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Hasina-Clinton official talks now Oct 19

From Rafiq Hasan WASHINGTON, DC Oct 15: Official talks between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and US President Bill Clinton will be held at the Oval Office at White House on October 19.

The summit has been delayed by one day due to the emergency meeting on Middle East crisis and death of 17 sailors of US Navy at Aden port.

Bangladesh ambassador AKM Shihab Uddin said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will start her four-day US visit on schedule. See page 11 Col 4

Dengue: One more dies in Khulna

By Staff Correspondent One more person died from dengue haemorrhagic fever vesterday in Khulna Sadar Hospital, official sources said.

The dead was identified as Zahid Sheikh, 27. Sheikh is the 78th victim of the

deadly fever since its onset in July. Meanwhile, 17 more people

with the fever were admitted to different hospitals across the country yesterday.

Of them, three were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, one each to Mitford Hospital and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMUH). two each to BIRDEM and Red Crescent Holy Family Hospital. three to Ibn Sina clinic and four to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

2 RU teachers expelled for corruption

The Rajshahi University authorities have expelled two teachers of Islamic History and Culture Department on charge of corruption, reports UNB.

The Syndicate at its meeting on Thursday expelled Prof Moklesur hman and Prof Sohrab Uddin Alimed for one year.

The decision was taken on the basis of the report of a probe committee that recommended expulsion of the teachers for giving extra marks to one student of the department Somsad Laila, daughter of Prof Moklesur Rahman.

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Source: Islamic Foundation

Repatriation process virtually stalled

22656 Rohingya refugees missing from camps

By Rezaul Karim, back from Cox's Bazar

The number of Rohingyas missing from the two refugee camps in Cox's Bazar is increasing with the repatriation process now virtually

According to official estimates, 22,656 refugees have been missing from the camps for long and hiding in different parts of the country.

Some sources however said the number might be much higher. When this correspondent visited the camps recently, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Mohammad Burhanuddin told him that the government had taken steps to trace the refugees who fled the camps. He also said 'a complete list of the missing refugees' is now

being prepared. An official involved in the repatriation process said, "It is very difficult for us to find out the Rohingyas fleeing the camps because their

The number of students at the universities also decreased by 0.20

There are clear-cut rules about minimum qualification of a per-

Teachers now lack the spirit of competitiveness and are unwilling

son to be a university teacher. But these are not properly followed by

This is also damaging reputation of leading universities, it said.

per cent in 1999 session from that of the previous session, the report

appearance, language and culture are almost similar to that of the local people," He suspected that they might have got mixed with the local people and are staying in Chittagong region.

"If the remaining refugees are not repatriated immediately, many more would flee the camps", the official apprehended.

Besides the missing refugees, about 22,000 are now staying at Kutupalong camp in Ukhia Upazila and Nayapara camp in Teknaf Upazila. The Myanmar authorities have given 'clearance' for repatriation of only 7,000 of them.

One source seeking anonymity said there seems to be 'no initiative at policy-making levels of both the governments to resolve the issue of missing refugees.' Dhaka is now negotiating with Yangon for 'clearance' for the See page 11 Col 6

Rtd govt official, 5 others murdered in city

By Staff Correspondent

A retired government official was killed allegedly by his son and five more people were murdered in the city in separate incidents within a span of about 16 hours till 9:30 am vesterday.

Solayman Haq, 74, a resident of West Jurain in Shyampur thana, was beaten to death by his son yesterday morning as the retired official refused to share his pension money with him, police sources said.

Of the other victims, one was a garments trader, two were muggers and another was also a criminal. Identity of the other, a young

for 1998-99 academic year said.

teachers but that is not the reality now.

to conduct research, the report added.

the authorities," it said.

man, was yet to be known, the sources added.

Haq's son Reazuddin beat him with a mosquito net stand. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

A case was filed with Shyampur police in this regard. In another incident, Iqbal Hossain Raju, 23, a garments trader at Banga Bazar and a resident of Bijoy Nagar, was abducted and shot dead in the early hours of yesterday. His body was later recovered by Motijheel police from Balurmath in Naya

Paltan area.

Some local people said Raju's 'rivals' had abducted him from in front of a Muktijoddha Club in the area. The incident was linked with domination in the area, one of them said.

Police could not confirm the motive behind the killing. A case was lodged with

Motijheel thana in this regard. An alleged miscreant. Shahidul Islam Swapon, was shot dead by some other miscreants at a slum in Madhubagh area in the early hours of yesterday.

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Depression may intensify, turn into cyclone

By Special Correspondent The depression in the eastcentral Bay is likely to intensify further and turn into a cyclonic storm, Meteorological Department sources said yesterday.

"We are watching it. So far the depression remained stationary after moving slightly towards the north-west. We will be able to say tomorrow (MOnday) how it will behave if it intensifies further", an official at the Met office said last

A special weather bulletin See page 11 Col 7

Kiwis KO kings

NAIROBI, Oct 15: An unbeaten century by all-rounder Chris Cairns gave New Zealand a stunning four-wicket victory in the ICC Knockout trophy here

today, reports AFP. It was New Zealand's first victory in a one-day international competition.

