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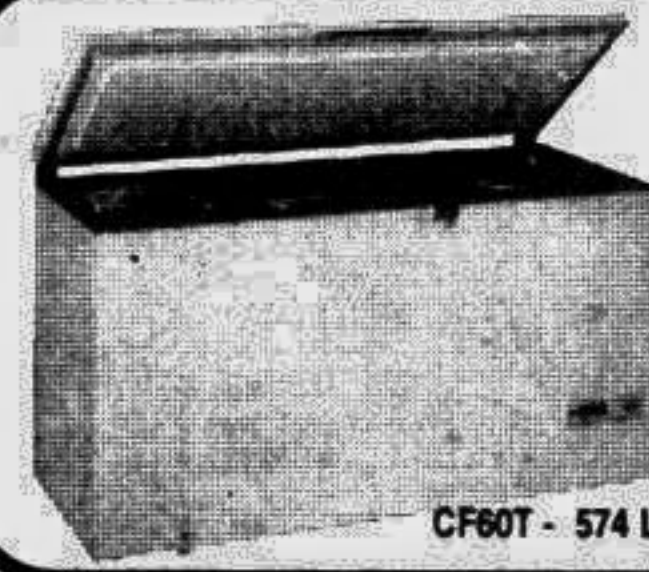
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SKOP calls hartal in Khulna town today

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Aug 23: Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) has called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the town tomorrow to press home its demands for reopening of the Sonali, Ajax and Afl Jute mills and payment of arrears. The Oikya Parishad leaders said that a minor son of Akkas Ali, 50, of Sonali Jute Mills died from starvation on August 16. They feared more deaths from starvation if arrears were not paid immediately. UNB adds: The jobless angry workers of the three jute mills brought out processions from Fulbari gate and Dak Bunglow crossing in the afternoon to drum up support for the hartal. Jatiya Party leader Kazi Zafar Ahmed addressing a rally in front of Dak Bunglow this evening extended support to the hartal.



Police at Bangla Motor stop activists campaigning to protect the trees at Osmany Udyan on their way to the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. -Star photo

Drugs haul: Rly probe body chief visits spot today

Convener of the railway inquiry committee will make a spot visit today before investigation of the drugs haul near RNB barracks at Kamalapur. Railway's Eastern Zone Additional General Manager Din Mohammad, stationed in Chittagong, will inspect the site to 'fix the modality and area of responsibility', an official told UNB. After consultation with other members, the probe chief will lead his team into formal inquiry later in the day. The members are Chief Commandant of Railway Nirapatta Bahini (RNB) East MA Rouf, Chief Estate Officer of eastern zone Imdadul Haq, Superintendent of G.R.P. (Chittagong) M. Mohsin Hossain and Divisional Railway Manager of Dhaka M. Rafiquzzaman. The committee will submit its report to the Railway Director General Atikul Hossain Khan with 15 days.

Manzoor murder case adjourned

The first Additional and Sessions Judge adjourned the hearing of Manzoor Murder Case till 3 pm today, reports BSS. Judge Sheikh Ranaquul Islam adjourned the case after hearing both sides for passing orders regarding the delivery of confessional statements, the then court martial report, white paper and judicial enquiry report in connection with the case. All accused including former President and Chairman of Jatiya Party H M Ershad, were present during the hearing. Advocate Golam Arif Tipu and Khandaker Mahabub Hossain moved on behalf of the accused persons, while Public Prosecutor Mohammad Ali stood for the state.

Swaminathan outlines work-plan for NIB

By Staff Correspondent Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday underscored the need for developing the proposed biotechnology institute of the country as a centre of excellence. They urged the policymakers to contain brain drain and develop laboratory facilities in the country, enabling budding scientists to contribute their expertise to the benefit of common man. The seminar titled, 'Research and Application of Biotechnology in Bangladesh', was jointly organised by the National Institute of Biotechnology (NIB) and DEBTEC, a private research institution, at LGED auditorium. Mentionably, the proposed NIB, first of its kind in Bangladesh, is to be built on a 20-acre land at Savar. During the daylong seminar, participants came up with some concrete recommendations. These include formation of an advisory group or project implementation team to take up priority projects under NIB, preparing an inventory of local experts and also the Bangladeshi biotechnologists working in reputed resource institutions abroad, ensuring networking of NIB with other institutions worldwide working for the same cause and arranging training for young biotechnologists.

Feni: 2 hurt

From Page 1 Shahidullah and Deputy Commander Major Zahid Hossain were tackling the situation. BDR sources said 24 acres of land of Bangladesh at Muhurir Char had been occupied by Indians long ago. In recent times, the Indians were trying to trespass upon 52.05 acres declared 'disputed' both by the Bangladesh and Indian authorities. But defying the understanding, Indian citizens began cultivation on the disputed land under BDR cover on Sunday, forcing BDR to intervene.

