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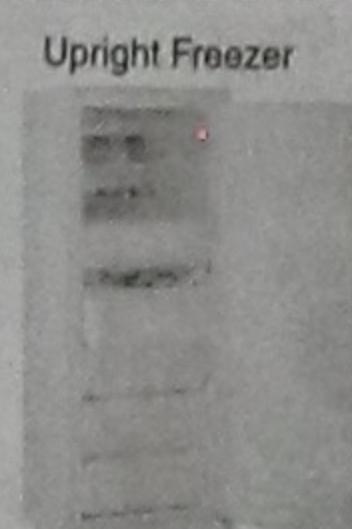
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Cabinet condemns attempt on life of Prime Minister

The Cabinet strongly condemned yesterday the heinous attempt on the life of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Kotulpura recently, reports UNB. A regular meeting of the Cabinet at the Prime Minister's Office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair expressed deep gratitude to Almighty Allah for foiling the heinous move and prayed for long life and good health of the prime minister.

The meeting approved the proposals to amend the Rangamati Parbata Zilla Parishad Act, 1989; the Khagrachari Parbata Zilla Parishad Act, 1989; and the Bandarban Parbata Zilla Parishad Act, 1989.

The Cabinet also approved a proposal to formulate the metropolis, divisional city and district playground, open space, park and natural water-bodies preservation bill 2000.

Mass killing case

Huda ordered shooting, say two PWs

CHITTAGONG, July 24: Two prosecution witnesses in the Chittagong Mass Killing Case today told the court that police officer Mirza Rakibul Huda ordered over wireless the petrol inspector of police on January 24, 1988 to open fire on the prosecution, reports UNB.

Mohammad Ali and Iftekhar Ahmed, constables on duty at that time, further told the court that departmental action was taken against those police who failed to obey the order.

They deposed before the court when the third phase of hearing in the case began today.

Former police commissioner Rakibul Huda, enlarged on bail and six cops who are in custody were on the dock. Another accused J C Mondol, patrol inspector of police at that time, is absconding.

New check-in rule at ZIA

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) will allow only one accompanying person with each international passenger up to check-in counter in the concourse hall of Zia International Airport from August 1, 2000, a CAAB release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The accompanying person of the international passenger should pay Taka 250 as entry fee up to check-in counter (in the concourse hall), added the release.

Meanwhile, the entry fee for the arrival lounge has been increased from Tk 20 to Tk 50, it further added.

Correction

It was mistakenly written in a report on "BB allows renaming of Grindlays" published yesterday that a declaration regarding the group chief executive will soon be done. The error is regretted.



The sewerage under a road divider near Gulshan-1 roundabout in the city is without cover for long. As a result, untreated sewage flows down the road and mosquitoes have a breeding ground, posing a serious health hazard to residents the dwellers. —Star photo

Global climate change Developing states should introduce Clean Dev Management Mechanism

From Syed Fahim Munain

Mauritius and the Maldives. He further stated that countries like Fiji, Maldives and other South Pacific islands may go under water in case of one metre sea-level rise.

Dr Jenny in her keynote speech said that there are conflicts over water or "hydro-politics" and debates on "Eco-violence" involving question of human security.

She added that Clean Development Management Mechanisms should be introduced in the developing countries as a mitigation measure to face the climate change problems.

Enayetullah Khan emphasized the role of journalists in sensitizing politicians and decision-makers to pursue the Green Agenda.

Syed Fahim Munain pointed out that the importance of media's role in making people aware of the grave consequences of the global climate change.

He further said that it should be the responsibility of both electronic and print media journalists to play their watchdog role on environment issues.

VHP threatens Vajpayee govt Build Ram temple or face confrontation

AGRA, July 23: Vishwanath Parbhat today said a confrontation with the centre over delay in construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya was possible and asked the government to take immediate steps to resolve the issue, reports PTI.

The patience of VHP over delay in construction of Ram Temple had exhausted because of which a confrontation could result with the government sometime next year, VHP international president Vishwanath Parbhat told reporters here.

The government should take immediate steps for resolving the issue either through talks or with the help of law courts, he said, adding it was for the government to create an atmosphere to avoid confrontation.

Dalmiya said the two-day meeting of VHP's governing body which ended here last night passed three resolutions calling for speeding up of construction of Ram Temple, action against church-sponsored terrorism in the north-east, and effective steps for cow protection.

The names mentioned in the circular include Nawaz Sharif, his brother and deposed chief minister of Punjab Shahbaz Sharif and their family members and former Accountability Bureau Chief Saifur Rahman.

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has sent the circular to all the branches of nationalised and private sector banks.

The commercial banks have been asked to report back about the details of these account holders to the SBP as well as the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

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