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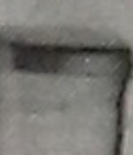
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### Bhutto's death Three doctors of NICVD suspended

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry yesterday suspended three doctors of the National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases for their negligence in the treatment of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, MP, reports BSS.

A press release signed by the APS to the health minister said, the ministry took the action after the investigation report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare Ministry was approved by the Jatiya Sangsad.

Those who have been put under suspension are: Associate Professor of the Cardiology Department of the Institute Dr A K M Mohibullah, Assistant Professor of the same department Dr Mohammad Mizanur Rahman and Medical Officer Joyanta Kumar Poddar.

They have been made Officer on Special Duty (OSD) and attached to the Health Directorate.

The ministry also formed a three-member committee for further investigation.

The members of the committee are: Joint Secretary (Hospitals) of the ministry Sheikh Shafi Ahmed, Director (Hospitals) of the Health Directorate Dr Mohammad Mozammel Haque and Head of the Cardiology Department of Dhaka Medical College Dr Momtaz Hossain.

### Operation of Khulna Power Plant suspended

Operation of the 110 mw Khulna Power Plant was suspended yesterday for six months for overhauling and rehabilitation, reports UNB.

Scoda Export of Czech has undertaken the work of rehabilitation on turn-key basis.

## Hand over power to caretaker govt Opposition urges govt

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has advised the ruling Awami League to hand over power to a caretaker government "right now" because "its administration has collapsed due to politicisation".

Politicisation of the administration and corruption, terrorism and nepotism by the ruling party have increased to such an extent that normal activities of the state have collapsed, he said.

Bhuiyan was addressing a big rally at Muktangan in the city, organised by the BNP-led opposition alliance as part of its countrywide demonstrations for resignation of the government.

"It is wise for the government to step down immediately because the administration is not even carrying out the instruction of the Prime Minister," he said.

Quoting press reports, Bhuiyan said the Prime Minister ordered arrest of some of her party men including Auranga, Liaquat and Hanna a few days back but none of them have been arrested.

Speaking about law and order situation, Bhuiyan said the sister of a deputy minister was raped and killed, but the government suppressed the incident because AL men were involved in it.

The BNP leader said OCs of Dhanmondi, Sonargaon and some other police stations filed GDS (general diary) seeking their own security. A TNO recently organised a procession to protest terrorism and repression by local AL activists. The district judge at Feni wrote to the Prime Minister and the Law Minister seeking his own security. Bhuiyan claimed. These in-

cidents prove that life of any citizen is not safe, he added.

Bhuiyan reiterated Opposition's demand for immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed and Election Commissioner Shafiqur Rahman.

Bhuiyan also demanded scrapping of the Zila Parishad Act, terming it unconstitutional and undemocratic. He said the government is reverting to "basic democracy of Ayub Khan" instead of strengthening local government bodies.

BNP Standing Committee member Abdul Matin Chowdhury said the "incompetent and subservient" government has no courage to lodge a normal complaint against killing of BDR personnel and innocent civilians inside Bangladesh territory by Indian BSF.

On the contrary, the government has opened the borders for smuggling of Indian goods into the country, he alleged. BNP Vice-chairman Tariqul Islam said the government manipulated Dhaka University Senate polls to politicise the university's highest body. But the High court cancelled the polls results.

He the government raised power tariff on nine occasions although it miserably failed to ensure smooth power supply.

The meeting over, hundreds of BNP activists brought out a procession and paraded different city streets. The procession terminated in front of BNP central office at Naya Paltan.

Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote also held separate rallies at Kalabagan, north gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque and Purana Paltan areas respectively.



Claudia Schiffer  
On a mission  
to eradicate  
polio

By staff correspondent

Claudia Schiffer, special representative for US Fund for Unicef yesterday said, "My mission here is to raise awareness about polio eradication so that the goal for the 'final push' is achieved."

She was talking to newsmen at the Unicef office here at the end of her five-day mission to Bangladesh. "It is important to raise more funds and give focus on motivating people for polio eradication."

She said, "It is wonderful to be here and meet such nice people. The people here are extremely generous. I always wanted to visit Bangladesh. I volunteer to continue working with Unicef on such missions."

The 29-year old super model began her official involvement with US Fund for Unicef by becoming a member of its Arts and Entertainment Support Committee.