Khaleda to address Lalbagh meeting

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia will address a public meeting at the Lalbagh Azad Math in the city at 4 pm today, reports UNB. It will be her third meeting of the planned eight public meetings at eight constituencies in the capital. Lalbagh-Hazaribagh-Kamrangirchar thana BNP has organised the meeting.



Qul Khwani

Saiful Islam Khan (Shamim), Director, Islam Jute Mills Ltd, Islam Polymers & Plasticizers Ltd, died of heart failure on August 21, '99 in the morning (Innalillaha... razeun).

His Qul Khwani will be held today (Tuesday, August 24, '99) after Asr prayers at the residence of the deceased's father Mr Shamsul Islam Khan, MP (former Industries Minister), 727, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka. All relations, friends, colleagues and well-wishers of the deceased are requested to participate in the Qul Khwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul. Family members of the deceased and officers & employees

Draft of Copyright Bill okayed

The Cabinet yesterday approved in principle draft of the Copyright Bill providing measures for protecting rights of authors, reports UNB. The proposed law will help exchange of scientific knowledge, education and culture. This will also encourage the authors of books, art and literature, audio-video and computer programmes and performers in doing creative work, said an official press release. Presided by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the meeting also approved the proposal for further amendment to the Non-Government School Registration Ordinance, 1962 and the Primary School Teachers Welfare Trust Ordinance, 1985.

BCL leader shot, Jubo League leader abducted in Chittagong

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: A BCL leader was shot and a Jubo League leader was abducted by rivals in Madarbari Danda Miar Colony area under Double Mooring thana here this morning. The activists of AZM Nasir group allegedly attacked Jubo League leader Islam and BCL leader Syed of Kader group when they were passing through the area in a rickshaw at around 2 pm. The attackers fired on Syed when he tried to flee. They abducted Jubo League leader Islam on gun point. However, Syed managed to escape. Meanwhile, the BCL Kader group went on the rampage protesting the attack. They damaged some vehicles and put up barricade on the road near Agrabad Commerce College.

মরহম আলহাজ্ব ওয়াজেদুল ইসলাম সাহেবের দ্বিতীয় মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী



আগামীকাল ২৫শে আগস্ট ১৯৯৯ইং রোজ বুধবার ইসলাম ফ্রন্টের অন্যতম ভাইস চেয়ারম্যান পরম শ্রদ্ধেয় মরহম আলহাজ্ব ওয়াজেদুল ইসলাম সাহেবের দ্বিতীয় মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী। এই উপলক্ষে মরহমের বাড়ী নং ২৫, সড়ক নং ৬৪, গুলশান, ঢাকাস্থ বাসভবনে বাদ আসর এক মিলাদ ও দোয়া অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। মরহমের আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনার্থে আয়োজিত উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানে সকল আত্মীয়-স্বজন, বন্ধু-বান্ধব এবং শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে। বিনীত মরহমের স্ত্রী, কন্যা ও জামাতা'রা

Housewife beaten to death for dowry in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: A housewife was allegedly beaten to death for dowry by her in-laws yesterday, police said today, reports BSS. Anwara Begum, 25, of village Putubla under Lohagara thana was indiscriminately beaten up by the members of her husband's family when she refused to go to her father for dowry, according to FIR. At one stage she became unconscious and died. The youths were identified as Monzur Mia and Shah Alam, police said. They were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital with burn injuries.

8 monuments to be built

The government has decided to build monuments in eight identified killing grounds of the War of Liberation around the country, reports BSS. The decision was taken at a meeting of the committee for identifying and making list of killing grounds of the Liberation War on Sunday with its president, who is also the secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Mohammad Azizur Rahman in the chair.

2 stations of Raozan Power plant trip

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: Two power stations of Raozan Power Plant here tripped Sunday midnight creating acute shortage of electricity in the port city, reports UNB. Some one-third of the city was left in darkness as the city faced over 100-megawatt power shortage after the debacle. It was for the fifth time in the last seven months that the power plant went out of order. PDB sources said two power stations with 210-megawatt generation capacity tripped at zero hours Sunday. The shortage could not be recovered by power generation from Kaptai Thermal Power Plant and Shikabaha Barge-mounted Plant. The sources also said Kaptai and Shikabaha power stations can generate only half of the total demand of the city. It will take another three to four days to make the power stations operative, the sources added. A two-member investigation committee has been formed to find out the cause behind the fault.

