

Govt upholding public interests: Jalil

BSS, Naogaon
Commerce Minister Mohammed Abdul Jalil said yesterday that the basic principle of the present government's development programme is to uphold the peoples' interest leading to overall progress and prosperity of the national economy.

hesaid. Being envious of the trend of economic progress during the present government, he said the oppositions composed mainly of anti-liberation forces were now trying to destabilise situation to serve their own political objectives by submerging the nation again into the ordeal of the last 21 years till 1996.

Offices, bank to remain open today

BSS, Dhaka
The offices of government, semi-government, autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies will remain open today, according to a decision taken by the government.

30 Asians held at Japanese ports on illegal entry

DPA, Tokyo
Japanese authorities said on Thursday that they arrested 30 Asians, suspected of attempting to enter the country illegally, at the ports of Kitakyushu and Osaka.

Khaleda condemns Mujahid's arrest, warrant against Manzur

UNB, Dhaka
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has condemned and protested the arrest of Jamaat-e-Islami secretary general Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid and the arrest warrant against Jatiya Party Secretary General Nazim Rahman Manzur.

Mori finally calls it quits Hashimoto in limelight

REUTERS, Tokyo
Confirming what everyone already knew, unpopular Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori said yesterday he had decided to resign and former premier Ryutaro Hashimoto jumped to the front of a pack of possible replacements.

told reporters the package would be implemented no matter who became prime minister. "This has been decided by a formal body and even if a new LDP president is elected, naturally these policies will be implemented," he said.

coalition's grip on the Lower House. On Friday, former Prime Minister Hashimoto whom domestic media said was likely to run with the backing of the LDP's biggest faction came close to confirming he was keen for the challenge.

Hurriyat rejects Delhi's offer for talks

AP, New Delhi
The main separatist group in Kashmir rejected yesterday the Indian government's offer of talks to end the 50-year-old dispute over the region, according to a news agency.

Jamaat-cops clash

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Police went into action when the activists came out and started pelting stones at them and damaging vehicles.

Kalabagan in the city and arrested some more Jamaat-Shibir activists. Muzahid and those arrested on Thursday were produced before the CMM's court the same day.

Army camp gutted in Bandarban

BSS, Bandarban
Fire ignited for 'jhum cultivation' burnt a temporary army camp in Bagalake area in Ruma upazila, about 60 kilometres from Bandarban town on Thursday.

PM: Steps against hartals

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servants of the people and not their rulers," she said. While urging them to work with utmost honesty, sincerity and dedication, she called upon the deputy commissioners to help attain a prosperous and self-respected nation attuned to the spirit of the War of Liberation.

Bagerhat

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Chandu, 25, and Forkan Howlader, 24. All of them are armed cadres of Awami League and its two front organisations, police said.

BTTB plans

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The BTTB has also issued tender for installation of a nation-wide cellular mobile phone service.

First ODI in Harare

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unruffled by the reputation of world class performers like Andy and Grant Flower, Alistair Campbell and a versatile attack led by Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak.

positive cricket and approach the game in a professional way. Interestingly, the encounter will mark Streak's first outing in an ODI against Bangladesh.

SS Ray joins Tinamool Congress

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up the challenge," said Ray. Incidentally, the Congress has also extended its support to Ray. Some Congress leaders here, however, said there was nothing 'unusual' in the move taken by the former Chief Minister.

the 'terror tactics' that had been used by the CPI-M in that particular district in the last couple of years. "The people of Midnapore have been forced into submission in the past. I hope that this time they would stand up and protest."

Bomb attack on Tazia procession in city: Several hurt

BSS, Dhaka
Several people including a police official were injured in bomb attacks on a Tazia procession in the city's Lalbagh area.

Dacoity at Rupali Bank Branch in Sirajganj

UNB, Sirajganj
Dacoits looted Rupali Bank, Bagmati Branch, in Sadar upazila on Thursday night.

Under-trial prisoner dies at Khulna hospital

UNB, Khulna
An under-trial prisoner of the district jail died at Khulna General Hospital yesterday morning.

BGSL gas sale

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threatened to stop and withdraw all Japanese project financing in the country.

Ashura observed

Holy Ashura, commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussain in Karbala some 1360 years ago, was observed on Thursday across the country.

Young man shot by muggers in city

UNB, Dhaka
A youngman was shot by a gang of muggers at Becharan Dewri in Kotwali thana yesterday.

Appointment of 2 new ECs

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ments immediately after retirement of the two as it would have to deal with many vital issues before the next general election, a top EC official said.

Election Commission for Bangladesh consisting of a Chief Election Commissioner and such number of other election commissioners, if any, as the president may form time to time direct, and the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and other election commissioners (if any) shall, subject to the provision of any law made in that behalf, be made by the President.

NAM: Much remains to be done

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Garment worker

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Nasreen was informed yesterday that her husband's body was lying near Begunbari lake. She went there and identified the body.

World Health Day

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to suicide. According to WHO studies, mental illness can be diagnosed and treated before it gets worse.

Development trend

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dicing adulterated and fake consumer products of many kinds, there is no denying that the area has some export quality textiles and garments factories.

the city, it exerts a strong pull on the poorer sections of people. Local people living on the char and also in other areas on this side of the river say that, besides the facility offered by the China Friendship Bridge, they experience no difficulty in commuting to the mainland because of easy availability of small ferry boats (fill late at night).

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