Batting with composure despite the knee injury and a noisy Indian support, Cairns reached his 102 off 113 balls as the Kiwis reached their target in

Coming in as the fifth man, Cairns helped sustain his team's pressure spearheaded by Nathan Astle and Roger Twose in their third wicket partnership which vielded 45 runs.

New Zealand won the toss but opted to send India in. With the big support from the capacity crowd, India made a good start with Ganguly setting the early

With the support from Sachin Tendulkar in the first wicket, India reached their 100 runs in the 19th over.

Tendulkar showed a glimpse of his old batting self which was missing throughout the tournament with his half century before being run out.

Dravid was the next to follow and from then on the slide began as India were not able to set a big target for the New Zealanders.

New Zealand, without several top players who are nursing injuries back home were resilient, something they have shown throughout this tournament. In a match of changing for-

tunes, New Zealand lost their first wickets, courtesy of paceman Ventakesh Prasad and legspinner Anil Kumble, but fought back with a solid foundation from Nathan Astle. Astle shared a third wicket

stand of 45 runs with Roger Twose which was broken when Astle was caught by Robin Singh off Kumble. Cairns, who had remain

doubtful for final, alwed his match-winning minings in partnership with his namesake Chris Harris

New Zealand needed three runs off six balls in the last four and the pair made sure of their title hitting several fours between

They now head for South Africa for several matches with a big trophy in their cabinet.



New Zealand bowler Chris Cairns appeals for the wicket of Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly during the final yesterday. Cairns was adjudged Man of the Match for unbeaten 102. -- AFP photo



By Abul Kalam Azad It also observed that university authorities have developed a ten-Standard of education in public universities is falling gradually mainly due to recruitment of teachers without requisite qualification. dency to choose their students instead of going for merit while appointing teachers. according to a report of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Because of unqualified teachers

The report suggested immediate change in such practices.s The UGC regretted that despite repeated suggestions by it there has been little improvement in reducing session jam at universities. Student politics and reluctance of teachers to take classes and hold examinations in time are responsible for this. Student politics disrupts the academic atmosphere at universities, it said.

The problems can be solved if authorities of the universities take the issue seriously and discuss it with the government, the report Brilliant and committed persons once used to become university

There are nine public universities in the country with a total of

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Battalion Ansars who were sacked in 1994 held a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding immediate -- Star photo reinstatement.

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Acute power crisis grips Ctg city

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 15: An acute power crisis has gripped the port city with 100-150 MW of load shedding almost every day during the last

three weeks. The power crisis is eausing immense sufferings to the city dwellers and huge production loss to different industrial units, garments and frozen food sectors being the worst affected. Students with their annual examinations very near are also worried because of frequent interrup-

The power crisis began when the 210 MW second unit of Rauzan Power Plant went under overhauling on September 21, about seven years after its installation in 1993.

The situation deteriorated further when one unit of the 60 MW Shikolbaha barge mounted plant tripped last night due to technical

The total demand for power in Chittagong is around 350 MW, PDB The five units of Kaptai plant, the second unit of Rauzan plant and the other unit of Shikolbaha plant now produce around 380 MW of

power, 150-160 MW of which is supplied to the national grid. Talking to this correspondent, a high official of PDB said the crisis will continue till overhauling of the first unit of Rauzan plant is completed, possibly by the end of February next year.

There is no other option. Though the plants in Chittagong are producing more than the demand here, 150-160 MW will automatically go See page 11 Col 8

Sacked ansars demand reinstatement By Staff Correspondent

The sacked Battalion Ansars of 1994 yesterday brought out a procession in the city and submitted a memorandum to the Home Ministry demanding their immediate reinstatement. The sacked Ansars also held a

Abdul Kader Talukder, M Moklesur Rahman, M Kamruzzaman Yusuf.

rally at the city's Muktangan.

Moniruzzaman Monir and Haider Ali addressed the rally, conducted by Ansar leader Abdul Latif Kakon. They also announced various

programmes including hunger procession in the city tomorrow, token strike on November 17 and march towards Prime Minister's Office to submit a memorandum on November 26.

Twelve more villages flooded in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 15: Flood engulfed 12 more villages in Sadar and Tala upazilas today.

The situation, however, remained unchanged in Satkhira town and other affected areas of the district. Of the affected villages, eight are under Sadar upazila and the rest under Tala upazila. The fresh areas in Sadar upazila have been submerged as the

authorities cut an embankment at Mochhakola for quick release of water, rendering ten thousand people in eight villages homeless. The situation in Satkhira town remained static. Activities at the district Judge's Court and Collectorate Building remained suspended

for the seventh day today. Road link between Satkhira and Jessore is yet to be restored. According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), the flood situation in Satkhira district will remain unchanged in the next

24 hours. Meanwhile, the flood victims of village Rajnagar under Labasa union of Sadar upazila today took out a procession in Satkhira town demanding relief. They also submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding punishment of Labasa UP chairman Abdul Majid for

his alleged involvement in misappropriating relief goods. The flood victims in other affected areas alleged that relief supply is See page 11 Col 1



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