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**Bird-hazard
CAAB to buy
10 shotguns**

By Special Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) is buying ten shotguns to replace its vintage inventory of unserviceable guns to make the Zia International Airport free of bird-hazard.

"We are going to procure the guns urgently through the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)", a highly placed CAAB source told the Star yesterday. He was responding to a Daily Star story on March 31 on the birds menacing the aircraft at ZIA in view of the shortage of guns which were either being serviced or were out of operation.

The source said that the CAAB would train more shooters to bolster its team of five gunners.

The Airforce who uses a part of the ZIA has its shooters around, supplementing the CAAB shooters, the source said. Asked to comment on the lease of ponds inside the ZIA for fisheries, the source said that no further lease would be given, once the current leases expired.

Fish is one of the attractions apart from leftovers to the birds, especially Pariah Kites who patrol the airport area when they are on the lookout for food.

Besides, CAAB officials said that the birds prefer the open space of the ZIA as a hunting ground for insects.

**Attack on GP
showroom: None
arrested yet**

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 17: Police are yet to arrest any of the accused in connection with attack on the Butterfly Showroom, an outlet of newly launched GramenPhone (GP) mobile service at Hemayet Uddin Road here, sources said.

A group of armed terrorist on motorcycles stormed the GP's outlet twice and damaged electrical appliances including televisions, refrigerators and phone sets to the tune of several lakh taka.

The incident occurred only 20 minutes after Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim launched the GP's mobile phone service on Saturday afternoon.

The armed goons allegedly belonging to the ruling Awami League attacked the showroom immediately after the launching after the manager of the showroom refused to give them mobile phone sets free of cost.

Abdus Salam, owner of the showroom, lodged a case with Kotwali police.

**Injunction on
publishing
dailies on
holidays stayed**

The Bengali daily that Danik Ittefaq filed a writ with the High Court on Saturday called a lower court injunction on publishing newspapers on holidays as an infringement of fundamental rights, freedom of expression and the press, reports UNB.

The writ, filed by Rahat Khan, acting editor of Danik Ittefaq, stayed the operation of the impugned order, issued by the 4th Assistant Judge, unit April 18.

On April 13, the 4th Assistant Judge passed an order following a suit filed by Shahid Siraji asking 20 newspapers not to publish during holidays. The court, however, said in its order a Bengali and an English daily could be published on holidays after negotiations among the owners.

Very little opportunity was afforded to those dailies, including Ittefaq, to be able to take any remedial actions against such an order of injunction," stated the writ.

Barrister Tania Amir moved the petition on behalf of the Ittefaq Group of Publications.

**Resolve stalemate
immediately, CU
students demand**

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 17: Chittagong University students staged demonstrations today to demand the immediate resolution of the stalemate at the university.

Students, under the banner of the Democratic Student Alliance (DSA) surrounded the office of Chittagong's deputy commissioner to demand a solution to the impasse and trials for all murders and terrorism that have taken place on campus.

The association also submitted a petition containing 7,000 signatures to the DC to forward to the prime minister. They also held a rally, which was chaired by Ahsan Kabir Bengal, during the programme.

General students, CU, brought out a procession, which attended by about 300 students wearing black-badges and carrying a coffin, at around 10 am.

The procession started from Tigerpass Crossing and made its way down the important city streets of New Market and Momin Road. It ended with a hunger strike in front of the Chittagong Press Club to demand a return to normalcy at the university.

During the hunger strike, a rally, presided over by Surjit Pal Sunon, was held. The press club president made the stu-

dents break their hunger strike at around 1 pm.

Before departing the general students announced a new agitation programme. There will be a mass rally at Tigerpass Crossing at 10 am and a human chain at New Market at 11 am on April 20 unless the impasse is resolved.

Student Solidarity, a non-political organisation of CU students, also staged a hunger strike in front of the Shaheed Minar. A rally was held with Md Mahfuzur Rahman in the chair.

The rally announced fresh programmes of student-mess contact from April 18 to 20, and a protest procession from the press club April 23.

Campus Students Forum, a forum for the children of university staff, submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor of the university to demand the resumption of classes within 48 hours. The forum also announced a rally and hunger strike at the CU campus April 19 unless their demand is met.

