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Confce of Asian parliamentarians begins today

Parliamentarians as well as representatives of civil society and distinguished persons from 36 countries will meet in the city today to identify their role in promoting peace in Asia, reported BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the four-day Asian Parliamentarians' Conference for Peace and Cooperation (APCP), the first of its kind, at Sonargaon Hotel at 10:30 am.

The conference will create an opportunity for the parliamentarians as representatives of civil society to exchange views and find ways and means to promote peace in Asia, said Quazi Md Manzur-i-Mowla, secretary of the Parliament Secretariat, who was elected secretary general of the conference at the secretaries general meeting yesterday.

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, he said the secretaries general meeting proposed that no bilateral contentious issues

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Khaleda terms attack on Janakantha a conspiracy

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia has termed the attack on the Daily Janakantha and subsequent move to shift blame on others as unfortunate.

In a statement yesterday, she also termed the incident as conspiratorial and alleged that certain vested quarters organised the incident to undermine the massive success of the BNP's mass procession.

She said the propaganda that party leader Anwar Zahid got down from the procession truck and led the attack on the Janakantha office is totally false. He was never on the truck during the procession.

Anwar Zahid joined the procession and walked upto Bangla Motor crossing and he was in the front portion of the procession, Begum Zia said and added that Zahid along with other party leaders were at Bangla Motor when the attack on the Janakantha office occurred.

The BNP Chairperson alleged that the "subservient" Awami League government has

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Four staff of a foreign firm killed in Ctg road accident

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 31: Four employees of a foreign construction firm were killed and three others injured when a minibus and a city service bus collided at Gupthakhal under Bandar thana here this morning.

All the victims were the staff of Shimizu Corporation of Japan.

The dead were identified as Engineer Dhana Ranjan Majumder, 58, Safety Officer Khalilur Rahman, 40, Assistant

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September 1		
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat
4:20	4:25	
Zohr	12:45	1:30
Asr	4:35	4:40
Magrib	6:20	6:24
Esha	7:37	8:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

More areas in city submerged Half of Chandpur town flooded

By Staff Correspondent

Flood waters inundated half of Chandpur and a portion of the Chandpur-Comilla road yesterday.

In the city and its outskirts, more low-lying areas were flooded overnight as the major rivers continued to rise due to rains and onrush of waters from the upstream.

Boats replaced rickshaws in Badda, Demra, Manda, Sabujbagh, Nandipara, Khilgaon and Swarighat areas.

Flood also hit fresh areas in Narayanganj.

The Flood Information Centre here told The Daily Star yesterday that more areas in the city and in western and central

districts would be inundated in the next couple of days.

The districts to be affected are Chapainawabganj, Rajbari, Faridpur, Madaripur, Sharapur, Manikganj, Munshiganj and Chandpur.

The rivers around Dhaka and Narayanganj will rise further, worsening the flood situation, the FIC said.

Our Chandpur Correspondent reported deterioration of flood situation in the district due to torrential rain and rise in water level in the Meghna due to onrush of hill waters.

At least half of Chandpur town has gone under water. Portions of the Chandpur-Comilla

road and the Kalibari road were submerged yesterday.

The worst hit areas in the district are Chandpur Sadar, Hajiganj, Shahristi, Hainchar and Matlab thanas, official sources said.

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Akhtaruzzaman Babu relieved of party post

By Staff Correspondent
Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu has been relieved of the post of Industries and Commerce Secretary of ruling Awami League, a party press release said yesterday.

Signed by AL Office Secretary Abdul Mannan Khan, the press release said the action was taken 'as he has taken part in activities contrary to the party's ideals, programmes, constitution, rules and interests'.

Babu allegedly led a group of armed hoodlums who storm into the boardroom of United Commercial Bank Limited (UCBL) when a Board meeting was going on at its head office in the city on Thursday last and forced five directors of the bank to resign at gun point.

When contacted the AL Office Secretary told The Daily Star over telephone yesterday evening that a letter was sent to

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