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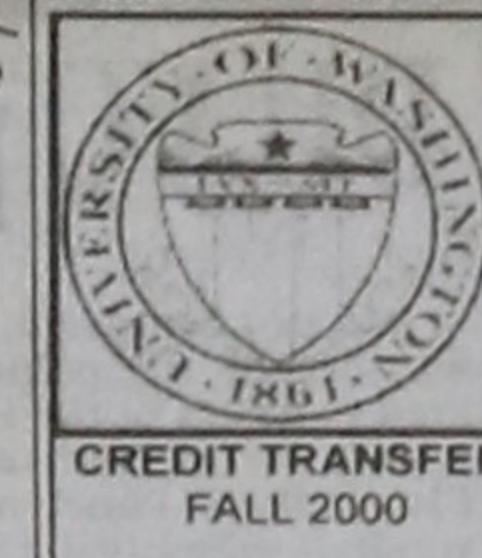
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Biman's move to replace DC-10s sparks debate

Star Report

Aviation experts at a Daily Star roundtable yesterday questioned Biman's rationale behind the recent move to procure two aircraft and sell its DC-10s.

They said when the national flag carrier, running short on funds, is looking for a strategic partner through restructuring, it does not make economic sense to invest in new aircraft.

They said the decision to buy and sell aircraft would involve at least additional 540 million US dollars and would add just 26 to 76 seats, which would see Biman plunge into more financial trouble.

Rejecting a Biman explanation that the DC-10s are too old to be in service, Khurshed Ahmed, President of Flight Engineers' and Navigators' Association (FENA), said: "A properly maintained aircraft can serve for a long time."

"A DC-10 can still earn an operating profit of 78,000 dollars on a typical Dhaka-Dubai return flight. Our DC-10s can continue to fly without compromising safety and profitability for 11 to 19 years while as per Biman consultants, the estimated life remaining of these aircraft ranges from nine to 14 years."

Experts also said seven of the top 20 airlines of the world are the major DC-10 operators and even older versions like DC-3 and Boeing 707 are still flying.

However, civil aviation Secretary CM Mohsin differed on the point, saying that it is difficult to get spares for DC-10s and their maintenance is also costly. He also said that most DC-10s now are used to ferry cargo.

He said since procurement is a lengthy process, this should be initiated along with the restructuring plan so that Biman can expand its fleet on its own in case no strategic partner is available.

However, when a number of participants asked for data in support of claims that the op-

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Source: Islamic Foundation

Musharraf's statement 'totally untenable'

Dhaka rejects charges of interference

By Diplomatic Correspondent

Bangladesh has rejected outright any suggestion that it has interfered in the internal affairs of Pakistan.

Dhaka was giving its reaction on the reported statement by Pakistan's military ruler General Pervez Musharraf that he had refused to meet Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the UN because she had 'meddled' in his country's internal affairs.

The Pakistani military ruler said at a press conference in Karachi on Friday, "Some of the statements of the Bangladesh Prime Minister at the United Nations were a direct interference in our internal affairs."

He said, "The Prime Minister's statement at the United Nations was a statement of policy. The statement was based on the belief, ideals and convictions of the people of Bangladesh stand for."

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2 teenage boys chopped to death in city

Bodies recovered from manhole: 4 held

By Staff Correspondent

Mutilated bodies of two teenage boys were recovered from a manhole at Loharpur thana in the city yesterday morning.

Each body was cut into six pieces and thrown inside the manhole, police said recovering those at about 8:00 am.

The deceased were identified as Mohsin, 18, son of M Amin Miah, and Saem, 19, son of Mabtabuddin of SK Das Lane under Sutrapur thana, police said.

The double murder took place barely two weeks after the sensational triple murder in the city. Partially decomposed bodies of three youths with marks of bullet injury were recovered from a house at Khilgaon.

Police arrested Navid, an FIR-listed accused, on charge of the double murder and picked up another three as suspects.

Motive behind the killing could not be ascertained immediately.

Mohsin's father in his FIR lodged with the Sutrapur Police station, said that the victim was called out of his Akshay Das Lane residence by a group of people that included Sumon, Mokhtar, Tutul, Nahid, Bidyut, Nadim, Raimond, Sumon and Kashu.

The group known to his son took him to a nearby Rifle Club.

They also sent a message to the victim's father asking him to send Tk 50,000, the FIR said adding, the boy did not return home Friday night and his body was recovered the next morning.

Mohsin's father alleged that the police did not rescue his son though he informed them about the miscreants who demanded ransom for his son's release.

American shooter Nancy Johnson kisses her gold medal after winning the women's 10m Air Rifle event in Cecil Park, a suburb of Sydney yesterday. Johnson took the first gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. — AFP photo

SYDNEY, Sept 16: A shy teenager propelled hosts Australia to record-beating swims on the first day of Olympic competition today breaking 36 years of United States dominance in the men's freestyle sprint relay, reports Reuters.

China, depicted by drug scandals, had a miserable debut in the Homebush Bay pool where 17-year-old Ian Thorpedo Thorpe electrified the 17,500 home crowd with individual and team golds.

A total of five world records fell in quick succession in the pool with women from the US and Ukraine also winning golds.

Thorpe was not the only hero in a country still on a patriotic high after a spectacular opening ceremony on Friday night.

Turkey's Halil Mutlu broke three world records to clinch gold in the men's 56 kg weight-lifting competition, a performance that marked him as the natural successor to Turkish "pocket Hercules" Naim Suleymanoglu.

The very first gold medal of the Games went to Nancy Johnson of the United States who won the women's 10 metre air rifle competition with her

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Sabrina shot, Karar drowns

SYDNEY, Sept 16: Sabrina Sultana and Karar Samedul Islam made early exits from the Sydney Olympics on the first day of competition today, reports UNB.

The Commonwealth gold medalist Sultana was placed 46th among 49 competitors in the women's 10-metre air rifle event.

She, however, improved upon her pre-Olympic qualifying mark.

Sabrina, who won gold in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1997, scored 383 points out of 400 compared to her previous best score of 381, made in Sydney this year.

She ranked second among

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American shooter Nancy Johnson kisses her gold medal after winning the women's 10m Air Rifle event in Cecil Park, a suburb of Sydney yesterday. Johnson took the first gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. — AFP photo

Traders, employees of 2 Sylhet markets clash for second day: 30 hurt

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Sept 16: At least 30 more people were injured as employees and traders of two markets in the town clashed for the second day today.

The employees and traders of Brahmanbaria Bazaar and Hawkers Market clashed and chased each other and pelted bricks and stones for about half an hour. Over 200 shops remained shut during the clash.

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APSU calls hartal in Ctg today

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 16: The All Party Student Unity (APSU) called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Chittagong tomorrow protesting police action on its Friday's rally and demanding release of APSU activists and Mufti Ezhar Islam Chowdhury.

APSU Chittagong unit called the hartal yesterday after its rally near Andarkilla Jame Masjid was attacked by police. The rally was organised demanding release of Islami Oikya Jote leader Mufti Ezharul Islam Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, police foiled an APSU rally at Kazir Dewri area this. Police and APSU activists chased each other. Police snatched mikes and charged baton. Three persons were arrested during the incident.

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