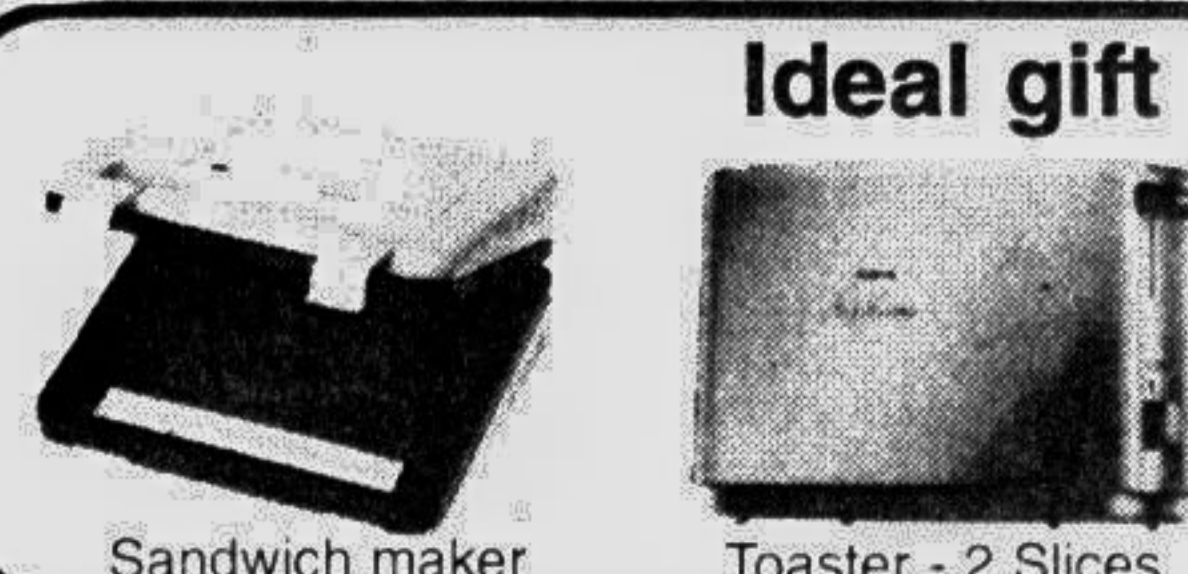
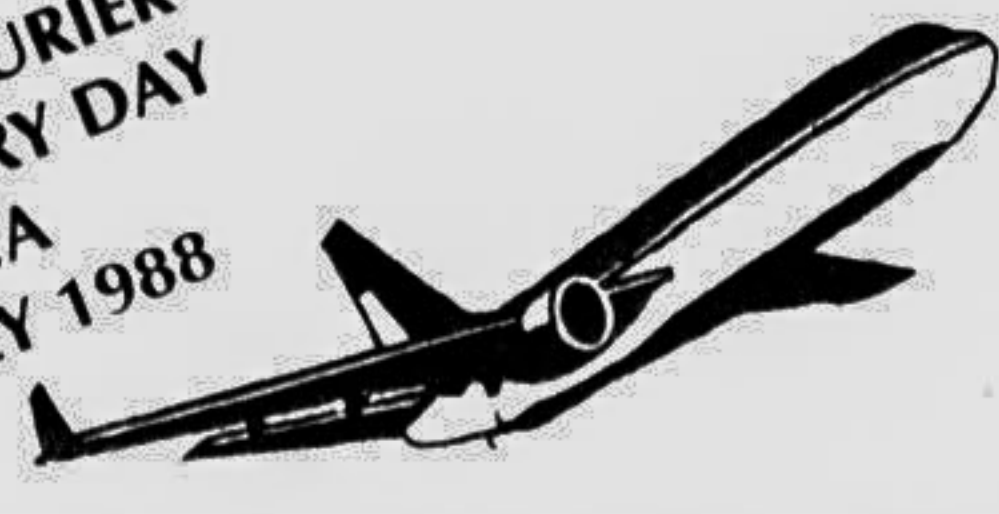


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Workers Party activist chopped to death

MEHERPUR, June 5: An activist of Workers Party was hacked to death allegedly by the members of outlawed Sarbahara Party at a village in Sadar thana here today, police said, reports UNB.

They said the miscreants numbering about 15 attacked the house of Mahzud, 45, of Babupur village at about 3 am, took him to a nearby field and chopped him to death.

Local people said that the victim was a member of Workers Party and the killing was sequel to a political feud.

A case was lodged with Kotwali thana.

BCS demands

From Page 1 Pledge. For this, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Establishment Ministry should prepare "justified and proper principles."

The meeting also expressed resentment at what it said the recent attempts to upgrade 321 posts in the BCS (administrative) cadre and promotion of members of this cadre at 75 per cent posts of deputy secretary and above, according to a press release.

