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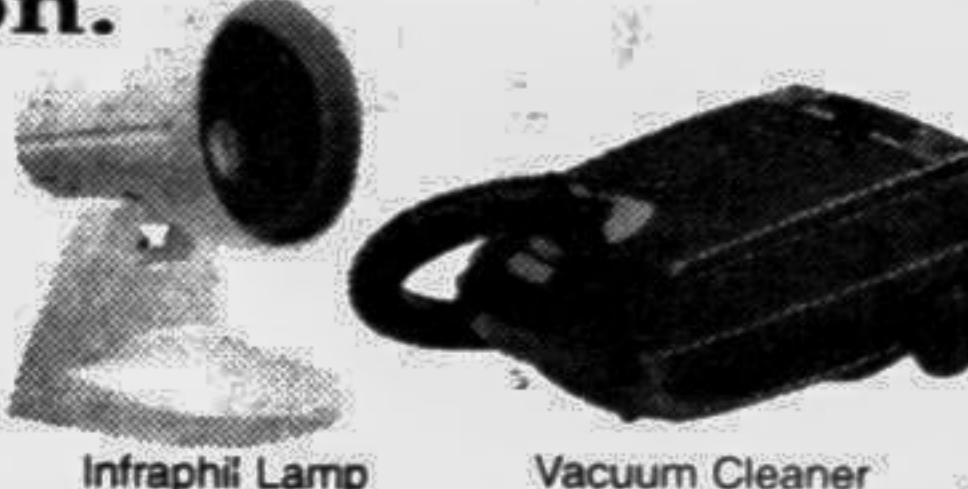
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Baghabari barge-mounted power plant

**'Petrobangla never committed to provide higher-pressure gas'****Star Report**

Petrobangla yesterday refuted a claim of Baghabari Westmont barge-mounted power plant authorities that the government was failing to provide the plant higher-pressure gas supply and that as a result the plant could not continue operations.

Petrobangla in a press release said the government never committed to provide higher-pressure gas to Westmont. Rather, it had committed to avail gas supply with a standard "150" PSGI pressure to Westmont. Accordingly, Petrobangla has already installed all necessary infrastructure at Baghabari to avail the gas to Westmont.

Westmont's 100 MW power plant was partially completed three months ago. From then, it has been generating around 70 MW power using tax-free imported fuel oil. As per contract, the company was supposed to set up a gas pressure converter within 90 days of commissioning of the plant so that imported fuel oil can be replaced with cheap locally produced natural gas, sources said.

This deadline expired last week. From now on, the Power Development Board (PDB) which was supplying the imported oil to Westmont, would not provide the oil.

But due to shortage of funds, Westmont could not install the gas converter in its plant till date. As a result, it can not take the gas from Petrobangla though it is available now.

The converter is required as the power plant consumes gas

**'Silent procession'**  
by Dhaka  
College students

By DU Correspondent

Different students' organisations of Dhaka College yesterday jointly brought out a 'silent procession' on the campus to protest what they alleged crimes, autocracy and misbehavior on the part of the principal.

The college authorities, however, denied the allegations and accused the student leaders of creating unrest on the campus.

A group of BCL leaders on Wednesday locked the main gate of the college holding the teachers and students hostage for about an hour.

**Alamgir murder**

**Case against  
Shikdar, 4  
others filed**

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Oct 27: After primary verification of the petition in connection with abduction and killing of Alamgir, a regular case (No 7) has been lodged with Sreepur thana of the district accusing Ershad Shikdar and four his accomplices.

The SP has directed DB of Magura to investigate the case. According to the FIR, Alamgir Reza Chowdhury, a contractor enlisted with Police Department, was killed between August 8 and 20 in 1994 after he was abducted from village Sarongodia under Sreepur thana of Magura district allegedly by 'Jamal' Farooque, Teko Aziz, Liakat Lashkar, and Abdul Barik Sheikh.

Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, nephew of the victim, on October 21, submitted a petition case (No 1016/99) to the First Class Magistrate's court of Magura Kha area. Magistrate Mokhlesur Rahman directed police to take lawful step in this connection. Sreepur thana police after investigation filed a regular case yesterday.

**6 accomplices of  
Ershad Shikdar  
held in Pirojpur**

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 27: Police arrested six accomplices of terrorist Ershad Shikdar from Mulgram village under Sadar thana of Pirojpur last night. The arrested are Kanchan Ali Sheikh, 45, Tajul Islam, 44, Alamgir Hossain alias Sohel, 42, Abdul Sheikh, 32, Selim Sheikh, 35, and Sohan Sheikh, 22.

They were handed over to Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) by the Police Super of Pirojpur this afternoon.

**DU Paribesh  
Parishad  
meets today**

By DU Correspondent

A meeting of the Paribesh Parishad (Environment Council) of Dhaka University will be held on the campus today to discuss ways to keep final year examinations of the university out of the purview of strike and hartal.

The meeting will also discuss the untoward incident that took place on the campus following DU authorities' decision to hold the scheduled second year final examinations on October 13 and 14 despite student strikes at the university.

Sources said that the university authorities would ask the student leaders to keep the final year examinations out of the purview of all strikes and hartals in future.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof A.K. Azad Chowdhury will preside over the meeting at the Conference Building at 12.30 pm.

Meanwhile, BNP-backed Jatiyatabdil Chhatra Dal (JCD) has decided to boycott the meeting for alleged failure of DU authorities to take steps against the police personnel and BCL activists responsible for attack on the JCD activists during the strike.

