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CPD dialogue in city told Population issue should be a part of broad dev agenda

Population issue should not be viewed merely as a matter of fertility reduction, but should be placed on a broader socio-economic perspective to understand its impact on society, speakers at a dialogue on population held yesterday. Prof M Ataharul Islam of Statistics department of Dhaka University, presenting the keynote paper on population, development and urbanisation said the relationship between population increase and economic growth can be explained to a great extent by the human capital accumulation factors like education, health and nutrition.

PM discusses reform plans with World Bank VP

World Bank Vice President Mico Nishimizu called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, reports UNB. They discussed various reform programmes undertaken by the government for overall improvement of the people as well as the development programmes of the government. Reforms in the banking and power sectors, and steps for consolidating democracy also came up for discussion during the meeting.

Jute, textile workers threaten 48-hour strike, barricade

Industrial workers of state-owned jute, yarn, textile and sugar mills yesterday threatened a 48-hour country-wide strike, barring Dhaka, coupled with rail-road barricade on August 2 and 3 to press their demands. The strike will be enforced from 6 am on August 2 while the barricade will be enforced on both the days from 6 am to 5 pm.

Tofail's nephew held Hartal called in Bhola today

BARISAL, July 4: A tense situation is prevailing in Bhola town after the arrest of an "influential person" allegedly for assaulting a policeman, reports UNB. Supporters of Moniruzzaman Monir, said to be a nephew of Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, have called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the town tomorrow demanding his unconditional release.

10 injured as BCL factions clash in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 4: At least 10 persons were injured in a gunfight between two rival factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Agrabad commerce college premises this morning, police and witnesses said. The injured were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and private clinics.

System loss costs BGSL Tk 23 cr

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Bakh-rabad Gas Systems Limited (BGSL) has incurred a loss of Tk 23.07 crore (23.07 million) as a result of corrupt officials showing inflated system loss, reports UNB. The money was misappropriated showing a system loss of about eight crore cubic feet natural gas from fiscal 1993-94 to 1997-98, it was revealed in an audit report.

WB vice president calls on Khaleda

Visiting World Bank Vice President for Asia-Pacific Region Mico Nishimizu called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday and discussed prospects of gas export, reports UNB. Political and economic issues also came up for discussion at the meeting that lasted more than one hour up at 29 Minto Road.

AL 'satisfied' over foreign policy Long debate, opposition absent

With the opposition benches empty, the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday expressed satisfaction over the foreign policy pursued by the government of Sheikh Hasina. The parliament expressed the satisfaction following a long debate over a motion moved by Treasury Bench member Nurul Islam Nahid. Seventeen members from the Treasury and Opposition benches took part in the debate.

Fugitive arrested after 13 years

Police yesterday arrested an absconding accused who was earlier sentenced to death on charge of murder. He was identified as Syed Mohammed Ali alias Lulu, 40, son of late Syed Abdur Rashid of Mirpur.

Power generation in 2 Raozan units suspended

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Power generation in the two units of Raozan power plant remained suspended following tripping of the National Grid line at Feni at about 10 last night, PDB sources said.

2 snatchers held from city bank

Two members of an organised gang were arrested while trying to snatch Tk 3 lakh from a client at a foreign bank branch at a shopping centre in the city's Shantinagar area yesterday.

4 killed as buses collide in Bakerganj

BARISAL, July 4: Four people were killed on the spot and 12 other injured in a collision between two passenger buses on Barisal-Patuaakhal highway near Bakerganj bus stand at about 10-15 am this morning.

Opposition stages walkout

The note of dissent or the dissenting members should be allowed to give their opinions. Sengupta opposed it and said that the report contained the 'note of dissent' and he mentioned it during his presentation. There is no scope at this stage to make any statement on the report, he added. The Speaker then read out from Rule 211 and gave the ruling that there was no scope for any member of the Committee except its Chairman to speak on the Bill at that stage. He however said that the opposition members would be allowed to speak on the Bill when it would be considered by the House today.

BNP rally at Paltan Maidan today

BNP will hold a public meeting at Paltan Maidan in the city today at 4 pm to protest what it said anti-people budget, the conspiracy to sell gas and give corridor to India, reports UNB.

Dhanmondi Lake

From Page 1 year to March next year. As per the originally plan, the project was supposed to be completed in June this year. DCC is now awaiting opinion from Vitti Shapati Brindo Ltd, the consultant of the project, for extension of the project, for extension of the project and the contractor that the project time would be extended till December next year.

Ghastly!

From Page 1 A woman day-labourer succumbed to burn injuries at DMCH yesterday after a gang of miscreants poured acid on her female organ at her shanty in a slum near Nawabganj Park in the city in the early hours Saturday.

Sharif

From Page 1 the key to durable peace and security in South Asia." Another report from Delhi says, Indian authorities have seized a North Korean ship on its way to Pakistan and recovered tools used in making missiles, reports said today.

Former N'ganj JCD president expelled

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, has expelled its former president of Narayanganj district unit Abu Al Yusuf Khan Tpu, reports UNB. JCD cancelled his primary membership for his link with ruling party MP Shamim Osman and anti-organisation activities, said JCD press release last night.

Jesmin

From Page 1 ted that they know about Jesmin's identity but certified her body as 'unclaimed' one. Narayanganj thana OC said they sent a wireless message to Swarupkathi thana in Barisal where Jesmin's relatives live. The OC, however, said that they were yet to get any reply from there.

Flood

From Page 1 Eastern Hill basin registered fall, improving the flood situation of the areas. In the Brahmaputra basin, the Dharla at Kurigram rose by 38 cm and was flowing 25 cm above the danger level. The Surma, however, receded at its all points including Sunamganj by 13 cm but was still flowing 20 cm above the red mark at Sunamganj point.

Jail killing case

From Page 1 cial accused, was hiding abroad. However, Ali was not charged in the case as the prosecution said that they could not trace him during the investigations. Eight of the 21 accused - former ministers Shah Moazzem Hossain, Taheruddin Thakur, K M Obaidur Rahman MP, late Nurul Islam Manzoor, ex-lieutenant colonel Savela, rook Rahman and Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan and former majors Bazul Huda and Khairuzaman - appeared on the dock under heavy police escort. The rest of the accused, all former army personnel, are absconding.

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