It noted that any further attempt to give "undue privileges to a particular cadre" ignoring 26 others would be resisted through a constitutional movement.

It demanded that such attempts should be stopped immediately and promotions be made on the basis of merit and efficiency to develop a dynamic administration befitting the democratic system.

The committee demanded selection grade for at least 50 per cent senior scale posts as per approval of the PM to remove discrepancies in different cadres.

In another resolution the meeting expressed 'deep concern' over a reported proposal in a bill to make the Thana Nirbahi Officer the 'Chief Executive Officer' of Upazila.

It noted that it would not be compatible with the democratic system and would consolidate a particular cadre's unwanted supervision, creating complication in development activities at the grassroots level.

The meeting chaired by Rhul Matin, president of the committee, was addressed by M A Hashem, Alauddin Choudhury, Nazrul Islam, Choudhury Khaliquezaman, Salequr Rahman Masum, Sultan Ahmed Talukder, Mossadequzaman, ABM Khorsheed Alam, ATM So-aiman, Aminul Islam, Mujibur Rahman, Anwar Hossain and Abdur Razzak.

8 killed

From Page 1 Of the dead, one was identified as Abdul Jalil, 25, of village Mirganj under Charghat thana. The identity of two others could not be known immediately.

According to witnesses, the truck (Dhaka Metro-Ta-110767) laden with 180 bags of sugar smuggled from India fell into a road-side ditch at about 3:00 am near Athgori square on Bagha-Lalpur highway killing three on the spot.

The driver of the truck managed to escape soon after the accident.

Two persons were killed and two others injured critically when two speeding trucks collided at Haripur under Mirsarai thana on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday, according to BSS.

The driver and helper of the Dhaka-bound truck died on the spot while the driver and helper of Chittagong-bound truck sustained serious injuries.

The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Bldg plans

From Page 1 Rajuk did not have a Member Planning. Sources apprehended that in the absence of the 'top man' in the BCC, many plans were approved without proper procedure and clearance as regards documents and land use.

Minister for Public Works and Housing Mohammad Nasim recently directed Rajuk to identify the persons responsible for the irregularities.

Ctg: Long march

From Page 1 Mir Nasiruddin said that the party chairperson will stay at Chittagong circuit house.

He said that about 500 buses, trucks and microbuses have been arranged here to carry the long marchers to Khagrachhari on June 10.

"We don't have fixed budget to meet the expenditure. We are ready to spend as per requirements", he said, when asked.

Some central leaders of BNP have already arrived here to organise the programmes, party sources said.

Meanwhile, BNP will hold a rally at Laldighi Maidan tomorrow afternoon, to be followed by a procession which will parade the city streets, party sources said.

Administration sources said that additional police force and BDR would be deployed here to maintain law and order.



The Ministry of Environment organised a colourful procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

Poverty main obstacle to protection of environment: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said socio-economic development of the majority of the population is essential for the protection of environment, reports UNB.

"We are determined to alleviate poverty which has been identified as the main obstacle to the protection of environment," she said while inaugurating the programmes marking the World Environment Day at Osmani Memorial Hall.

It's possible to overcome the environmental hazards by ensuring a sustainable development, she said, urging the NGOs, international agencies and development partners to come forward to work together for improvement of the living condition of the people.

Department of Environment and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) jointly organise the day-long programmes. This year's theme of the day is: For Life on Earth - Save Our Seas.

Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh David E Lockwood and Environment Secretary Akbar Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

Hasina said the present government has taken a number of programmes to protect the environment.

She said: The government believes in international cooperation for solution to the growing environmental problems.

"Most of the environmental hazards are man-made," she said, asking the industry owners to check the industrial pollution.

The Prime Minister observed that emission of black smoke from unfit vehicles are posing a threat to the environment.

She warned the vehicle owners

and drivers against emission of black smoke and directed the law-enforcing agencies to take stern action against the law violators in this regard.

The Prime Minister said the use of polythene bag has become another major problem, causing environment pollution. She called for increasing the use of jute which is environment-friendly.

Turning to the indiscriminate use of insecticides and un-planned cultivation of salt which are affecting ecological balance, she urged all not to kill birds, wild fishes, frogs and lizards for the sake of maintaining biodiversity.

Hasina also made a call for massive afforestation to protect the environment and suggested planting trees.

Referring to this year's slogan, Hasina expressed satisfaction over the projects of the ministry aiming to save the river Buriganga and assured of all possible government help in this regard.

She also mentioned the historic Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India which has helped improve the environment of south-west part of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, UN Resident Coordinator David E Lockwood said UNDP approved its largest single programme in the world dedicating more than a quarter of all UNDP resources for Bangladesh for its environmental management.

Referring to the CHT peace agreement, he said the international community has greeted the government for bringing peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and assured of support to the programmes undertaken for all of the people living in the region.

