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Bangabandhu Agri University Bill placed

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury yesterday introduced Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University Bill, 1998 before the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS. The bill seeks to transform the Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture at Salna, Gazipur, into a full-fledged university. And it is named after Bangabandhu in recognition of his contribution to the development of agricultural studies in the country.

Schoolboy

stabbed him with a machete and cut off his hands and fled away. The motive behind this could not be known immediately. Shabujbagh police could not confirm the incident till the filing of this report at 9:30 pm.

Truck carrying goods worth Tk 50 lakh hijacked

CHITTAGONG, June 14: An armed gang hijacked a truck laden with goods worth about Tk 50 lakh from Raipur in Daudkandi on Saturday, reports UNB. According to witnesses, a microbus carrying the gang intercepted the Chittagong-bound truck. Then the gang members tied the truck driver and helper to a tree at gun point and sped away in the truck. The truck which was coming from Dhaka was carrying television sets and garments.

City BNP meet held

A joint meeting of the city BNP and its front organisations was held yesterday at the party central office to make the June 18 hartal a success, reports UNB.

Gas cylinder explodes in Ctg: 10 injured

CHITTAGONG, June 14: At least 10 people were injured when an ammonia gas cylinder exploded in an ice factory at Feringhee Bazar in Kotwali thana here last night, reports BSS. Fire service and police sources said the explosion, occurred at around 1 am, also blew away the tin-sheds of the factory.

Parliament

From Page 1 changing budgetary measures only a few days after it is adopted in the House by its own MPs, he said. Then, what is the use of so much debate and discussions on the budget proposals in Parliament? Terming the practice of imposing fresh taxes by administrative orders to be unethical, the JP lawmaker said that the government should discuss any changes in the original budget in the House.

"Please have trust on the people and take their elected representatives into confidence. It is the only way to ensure transparency," he added. Others who took part in the discussion yesterday included ruling party whip Abdus Shahid and Panna Kaiser of Awami League.

Earlier, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury moved a bill in the House seeking to convert the 'Institute of Post-graduate Studies in Agriculture (IPSA)' into the 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University'.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid adjourned the session at 4:25 pm to resume again at 2:00 pm today.

Reconditioned

From Page 1 when contacted said supplementary duties have been increased on vehicles above 1300 cc and reduced on vehicles upto 1000 cc. BARVIDA sources said there are about 500 importers of reconditioned vehicles in the country and the number of showrooms in the port city over 100. Most of those reconditioned vehicles are imported from Japan.

Showrooms

From Page 1 duction in depreciation rate in the proposed budget. They will also not take delivery of imported cars from Chittagong port till the duty is reduced, said a press release issued by the Dhaka city unit of the BARVIDA.

Fresh dialogue

From Page 1 the four-point accord of January 14, 1997 plus withdrawal of political cases against BNP leaders and workers, formation of parliamentary standing committees and Radio-TV coverage of parliament proceedings.

Besides, the planned 40-hour discussion on the proposed budget. Speaker's decision for an half-an-hour unscheduled debate on every working day and related issues were also discussed.

During the discussion, the BNP leaders raised their objections to the composition of some JS standing committees which, the party alleged, were not formed as per its suggestion, said Khandakar Delwar Hossain.

He said the Speaker assured them of restructuring those committees. The Speaker also confirmed this. Later in the evening, the adjourned meeting of the BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) was apprised of the outcome of the talks with the Speaker.

BUET

From Page 1 Cup matches," said a student of Civil Engineering department. Vice-Chancellor Professor Iqbal Mahmood while addressing a group of protesting students said, "Love for soccer is all right, but sheer negligence in the academic activities will invite a doom."

BNP: Agitation

From Page 1 people showed that the government had lost its 'toe hold' and pledged to intensify movement against it step-by-step.

Besides, this government has failed to solve the power, water and gas problems, maintain law and order and check price spiral of essentials. Even it is trying to 'pillage' the gas underneath the surface, he added.

Bhuiyan said that his party had demanded open discussions on the CHT issue and a full-fledged debate in parliament. But the government did not pay any heed to that and got the CHT bills passed in parliament without giving us a chance to debate.

He reiterated his party stands for a fresh dialogue on the CHT issue to reach a solution on the basis of a national consensus.

The BNP leader demanded action against people responsible for putting up a barricade on Dhaka-Chittagong highway on June 9, and stopping the marchers led by BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. Bhuiyan said. It reflected the at-

PM's visit

From Page 1 said. India has said that nuclear powers' putting pressure on other countries while stockpiling their own arms cannot be accepted. Sheikh Hasina, in her separate letters of June 1 to Vajpayee and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, offered to visit New Delhi and Islamabad for talks on the situation arising out of nuclear tests conducted recently by the two countries.

The date of Hasina's visit to New Delhi was fixed after she spoke to Vajpayee on phone a few days ago. The Indian premier welcomed her proposal to visit India. Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to go to Pakistan on a similar visit on June 24.

World Cup

From Page 1 Even after the restart Yugoslavia struggled to find a way through the controlled Iranian defence, instead they were reduced to finding a way over the top.

Nakisa had to be quick to stop Mijatovic from scoring after a perfectly flighted ball over the Iranian defence from Slavisa Jokanovic set the 29-year-old free.

Nakisa deprived Mijatovic a second time when the striker beat Mohammad Khakpour before unleashing a shot the keeper did well to palm away from a corner.

With time running out Ali Daei forced a brilliant save from Kraij with a header.

'Budget to boost industry'

From Page 1 come tax for private and government employees is totally unacceptable," FBCCI said. In case of private employees, taxing of tax paid by the employer will have a very negative impact, it said. Duty on raw material for manufacturing automobile leaf springs remains at 30 per cent

whereas duty on finished leaf spring has been reduced to 40 per cent from 42.5 per cent, the federation pointed out. It also said tax exemption on dividend income upto Tk 30,000 should be continued to encourage small investors. FBCCI also said the attempt to simplify certain tax procedures will give rise to a lot of 'grey areas'.

The federation said selection of computer software and agro-processing industry as thrust sectors should help develop these two key areas as major foreign exchange earners in the near future. The incentive to plastic, leather, textile and ready-made garment sector will result in generation of employment and further strengthening the export base.

Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim



Shazneen Tasnim Rahman

Inna lillahi wa-Inna-ilaihi-rajeun From Him we have come and to Him we will return

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