Eligible students are requested to contact Ms. Raffat Binte Rashid at The Daily Star office with their original individual candidate statement of results (along with photocopy) on Thursday 28.10.99 and on Saturday 30.10.99 between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**EC may announce schedule today****Election of three city  
corps on Dec 6**

Star Report

Baghabari to supply gas to Westmont power house.

The Election Commission (EC) is likely to announce the schedule for the election of three city corporations today. EC sources said.

Election of Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations will be held on December 6, the sources said.

The date for submission of nomination papers for the polls is November 8, while the date for withdrawal of nomination papers November 16.

As per law, the deadline for holding polls of the four city corporations is December 27.

The Commission, however, has not yet fixed the date for elections to the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), because a case is still pending with the High Court concerning the delimitation of certain wards of the DCC.

However, the EC had written to the mainstream political parties to exchange views on various issues relating to elections of the Upazila Parishads and city corporation bodies.

Leaders of the ruling Awami

League and its partners in the government, Jatiya Party led by Anwar Hossain Monju and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal of A.S. M. Rob, as well as the Left Democratic Front (LDF) responded positively to the EC's invitation.

The AL delegation suggested that the elections to the city corporations should be held before the holy month of Ramadan, beginning in the second week of November. They also requested the EC to hold Upazila polls after the holy Ramadan.

The JSD and the JP told the EC to hold both the Upazila and the City Corporation polls before the Ramadan. The LDF leaders requested the government to make the polls meaningful by accommodating all the political parties.

On the other hand, the mainstream opposition parties including the BNP rejected the EC's invitation. They have announced their decision to boycott all elections under the present EC headed by Abu Hena.

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**Groom children  
to face challenges  
of 21st century: PM**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government wants to ensure a peaceful environment for unhindered and undisturbed flourishing of the talents and moral growth of children to groom themselves as worthy citizens, reports UNB.

"I am handing over Bangladesh to you. By building yourself as worthy citizens, you will build a beautiful country, the Sonar Bangla," she told the children addressing the national conference of Khelaghbar at the Shishu Academy here in the morning.

Members of Khelaghbar from across the country, attired in white dress and red scarf, joined the function under a big pandal on the Shishu Academy premises and demanded an environment where all rights of children will be fulfilled.

Khelaghbar central committee chairman Prof Ali Asgar, general secretary Abdul Aziz, and a little girl Nipa, also spoke at the function.

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**Pollution: DOE  
to sue 23  
industrial units**

The Department of Environment (DOE) will file cases against 23 industrial units for causing pollution and take actions against black smoke emitting vehicles, a Jatiya Sangsad press release said in the city yesterday.

It said this was informed at a meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Environment and Forest Ministry with its chairman Alhaj Mohammad Tabibur Rahman in the chair.

The meeting was also told that under the UNDP-sponsored Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEM) a project was underway to develop waste disposal systems in rural weaving and dying units.

**Bomb hoax**

By Staff Correspondent

Another bomb hoax created panic in the city's Mohammadpur area early yesterday, police said.

With this there were five such false alarms in the city since the recovery of explosives from the Janakantha office and a mosque in the city on October 8.

Police failed to identify who were involved in these fake alerts.

**Khaleda slams AL's  
'subservient' attitude**

By Staff Correspondent

Quoting press reports, she said more than one lakh Indian citizens have already settled in Chittagong Hill Tracts driving away the Bangladeshi people. The agreement has destabilised the situation in the CHT rather than bringing peace and that non-tribal people and even the army jawans are now being victims of repression by the terrorists.

Khaleda Zia said the present government now enjoyed nobody's trust -- at home or abroad. "Because it has betrayed with both the countrymen and the foreigners."

She said the government was committed to ensuring good governance, accountability, transparency and implementing reforms, but failed miserably. "The government forgets its commitment to the people, but is very sincere about meeting the pledges to its masters."

Presided over by Juba Dal president Mirza Abbas, it was addressed among others by Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Moudud Ahmed, Khandaker Mahbubul Ahmed, Tariqul Islam, Sadeq Hossain Khoka MP, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Moazzem Hossain Alai and Mahbubul Alam Tara.

**জাতীয় টিকা দিবস '৯৯**

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বাংলাদেশ প্রাইভেলিনিস্টিউট সার্ভিস এসোসিয়েশনের কেন্দ্রীয় কার্যনির্বাহী কমিটির নির্বাচন নিম্নবর্ণিত তফসিল অনুযায়ী অনুমতি দেয়। নির্বাচনযোগ্য পদগুলো হলো: সং-সভাপতি-১ জন, কোষাধ্যক্ষ-১ জন, উপ-কোষাধ্যক্ষ-২ জন, যুৰ-মহাসচিব-৪ জন, সহকারী মহাসচিব-৭ জন, সদস্য-২৪ জন সচিব পর্যায়ের কর্মকর্তাদের।

**নির্বাচন তফসিল**

(১) খসড়া ভোটার তালিকা প্রকাশের তারিখ ও সময়: ৪-১১-১৯৯৯ (সন্ধ্যা ৭ টা)।

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(১০) প্রতিবেশী প্রাপ্তি করা তারিখ ও সময়: ৪-১২-১৯৯৯ (বিকাল ৫টা-১০টা)।

(১১) নির্বাচন অস্থ