2 hurt in blast while making bombs in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: Two youths were critically injured in an explosion while making bombs at Debarpur under Doublemooring thana here today, reports BSS. The youths were identified as Monzur Mia and Shah Alam, police said. They were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital with burn injuries.

City's sewerage system may explode anytime, experts fear

By Staff Correspondent Officials and experts at a workshop yesterday warned that the city's vulnerable sewerage system may explode anytime. Dhaka WASA managing director Khandakar Azharul Haq raised the alarm, saying, 'Sewerage system in Dhaka is in total disarray. It may collapse anytime. If immediate steps are not taken, the entire system may explode to prove Hiroshima a joke.' The workshop was organised by the Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) to present and discuss two topic papers titled - Economic Setting and Social and Gender Issues. The papers are part of 18 topic papers to be prepared by the WARPO by next year under a National Water Management Plan. Secretary, Water Resources Ministry, Dr ATM Shamsul Huda said if civic amenities to the fast growing population in major cities cannot be provided, threats like collapse of sewerage system would always be there. The MD, Dhaka WASA informed the workshop that Dhaka was already overpopulated to the extent that civic amenities can not be provided to all its citizens all the time. 'Furthermore, there are places in this city like Maghbazar where population density is very high. Physically, Dhaka is expanding now at a rate of 20 per cent vertically and one per cent horizontally.' The water sector officials and experts noted that urban facilities including the sewerage system and safe drinking water supply could in no way match the pace of population boom in the two major cities of the country - Dhaka and Chittagong, where WASA exists. Chairing the half-day workshop at WARPO headquarters in the city, ATM Shamsul Huda came up with the suggestion that instead of unhealthy growth of Dhaka and Chittagong, the country needs to develop 460 towns in the thana headquarters. Termining the recently evicted slum dwellers of Dhaka as mostly the victims of riverbank erosion, the Water Resources secretary underscored the need for protecting the vulnerable riverbanks. Acknowledging a declining

Marketing of lead free gasoline starts

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation has started the marketing of lead free octane and petrol all over the country, reports BSS. The lead free octane and petrol will now be sold as 'premier gasoline' and 'regular gasoline' respectively. A total of 19000 metric tons of lead free premier gasoline (95 octane) have reached Chittagong port in July and August in two consignments. At present, the per day demand for petrol and octane stands at 700 metric tons. The lead free octane and petrol will now be sold as 'premier gasoline' and 'regular gasoline' respectively. A total of 19000 metric tons of lead free premier gasoline (95 octane) have reached Chittagong port in July and August in two consignments. At present, the per day demand for petrol and octane stands at 700 metric tons.

College student murdered in Narayanganj

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Memo submitted at PMO

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Battlelines drawn for first phase of Indian polls

NEW DELHI, Aug 23: The battlelines have been drawn for the first phase of staggered Indian general elections on September 5 as the campaign has begun moving towards a high pitch. The high-point of the first phase, which will cover 146 parliamentary seats spread over 16 states is undoubtedly the battle between top opposition leader and Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and the high-profile BJP leader Sushma Swaraj in a high-voltage contest in the southern Indian constituency of Bollary. Prominent among other political heavyweights, whose electoral fortunes will be decided in the first phase is Home Minister L K Advani, who faces former high-profiled Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan in Gandhinagar constituency in Gujarat State. Seshan, who had contested Indian presidential elections as a Shiv Sena nominee last year, is now fighting Advani as a Congress nominee. As usual, seat-sharing and ticket-distribution have brought to the fore squabbles in both BJP-led alliance and between Congress and its main ally, Rashtriya Janata Dal led by Bihar strongmen Laloo Prasad Yadav. It was only after weeks of haggling and war of words that BJP could reach a seat-sharing accord with its key allies Samata Party and Lok Shakti and an electoral tie-up with a splinter group of centrist Janata Dal led by Sharad Yadav. It took a little longer time for Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal to work out a similar accord much to the chagrin of Bihar unit of Congress which did not favour it with Laloo Yadav's ruling party in Bihar. The ruling BJP-led alliance has hit the election road with a seemingly distance advantage over Congress. A series of opinion polls have projected the alliance

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Maggi advertisement featuring a family eating together. Text includes 'নিমেষেই স্যুপ', 'সত্যি মাণীর তুলনা নেই। তাই ছোট থেকে বড়, সবকেই মাগী করতে পাবল...', '১টি স্যুপের সাথে ১টি নুডলস ফ্রী!', '১টি নুডলস ফ্রী! এই সন্ধ্যায় ৩০শে সেপ্টেম্বর '৯৯ পর্যন্ত', 'বাবার রকমকমে: চিকেন সিমি, ক্রিম অর মাশরম, ক্রিম অর চিকেন'.