Meanwhile, a meeting scheduled to be held by CU authorities, district administration and agitating student organisations, including CU units of the Shibir and JCD, was not held, some student leaders boycotted it.

IJO not liquidated

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have a new 'successor instrument' that would have given it a lease of life.

The Ministry statement said, "As per the International Jute and Jute Goods Agreement of 1989, the IJO has entered a liquidation phase which will last 18 months from April 12. Ongoing activities of IJO will be carried on to completion during the phase, and necessary officials and staff will continue to work for this purpose."

During the liquidation phase, all members of the International Jute Council (IJC) will meet again within the framework of a working group on June 27 and 28 this year to negotiate a new agreement on future international cooperation on jute and jute goods.

"However, some important members of IJC have objection to the present format of cooperation. They like to propose a new format, which they think will be more effective and consistent with the current thinking on commodity bodies".

It said the government continued its efforts since early

1998 to ensure a new agreement but these efforts did not succeed due to withdrawal of certain important members from IJO.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had requested European Union President Romano Prodi for his support for continuation of IJO. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad had also requested European Commissioner Poul Nielson during his visit to Dhaka in February this year, it said. EU member country was individually approached to support continuation of IJO.

The government's diplomatic efforts have yielded a positive result and all the IJC members have agreed to discuss a new international cooperation arrangement in June, the jute ministry clarification said.

Judge suspended

By Staff Correspondent

Abdur Razzak, additional district and session judge of Kishoreganj was suspended on Thursday, according to sources.

With the latest suspension, 23 judicial officers have been suspended in last one year under the discipline and appeal rules of 1985, sources said. Inquiry against these officials are now underway, the sources noted.

The order of suspension against Razzak was given immediate effect on the advice of the Supreme Court and approval of the President, the source said.

Action against Razzak was taken on the basis of allegation made against him during his tenure as district and sessions judge of Jhenidah, where he was posted earlier, the source added.

**Flag meeting held
BSF returns
body of
Feni victim**

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Apr 17: BSF yesterday returned the body of Bangladeshi national Shah Alam after a two-hour long flag meeting at Mojumdarhat BOP in the afternoon.

Two Bangladeshis — Ferdous, 16, and Shah Alam, 25 — were killed and 10 others injured by the intruding BSF personnel at South Satyanagar village in Parshuram thana on Saturday.

They also took away the body of Alam and some cattle from the area during the incident.

UNB quoting villagers said that three others were missing after the incident and suspected they might have been kidnapped by the BSF.

However, BSF yesterday denied the abductions.

The DIG (South) of Tripura State of India yesterday evening visited the area and apologised for the BSF fringes to the BDR and assured probe into the incident.

"Villagers still remained scared as BSF troops were reinforced in the area and were seen patrolling their border brandishing their arms," witnesses said.

Meanwhile, villagers of Satyanagar and Ashrafpur yesterday caught five Indian intruders and handed them over to the BDR.



Boishakhi Mela at the Shishu Academy yesterday.

— Star photo

**Constable
shot dead
in city**

By Staff Correspondent

A police constable was gunned down by an armed gang on Sunday.

Constable Abdul Motaleb, 35, was shot dead by the miscreants at Kesab Benarjee Road in Sutrapur on Sunday morning when he boarded a tempo for Gulistan.

The miscreants opened fire when driver of the tempo refused to obey their order to stop the vehicle. The driver was also shot, witnesses said.

The driver was identified as Sekandar rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The constable died on the spot.

Motaleb, who was serving as a constable at Bajitpur police outpost, came to Dhaka to attend a training course in the Traffic School. He was going to Kishoreganj to appear before the Kishoreganj District Judge's Court as a witness in a case.

**Jubo League
calls meeting
at the venue of
Khaleda's rally**

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Apr 17: A tense situation prevails at Kalaroa in Satkhira district after a section of ruling Awami League-backed Jubo League activists called a meeting today at the ground where the leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia is scheduled to address a public rally tomorrow.

The Jubo League activists called the meeting following the arrest of one of their leaders, Jamal Siraji, on charge of killing of SSC examinees at Kalaroa High School centre on March 2.

