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BNP calls day-long hartal in Ctg today

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 14: Chittagong chapter of BNP has called a day-long hartal in greater Chittagong tomorrow demanding withdrawal of cases against its leaders and activists including four MPs.

World Bank funds to fight air pollution in Bangladesh Auto-rickshaws may be out of streets in 4 years

Pollutant auto-rickshaws may not be seen in major cities in the country four years from now if a project finalised yesterday goes ahead trouble free. The World Bank (WB) is coming in aid of Bangladesh to fight air pollution in major cities.

Amartya Sen wins Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Oct 14: Amartya Sen, a scholar from India whose work produced a new understanding of the catastrophes that plague society's poorest people, today won the Nobel Economics Prize, reports AP.



Clandestine radio It's Betar's job, says T&T official

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Betar is the lone authority to monitor radio frequency in the country and it can not deny the responsibility of detecting the clandestine transmission of religious speeches, said a high official of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board.



WAITING FOR WORK: The prolonged flood has triggered an influx of rural people into the cities, especially the capital, in search of a living. Here is a group of day labourers at the city's Moghbazar yesterday hoping to get a call.

Big battle today

By M Shamsur Rahman Bangladesh's business community will elect its new leaders today for the next two years after an electioneering that reached its dirty heights amid propaganda hitting opponents below the belt.

Jail Killing Case Charge sheet to be submitted today

By Staff Correspondent The charge sheet in the Jail Killing Case will be submitted before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court today, according to the CID officials.

Who's telling the truth?

By Naimul Haq How many tubewells were damaged by the recent flood? The Department of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) claims that over three lakh tubewells were damaged but officials of Grameen Bank said none of the more than four lakh tubewells given to its borrowers was damaged.

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UNCTAD report says Bad weather puts lid on LDCs including Bangladesh

Bad weather has cast a pall over future prospects of the least developed countries (LDCs) including Bangladesh, reports UNCTAD. The UNCTAD report for 1997 released Wednesday evening said, "The key question facing LDCs today is whether their overall improved economic performances of recent years can be sustained, given their continued vulnerability to external shocks, notably adverse weather conditions and sharp fluctuations in the prices of their export."

People confused as political leaders trade charges

By Nurul Kabir The battle began with Nazim Rahman Manju, secretary general of Jatiya Party, demanding on October 4 that while the government was trying the 'killers of Bangladesh', it should also try the conspirators behind the killing when the present trial was over.

Oil chiefs in city to meet PM, other officials

Senior representatives from Unocal, Shell, and Cairn Energy are in Dhaka to meet the Prime Minister and other senior Bangladesh government officials, a USIS press release said yesterday.

Advertisement for GAZI featuring a portrait of a man and text in Bengali.

Truant teachers

By Gobinda Bar More than a fifth of teachers at the nine public universities in the country are on leave, bringing down the teacher-student ratio to 1:21 from 1:16.

FROM TODAY

Advertisement for a cricket quiz on the occasion of the International Cup cricket being held at Dhaka from Oct 24-Nov 1, 1998.