Two foreign missions

From Page 1 official residence and is now functioning from a private guest house at Gulshan. He is planning to leave Dhaka in the middle of this month.

Pitao said, "It is particularly sad for me that Brazil is closing its mission in Bangladesh. I have tried to increase bilateral relations between our two countries."

He said a Brazilian navy ship visited Bangladesh last year and his country participated in the International Film Festival here. "We have also military officers undergoing training at each other's Staff Colleges."

Pitao said there were no 'political dimensions' in closing down the mission which was being done due to financial reforms in his country. He expressed the hope that the embassy was being closed down 'temporarily'.

Brazil, the envoy said, exported goods including soybean oil and sugar worth about 70 million US dollars while Bangladesh exported mainly leather and other traditional items worth about 50 million dollars last year.

After closure of the Brazilian embassy, Bangladesh will cease to have direct access to or presence of any South American diplomatic mission.

Asked how travellers will obtain visa to Brazil or any other Latin American country, Pitao said, they will have to go to Delhi to collect it.

Diplomatic observers said that the winding up of the resident missions would seriously affect Bangladesh's access to several Latin American countries, hampering both trade and diplomacy in the long run.

Brazil was one of the first Latin American countries to

recognise Bangladesh and had open its resident mission in Dhaka in 1974.

Hungary was also one of the first East European countries to recognise Bangladesh and set up a resident mission here. It is an important trading partner.

Dhaka exports large quantities of jute, jute goods and tea and imports pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, railway locomotives and spare parts from Budapest.

Dhaka has a full-fledged mission in Brasilia. But it reportedly failed to open an embassy or trade office in the Hungarian capital, which may have prompted Budapest to close its Dhaka mission, diplomatic observers pointed out.

The Charge d' Affaires of Hungary said diplomatic activities of the Hungarian government with Bangladesh will now be conducted through its embassy in New Delhi.

Khokon murder

From Page 1 Khokon, a resident of Malibagh, was killed as he was always vocal against criminal activities in his locality.

Extortionists found it difficult to collect toll from various business houses in the area as Khokon resisted them, local people said.

Police said two of the accused in Khokon murder were arrested in Shahabugh and Mohammadpur areas on charges of possessing illegal fire arms about a year ago.

Meanwhile, a section of residents of Malibagh brought out a procession in the city protesting the killing. The processionists, marching different city roads, demanded immediate arrest and trial of the persons involved.

Pakistan set to test fire Tarmuk missiles?

WASHINGTON, June 5: The Pakistani military appears to be preparing to test fire one of its short-range missiles, a move that could further undermine efforts to avert an arms race in South Asia, a senior Clinton administration official said, reports AP.

"We do have evidence that they may be preparing a further missile test," the official said Thursday, speaking on condition he not be identified.

The missile set for a test launch is called the Tarmuk, which has a range of 400 to 600 kilometers, the official said. The missile, if test launched,

would be armed with a dummy warhead or no warhead. Still, the fear is that India would view the tests as a provocation.

"It would be a further escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, the official said.

Concern about Pakistan possibly arming its missiles with nuclear warheads has focused on the Ghauri medium-range ballistic missile. Pakistan test-launched the Ghauri on April 6.

Earlier this week, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said there was no evidence that Pakistan had tested new missiles.

CHT deal more a political issue than legal one: B Chy

Deputy opposition leader Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said the June 9 long march has been planned to alert the people to the design of the government who want to push the country into a 'grave and dangerous' situation by executing the CHT accord, reports UNB.

"This will absolutely be a peaceful march aimed at creating awareness among the people that the government's steps are 'morally, legally and constitutionally wrong,'" Chowdhury said.

Briefing the members of the Overseas Correspondents' Association of Bangladesh (OCAAB), he said BNP has taken up this tough programme after trying all other democratic means of protest to force the government to scrap the accord.

When asked why BNP does not go to the court in this regard, Chowdhury evaded a direct reply, saying that "this is more a political issue than a legal one. A political issue has to be fought politically."

He, however, hastened to add that if necessary, they will move to the court. "Options still remain open," he told a questioner.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain MP, Shamsul Islam MP and Morshed Khan MP were present at the briefing held at Hotel Sheraton in the afternoon.

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The arrested persons gave judicial statements confessing their involvement in the brutal killing.

Absconder held from Agargaon

Police yesterday arrested an absconder from the city's Agargaon area, for which the Home Ministry had announced a reward of Tk 30 thousand.

Momtazuddin alias Ripon, son of Ahsanullah, a resident of Kazipara area was allegedly involved in the incident of chopping off both the arms of a young man.

Ripon is also accused in a number of cases filed in connection with extortion and snatching, police said.

Ripon had been absconding since January 24. On that day a gang of local hoodlums attacked one Elias in Ibrahimpur area and chopped off both this hands, police added.