The unruly Jubo League activists ransacked the local BNP office and attacked thana secretary general of BNP Rafiqul Islam.

They demanded release of the arrested leader by Monday night. They vowed to hold the meeting at 10 am at any cost.

But, police officials said they would do everything possible to foil the meeting of Jubo League.

Local people said that additional police have been deployed following the tension.

AL blows hot

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The AL stalwart said the higher judiciary was not found embarrassed while hearing death references as regard verdicts of Martial Law Courts at different times.

"Military rule tarnished the image of the country's judiciary for long 21 years... Biased people were appointed judges and now they are encouraging killers and deterioration of law and order by feeling embarrassed."

The minister warned the people against a "conspiracy" by the beneficiaries of 1975 military coup. "The four opposition parties are now united to avenge their defeat... We must be cautious about their unholy move."

Food Minister Amir Hossain Anu said trial of Bangabandhu's killers was a long-felt demand of the nation, but the post-75 governments blocked the process.

"People supported the trial by electing Awami League to power in 1996. None can stop execution of the verdict passed by the court."

Hanif said today's procession of AL leaders and workers is aimed at expediting the execution of Bangabandhu's killers.

"Any attempt to obstruct the process of trial will not be accepted by the people" he said.

Other speakers included State Minister for Shipping Mozammel Hossain Choudhury Mava, State Minister for Planning Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, AL leaders Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Abdul Mannan, Quamrul Islam, Shahara Khatun and Reazuddin Ahmed.

**Govt patronising
godfathers of
criminals**

Khaleda tells rally in Jessore

JESSORE, Apr 17: Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia blasted the government today for patronising the 'godfathers' of criminals, raising social insecurity and tension, reports UNB.

"The present government is enacting new laws in the name of curbing terrorism. But it has totally failed to nab the self-declared godfathers, who are basking under the protection of the ruling party," she told a public meeting at Monirampur college.

Khaleda said she regretted that the Public Safety Act was being used to harass innocent people as well as opposition leaders and workers.

She called on people to resist of the government by joining the ongoing movement and thus save the nation.

The government has failed to ensure the security of life and property of the people. It has totally failed to fulfill the commitments it made to the people before the election, said Khaleda.

She visited Monirampur police station, where more than a dozen BNP activists are held under the Public Safety Act.

She was highly critical of the government for what she described as threats to judges of the higher court.

Dubbing the Awami League as corrupt and oppressive, the former prime minister said the BNP is the symbol of hope of the nation. It ended one party rule, ensured freedom of speech, rule of law, independence of the judiciary, economic development and prosperity for the people.

Zia said the Awami League has no capacity to run the state. It was also rather efficient at plundering the national wealth.

Zia alleged that farmers are not getting fair prices for their products, including jute, paddy and sugarcane. Mills and factories are on the verge of closure

with the influx of Indian goods through wide-open borders. Thousands of workers are unemployed with the closure of mills and factories across the country.

Presided over by Shafiqul Islam Shafique, the meeting was addressed by Sheikh Razzak Ali, Tariqul Islam, Farida Rahman, Zahanara Begum, Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Mo-shiur Rahman, Sahidul Islam Beltu and Shahidul Islam.

Zia is scheduled to address a public meeting of Kalaroa in Satkhira district today.

**Copies of dailies
burnt in Feni**

From Our Correspondent

FENI, Apr 17: At least 8000 copies of dailies were burnt by angry newspaper hawkers here today.

Witnesses said members of Feni United Hawkers Association snatched packets containing the Janakantha, Prothom Alo, Jugantar and other newspapers from the bus and burn those on the road. Ten newspaper agencies could not distribute papers in the district due to the incident.

The hawkers were protesting publication of newspapers on the Ashura holiday.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: Around 30 thousand newspaper readers in the district did not get newspapers today as Narayanganj District Hawkers Union decided not to deliver those on government holidays.

President of the union Md Fazlul Haque at a meeting at Narayanganj Railway Station said hawkers enjoy only 10-12 holidays a year.

He alleged that owners are publishing newspapers 'unlawfully' on holidays. So hawkers will not deliver any newspaper on government holidays, he declared.

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