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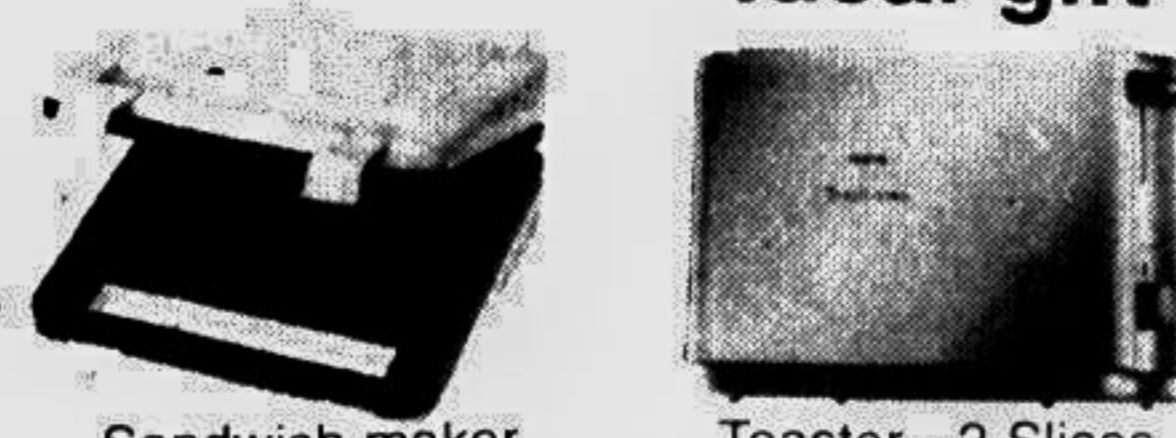


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PM for reforms in land administration

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for land administration reforms and use of modern technology in land survey and record system to mitigate public suffering, reports UNB.

Injured mugger dies at DMCH

The alleged mugger, who was fatally injured in a mob beating near Nawab Yusuf market in the old part of the city on Monday, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last night.

One succumbs to bomb injuries at Barisal

BARISAL, July 14: One person succumbed to bomb injuries at Barisal Medical College Hospital last night.

Housewife murder Domestic help Hasan gives judicial statement

Hasan, the domestic help of housewife Shirin Akhter who was slaughtered by three unidentified young men at her flat at Khilgaon Chowdhurypara Sunday, gave a judicial statement before a Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday.

DC's office gheraoed in Khulna

KHULNA, July 14: Bangladesh Chhatra Union today gheraoed the DC's office demanding enquiry into Ratan Sen murder and fresh trial of the case, reports UNB.

Women's quota

An angry Mohini Giri, chairperson of the National Commission for Women, led a group of women protesters in a demonstration outside the Parliament building today.

EPZ workers

From Page 1 ment of arrears in wage and absence of weekly holidays, she said.



French soccer coach Aime Jacquet (center) shows the World Cup to the crowd while French President Jacques Chirac (left) and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin (right) applaud during a reception at the Elysee palace yesterday.

'Govt-NGO rapport needed for development'

Speakers at a roundtable discussion yesterday stressed the need for an effective tripartite partnership between the government, NGOs and development partners to attain sustainable development through poverty alleviation, reports BSS.

Pleading for establishing accountability of the NGOs involving the concerned beneficiaries, they said there is need for good rapport between the government and non-government organisations for increasing their capacity and quality of work and performances on development initiatives.

The roundtable discussion on "NGO-World Bank Collaboration in Development" was jointly organised by the Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA), Proshika and World Bank at the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Bhabah in Dhaka.

Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury was the chief guest while senior research fellow of BIDS Dr Ataur Rahman worked as the moderator. Country Director of the World Bank Pierre Landell-Mills, ADAB Chairperson and Proshika President Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed, Secretary of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority Division, Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, and Additional Secretary (Planning) Shaiful Islam took part as panel discussants.

IDPAA chief and Proshika Vice-President Mahbubul Karim made the welcome address while senior project officer of the World Bank's agricultural and natural resources unit Wahida Huq made introductory remarks.

France, England joint winners of WC Fair Play Award

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 14: World soccer champions France and England are the joint winners of the World Cup's Fair Play Award, world soccer's governing body FIFA said today, reports AP.

Both teams averaged 828 points in the fair play classification during the tournament, which ended Sunday when France beat Brazil 3-0.