Mirpur police arrested Ripon from West Agargaon area at about 4:30 am. He was produced in the CMM's Court today.

Prof Mahmud From Page 1 eral meeting Thursday discussed the situation at the university.

"We discussed the situation in detail for about three hours. We hope the BUETTA will soon reach a solution to end the deadlock at the university," a BUETTA leader who attended the meeting said.

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BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia exchanging views with lawyers at her official residence in the city yesterday.

Current agitation not for power, but to protect country: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said her current agitation is not aimed at capturing power, but to protect the country's territorial integrity, reports UNB.

She said this while exchanging views with the leaders of Supreme Court Bar Association and Dhaka Court Bar Association at her official residence at 29 Minto Road.

Giving details of the BNP's protest against the CHT bills in Parliament, the opposition leader said they were not allowed to speak on the bills by the Speaker.

She said the BNP lawmakers gave notices of amendments to the bills, but the Speaker rejected those on the ground that such huge number of amendments were unprecedented.

Begum Zia said the BNP MPs had brought those amendments as the accord on CHT and related bills were unprecedented too.

"We wanted to discuss the bills on CHT since it's a national issue," she said adding that it would have taken only 12 days if the opposition were allowed to discuss the bills.

The BNP chairperson said: "We were forced to leave Parliament and meet the President to explain the entire situation."

Terminating the government fascist, she said it speaks about democracy, but "basically it is an autocratic regime."

Referring to the June 9 long march towards CHT, Begum Zia said the programme was declared by the 7-party alliance to

Jamaat's long march to begin from Ramna Green

The Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday said it will begin its 'peaceful and disciplined' long march towards Chittagong Hill Tracts from Ramna Green in the city on March 9 at 8 am, reports UNB.

Party leaders and workers coming from different districts and thanas of Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Dhaka divisions will join the march at the venue, said a party press release.

Jamaat Ameer Prof Golam Azam will lead the long march along with Abbas Ali Khan and Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi. Buses, trucks and minibuses will carry the participants.

After a night halt in Chittagong, the marchers will attend a rally at Laldighi Maidan on March 10 at 9 am and resume the march toward Rangamati.

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Delhi rules out From Page 1 dia and Pakistan.

The spokesman said Pakistan was not interested in a nuclear or conventional arms race and had always exercised utmost restraint.

"We repeatedly invited India to enter into bilateral or regional non-proliferation arrangements with US."

Pakistan he said acted only under 'compulsion' to correct the strategic imbalance.

"In future too we will continue to conduct ourselves with restraint and responsibility", he added.

However, he said Pakistan would not allow itself to be placed in a position of strategic vulnerability of inequality.

"While we will not provoke escalation, our responses will be carefully calibrated to respond to any provocation or escalation by India", he said.

Biman's purser placed on remand

The Chief Purser of Biman, Khalilur Rahman, arrested at the Zia International Airport on Thursday on charge of carrying foreign currencies illegally, was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court yesterday.

The court placed him on two-day remand.

Police suspected that an organised gang was behind Khalilur Rahman in the illegal deal on foreign currency.

Cantonment police said they got some important information in this regard. He named five persons involved in it but police declined to disclose the names for the sake of investigation.

DU alumni From Page 1 UNB adds: BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya will stage demonstration today to protest the Prime Minister's arrival on campus.

JCD said it will bring out a procession on the campus carrying black flags and wearing black masks also to protest 'oppression, killing and harassment' of its leaders and workers across the country.

GCO, an alliance of left-leaning student organisations, plans to demonstrate demanding implementation of its 10-point demand.

Meanwhile, ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus welcoming the arrival of the Prime Minister.

BCL leaders at the rally expressed their determination to resist any attempt "to create violence" on the campus.

Shazneen murder From Page 1 placed him on one-day remand. court sources said.

Meanwhile, investigators were interrogating supervisor Badal who was placed on a two-day CID remand on Wednesday.

Officials concerned said maid Parvin, one of the six people allegedly involved in the killing, was yet to be arrested as investigators were still verifying the statements by security guard Humayun Kabir.

However, CID continued questioning Parvin, a maid at the Gulshan residence, of Shazneen's father, Latifur Rahman, Chairman of Transcom Ltd.

CID investigators found a basis of their suspicion about involvement of abettors and a conspiracy behind the murder after Humayun confessed on May 28 that six people including him were involved in the crime.

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Information Regarding Land Survey in Dhaka Metropolitan City. The task of hearing of objections regarding land survey different moujas in Dhaka Metropolitan City has begun in different camps as mentioned against their names. The detailed programmes regarding it can be known from the concerned camps. If any kind of problem regarding survey arises, the Settlement Officer, Dhaka (Phone: 9131573) may be contacted.

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