## New twist in cable trouble Operators defy ban on 'obscene' channels

By Mustak Hossain

Cable Operators who are in a discord with 'pay channel' providers over the increased rates for use of the channels have started transmitting free programmes of some other channels, sources concerned said.

These channels include TB6, FTV, TV-5, PTN and MEGA. Following a meeting with cable operators recently, the government banned the first three channels on charges of obscenity. PTN and MEGA came into operation later.

"Transmission of programmes of these channels would adversely affect the younger generation because most of those transmit programmes considered semi-porno," a guardian in the city's Mohammadpur area alleged.

He termed Russian channel TB6 the 'worst channel' and said it transmits pornographic films at midnight and French channel FTV presents models

with flimsy or see through clothing.

When contacted, Convenor of Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) S M Anwar Parvez admitted that he had received such allegations from various areas of the city.

"We must not transmit programmes of these channels but since there is no movie channel, some of our members have been transmitting these to keep their subscriber base strong following a row over rates with pay channel providers," he said.

He alleged that the government is yet to take any step to solve the dispute even after four months. Moreover it has 'imposed VAT and tax on us', he said.

"We have written to the ministry concerned that in this circumstance, we are unable to pay VAT and tax and we have also demanded a five-year tax holiday."

Parvez claimed that this sec-

tor should be exempted from VAT and tax as unemployed youths are mostly engaged in the sector. "We need bank loans to develop the sector."

Khandokar Fazlur Rahman, Joint Secretary of Information Ministry and in-charge of matters relating to cable television, said the channels which are considered pornographic should not be allowed to transmit any longer.

He said it is difficult to stop transmission of programmes these channels since there is no mechanism to do so overnight in the absence of Satellite Television Control Act in the country.

The Act is in the final stage, he mentioned.

"Another problem is that we need proper representatives from the cable operators so that we can impose laws on them since there is more than one cable operators association in the country," he said.

## SEC seeks DSE explanation on Shinepukur share purchase

By M Shamsur Rahman

The Surveillance and Monitoring Wing of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday directed the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to explain why it purchased 4450 shares of Shinepukur Holdings Ltd on Wednesday.

In its letter, SEC asked DSE management to submit details in this regard.

SEC officials told this correspondent that DSE apparently bought the shares as some stock brokers defaulted in settling trade in the scrips.

Such a defaulting situation arises when some one buys or sells shares without having the scrips or the money in possession, they pointed out.

The Monitoring and Surveillance Wing also asked DSE to inform the regulators if any action was taken against the brokers for the default.

"The Commission expects that every transaction at the exchange is duly settled by concerned members in order to ensure having a sustained and disciplined capital market in the country in the interest of all concerned," the SEC said in its letter.

If necessary, stern action should be taken against the purposeful defaults to make the market safe and disciplined," the letter said.

### Prayer Timings

July 14

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Dhuhr	12-30	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

### Bird scare for Gulf Air

By Staff Correspondent

An engine of a Gulf Air Airbus was damaged when hit by a bird while the aircraft was landing at Zia International Airport (ZIA) at 9-30 am yesterday.

The flight was coming from Doha.

A Gulf Air official said arrangements were being made for repair of the engine. The return flight to Doha was rescheduled at 3 am today.

Earlier on Tuesday, an engine of a Qatar Airways aircraft was also damaged when hit by a bird at ZIA.

### Rajuk drive continues

By Staff Correspondent

A demolition team of Rajuk yesterday removed several unauthorised structures from Satmasjid Road and Road 27.

Rajuk's ongoing campaign in Dhanmondi aims at removing all unauthorised structures from Road 2 and 27, Satmasjid Road, Mirpur Road and the stretch on Green Road. These roads were declared commercial about two years ago.

The Rajuk team comprised an authorised officer, a magistrate, the public relations officer and at least two platoons from Dhanmondi police station.

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### BSMMU unrest ends

By staff correspondent

Unrest at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) ended yesterday with the authorities agreeing to meet all the demands.

Students, under the banner of Chikitsak Parishad, had earlier locked the main entrance to the corridor on the first floor on Wednesday and threatened to go on indefinite strike from Saturday.

Their four-point demand included immediate cessation of fund distribution in the form of

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