Norway finished third in the standings. The joint winners will each receive a trophy, individual medals for their players and 25,000 US dollars worth of equipment for youth soccer. The awards will be presented in Barcelona next January.

Rebels kill 8 Indian soldiers in Manipur

GUWAHATI, India, July 14: Tribal separatists guerrillas killed at least eight paramilitary soldiers today in an ambush in India's mountainous northeastern state of Manipur, police said, reports Reuters.



JCD brought out a procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for the July 16 hartal called by BNP.

Interim Regional Council

From Page 1 at a meeting at Khagrachhari assessed the situation and discussed their strategy and future course of action.

The government had only recruited police sergeants and constables from amongst the ranks of the former Shan-tibahini and the process of withdrawal of cases against them and PCJSS activists had already begun.

But officials in Dhaka said there had been nothing "sinister" about the delay. The problem of selecting the members had been resolved, they said.

Bangabandhu murder case 61 witnesses out of 72 called to make deposition, says IO

Of the 72 witnesses named in the charge-sheet in Bangabandhu Murder Case, 61 were called to make deposition before the District and Sessions Judge's Court which is holding the trial since early last year, reports UNB.

This was stated by Abdul Kahar Akand, investigation officer of the case, during cross-examination by the defence counsel for accused Taheruddin Thakur yesterday.

Replying to defence queries, the prosecution witness told the court that he took over the charge of investigation of the case in the morning of October 3, 1996, a day after the FIR was lodged by Mohitul Islam, resident personal assistant of President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with Dhanmondi thana.

He said he was serving as the officer-in-charge in Saturaia police station when the killing took place in the early morning on August 15, 1975.

Akand said he arrested Taheruddin Thakur on October 2, 1996 in connection with the killing of four national leaders in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

The defence counsel will continue cross-examination when the court resumes at 10 am today.

Khaleda: Code of conduct

From Page 1 mission, they will be held responsible for the dreadful consequence," she said in a statement issued yesterday.

Elaborating her allegation, the BNP chief said the ministers and other ruling party leaders were campaigning in the constituency despite her party's repeated protests.

The ministers are alluring the voters with many pledges and putting the local administration behind their party candidate," she said.

Begum Zia further alleged that BNP leaders and workers were being arrested on false charges while others were being threatened and their houses attacked, creating panic in the constituency.

"If such a situation is allowed to continue, the question of a neutral election taking place does not arise," she added.

Despite the Chief Election Commissioner's directives Young man

From Page 1 biul, a cousin of the victim found him dead when he went to wake Rajah up.

The motives behind the killings could not be known immediately.

Flood in 10 districts

From Page 1 unions of Madhabpur and Churnaghat thanas.

The river water of Khwai, Korangi and Sonai continued to rise, of which the Khwai was flowing 1.20m above the danger level.

The Khagrachhari correspondent adds: Normal life of the district was disrupted due to continuous downpour, onrush of hill water and landslides.

Ctg flood

From Page 1 killed in a landslide at Shapla-pur of Moheskafi thana under Cox's Bazar district last night while two other family members were injured, police sources said.

An army driver drowned when his truck skidded off the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road inundated by flood water at Kaochia of Sankania under Chittagong district, at around 12.30 pm today, police and security sources said.

Six other soldiers on board the truck were also injured, they said.

In another incident, a villager Moklesur Rahman, 30, drowned in flood water at Narayanhat under Fatikchhari thana this morning, police said.

District administration sources said road link between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar snapped this morning at Nolib of Chakaria. The road at Ramgarh under Fatikchhari thana also went under water, they said.

Most of the low-lying areas of Fatikchhari, Sankania, Mirersharal, Banshkali, Anwara, Hathazari and Sandwip have been submerged.

At least 10,000 people were marooned on Sandwip island. The roads at Sandwip town went under knee-deep water as the onrush of tidal water damaged the embankment at three points in Harishpur union.

SOFA: US for talks

From Page 1 troops into Bangladesh without passport and visa as well as entry of equipment and supplies by US troops without undergoing customs clearance, procedures, explained the Foreign Office source.

The US spokesman referred to earlier clarification on this issue and said, "SOFA agreement does not entail or imply a security commitment or military alliance, establishment of military bases, or development of rest and recreation facilities for the US military personnel."

The US government has Status of Forces Agreements with many nations with which it has friendly relations and conducts joint military training exercises.

In its June 18 clarification, the US embassy said SOFA establishes agreed procedures governing the movement of US personnel and supplies in a host nation for an exercise.