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Sexual harassment DU students stage sit-in in front of VC's office

By DU Correspondent The students of the Dhaka University protesting alleged sexual harassment of some female students staged a sit-in demonstration in front of the Vice Chancellor's office yesterday to realise their six-point demand...



BNP chairperson and Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia addresses a press conference at her official residence yesterday. —Star photo



Jatiya Party chief Ershad flanked by Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Nazirul Rahman Manju at a press conference at the party central office in the city yesterday. —Star photo

AL faction, police clash : 50 hurt

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Jan 6: Seven persons, including the president of Sylhet district unit of Juba League were arrested after a clash between the police and a faction of the ruling party activists at Jagannathpur thana headquarters under Sunamganj district today...

One-month ultimatum

marked by acts of terrorism, rigging and intimidation and the ruling party tried to ensure its victory by abusing the state machinery. As a result, people's will was not truly reflected in the elections...

business community. BNP leaders AQM Badrud-Doza Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Dr Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain, Khandaker Mahabuddin Ahmed, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, MK Anwar, DL president Oli Ahad, Jagpa president Shaiful Alam Prodhan, PNP president Shaikh Shawkat Hossain Nilu, NDA chief Nurul Haq Majumder and others were present at the news conference.

Arsenic

From Page 1 lower than the permissible level. The experts also ruled out the possibility of traces of high level of arsenic. Aquifers from where the deep tubewells draw water is not likely to show presence of high level of arsenic...

Ershad

From Page 1 and the contents of the three-party declaration. The JP chairman said: 'Well, I believe that the upcoming opposition movement would eventually come up with the demands we have already raised. My position is therefore complementary, rather than contradictory to the joint declaration.'

UNB adds: Ershad at the JP press conference hoped the joint declaration would be considered as a magna carta of country's history. The declaration is a good start of greater national unity and a united movement...

Gasfield

From Page 1 currency. On successful completion of drilling of the wells, about 90 mmcd gas and 72 barrels of motor spirit and condensate will be produced every day. After processing, the gas will be supplied to the National Grid, the officials said...

Arrest of JCD leader sparks violence in Mirpur

Angry activists of JCD and BNP went on a rampage in the city's Mirpur area yesterday evening following arrest of JCD central leader Saïdur Rahman Newton, reports UNB. A group of JCD activists brought out a procession in the area after police arrested Newton from Mirpur Section Number 2...

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CEC not hesitant

From Page 1 Despite having my personal and family problems, I had to accept the position at a crucial moment of the nation and (that too) following a consensus by all the major parties. Most of those who are now demanding my resignation, forced me to yield to their pressure as I had been appointed by the President when a non-party caretaker government was in charge...

Abu Hena described the role of the EC in the affairs of election as that of a referee in a playground. 'If the players don't play as per rules and regulations, what can the referee do? In fact, the crisis in holding a fair poll still lies in the absence of democratic values. Unfortunately, he pointed out, democratic values were yet to develop in the country for various reasons...

IOJ has no link with 3 opposition parties, says Char Monai Pir

The Islami Oikya Jote yesterday denied the reports of its solidarity with the joint declaration announced by the three opposition political parties saying no such decision was taken by the 'Mojlish-e-Shura' of the party, reports BSS. Even the question of Islami Oikya Jote's participation in the reported joint movement does not have any specific Islamic goals...

False Registration BGMEA to cancel membership of 72 units

The BGMEA has initiated the process of cancelling the membership of 72 apparel industries for 'false registration' with the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), reports UNB. These are among the 319 industrial units that submitted 'false' documents to get registered. The EPB has already cancelled their registrations...

Impeachment

From Page 1 censure the president rather than remove him from office. The likelihood of a longer trial, meanwhile, grew — with some senators predicting it could last well into next month. I am not at all worried about a two-to-three week process that could take us into mid-February, said Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, a member of the Republican leadership...

Innocent acts can be illegal if taken together: Prosecution

From Page 1 ramic factories," he said. Zahir pointed out that the defence had said 'rights (shares) were not illegal... charging high premiums were not illegal. But I say if someone takes advantage of the situation, it is illegal'. Zahir disagreed with defence lawyers that there were no names in the complaint petitions, pointing to copies of the petitions...

'You (judge) have to see the real people behind the scene. The people who are sponsors and directors of the associate companies. You will find the same group of people. You may not find a link if you do not remove the curtains. But once you do that you will find common faces and names...'. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court went through the report and found prima facie evidence, Zahir argued...

These illegal acts are only a 'pointer' to what happened in the UK and Australia, he said. 'It's a classic example of manipulation.' The list of witnesses is there and would be produced when required, he said. Zahir then read out a section of the probe committee report stating that the committee interviewed a good number of people directly or indirectly related to share market operations...

ward," Zahir quoted the letter as telling the SEC. He said that they withdrew the letter because the market crashed. He also read out another SEC letter to a director of Beximco Group dated November 11, 1997 which said that 'as you have not complied with the Commission's requirements, nor communicated with the Commission since March 6, 1997, we regret to inform you that the Commission has to reject your application of 15,01,997...'. The file has therefore been closed at our end...

could he say 'Bangali hujuke mate' (Bangalis pay heed to rumours)? Similar statements were made in 1971 when Bengalis were fighting for freedom. He also said that the defence lawyers were trying to pass the blame to the SEC, the government and the finance minister. 'What does the probe committee report say?' he asked...

1994 which was raised after two years. Regarding high premiums, he said, in 1994, the SEC gave permission for charging premium 'and in 1996 they are saying the premium should have been Tk 800 not Tk 1100'. He also produced, and drew attention of the court to, documents relating to approval of charging such premiums. 'So where is the criminal motive?'...

Even now, the defence lawyer said, many companies are splitting their shares for the benefit of the shareholders. 'The law also permits so. Where is the offence in splitting shares?' Regarding probe committee report on trading of 60 per cent of the company shares by certain brokers, Rafiqul Huq said, 'It is the brokers who traded the company shares... why should my clients be charged? My clients have not committed any offence that attracts section 17 or 24, yet they are accused. Why?'...

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