

Petition against PSA

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Bail is denied to an accused until lended first by BNP MP Manzoor Murshed Khan in January this year after he was accused of looting a sweet meat shop in Chittagong. The High Court directed police not to arrest or harass the petitioners until disposal of its rule in this regard.

The case of Murshed Khan is yet to come up for hearing. Since its introduction in February 15 last year, it was initially used against criminals. But later on political activists outnumbered the criminals sued under PSA.

Stern action if miscreants escape, DMP chief warns officials

Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Motiur Rahman said at a pre-hartal briefing in the city yesterday that the officials would be made responsible if miscreants escape the scene by exploding bombs and torching vehicles during hartals.

JCD factions clash

UNB, Habiganj
A clash between two factions of BNP's student wing JCD at Brindaban Govt College left at least eight people injured on Saturday.

Roumari

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Barabari BDR camp, some 1500 yards off the Indian camp and started digging bunkers around it. Before the sunrise, the BDR personnel firing the camp cordoned opened fire on the BSF personnel, which led to deaths of 17 BSF and two BDR personnel and injuries of many others.

Case against 17 lawyers

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lawyers have been confining all the judges of the Supreme Court in the judges' lounge and kicking the door of the Chief Justice's office room. The lawyers were protesting the appointment of two judges of the High Court Division to the Appellate Division in the second week of January.

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Bank officer killed in road accident

BSS, Mymensingh

One person was killed in a road accident at Akua Haji Bari on Mymensingh-Fulbaria Highway of the district town on Saturday. The victim was identified as Rais Uddin, 45, an officer of Sreepur branch of Sonali Bank.

Shazneen

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Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka has recently adjourned the proceedings of the murder case until tomorrow following a time petition by the prosecution lawyers. The case was adjourned due to haral, sources said.

Newsman

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The miscreants kidnapped the journalist from his village home at Shovna on the night of April 18. Later, he was found in unconscious condition on an embankment, one kilometre off his house.

WASA

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The project is jointly financed by WB and the governments of Bangladesh, France and Japan. As per agreement, WB would provide Tk 336.45 crore, France Tk 137.83 crore and Japan Tk 5.45 crore. The rest would be provided by Bangladesh government.

Ctg journalists

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ment to all the attackers, including ward commissioner Mamun and security of journalists.

Probir's right leg amputated

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engaged in the operation. Till filing of this report at 8:35pm, the surgery was still on.

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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the bomb attack on Pahela Baishakh celebration at Ramna Batamul.

Pledge to resist fanaticism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a meeting yesterday vowed to resist religious fanaticism and establish a secular society free from communalism. The meeting was arranged to exchange views with the leaders of the civil society on forthcoming three-day regional conference against fanaticism and communalism.

Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, A B M Musa and Sharif Kabir took part in the discussion. The speakers expressed concern over the growing fanaticism in the country and said the government should take immediate steps to curb it. They also demanded a ban on the religious-based politics.

He felt the necessity of another liberation war for resisting fanaticism in the society. He said that the problem did not arise from a mere cultural crisis, rather it is related to the socio-economic condition of the society. Barrister Amirul Islam said the conspiracy against the state began before December 16, 1971. He underscored the need for promoting politics based on the spirit of the liberation war.

Javed Bangladesh's joy

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Resuming on 47, the 25-year-old opener also became the only Bangladesh player to score a back to back half-century, pushing the seventh ball of the day down to square leg for a single.

Apart from a few, most of the Bangladesh batsmen seemingly forgot that Test cricket is all about patience and partnership. Although a defeat was not at all unlikely, but Bangladesh's first away match could have been more exciting had their fielders took those catches.

batted brilliantly and Monjurul bowled very well," said Naimur. He however felt that his team did not perform as bad as it did in its inaugural Test against India at home last November. Coach Trevor Chappell described the mind set-up of his players which did not allow them to differentiate between Test and one-day cricket as the reason for the defeat.

Gorai needs excavation

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cost. Now in the fourth year, the situation is all the same. Top project officials said if the Gorai is not dredged for the fourth time this year, there would be no flow of water in the coming lean season.

that it took a long time. "I think the consultants will submit their reports very soon. Meanwhile, the World Bank and other donor agencies have strongly recommended the release of funds for dredging the Gorai for the fourth time," the official said.

would eventually ensure a flow of 150 cusecs water," said the official. Swapan Kumar Mondol, a local businessman, said the villagers along the Gorai in Kushtia felt that the river training was done poorly. Shashuzzaman Moni, a lawyer, said that from the source of the river the dredging should have been done in a straight line but surprisingly, the engineers dredged a winding path, which made several villages along the more vulnerable to erosion.

Yellow panel sweeps polls to RU bodies

RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The 'Yellow' panel backed by the ruling Awami League and its allies has swept the elections to different academic committees of Rajshahi University (RU), bagging all the 33 posts, including 15 Senate seats, defeating the 'White' panel, an alliance of BNP and Jaamat backed teachers.

Prof Ranjit Kumar Shaa of RU Biochemistry Department were elected the members of Board of Studies (BOS) of IBSc. Prof M Abdul Bari of RU Islamic History and Culture (IHC) Department was elected the member of Advisory Committee of Varendra Research Museum.

The elections were held on Saturday at the 200th academic council (AC) meeting of the university. About 300 members of the varsity's highest academic decision-making body took part in the meeting. Of the 15 Senate seats, 10 are earmarked for the college teachers and the rest for college principals. The elected college principals are Jalal Uddin (Shaheed Shamsuzzoha College), Golam Mostofa (Mabtab Uddin College), Lutfunnesa Begum (Women's College, Pabna), Alsar Hossain (Syedpur Degree College) and Md Arwar Hossain (Rahanpur Yusuf Ali College).

Prof Anun Nishat of IJCN and Dr Dilip Kumar Dutta of Khulna University were elected the members of BOS of the Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES). Five chairpersons of five RU departments were also elected to the Advanced Studies Committee of the University. They were from Economics, Botany, Philosophy, Management and Communication Technology Departments.

Indian move a threat

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said a resolution of the Central Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting held at the BNP central office yesterday. With BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair, the meeting observed that the Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) without any provocation entered the Bangladesh territory through Rourmahar border in Kurigram and carried out a full-scale BDR personnel and innocent people in a bid to occupy our territory.

occupied by the BSF for last 30 years, but they were compelled to fall back at the instruction of the government. This incident clearly proved the subservient and unassertive foreign policy of the Awami League government. It also said that India had intruded into the Bangladesh territory on a good number of occasions, and killed BDR personnel and innocent people, occupied lands and took away crops and cattle heads due to the subservient policy of the government.

72-hr hartal begins today

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Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) held separate rallies and brought out processions. Sources said component parties of the alliance have taken adequate preparations so that the hartal is observed strictly. Instructions have been given to leaders and activists at all levels for increased participation in picketing.

period hartals have evoked a mixed reaction among leaders and activists of component parties of the alliance. Majority of the leaders and activists this correspondent talked to said hartal affects the commonman, not the government. They preferred road march, 'mass procession' and public meetings, which will intensify the movement and help the component parties in the next election because people spontaneously participate in those programmes.

Eight bodies of BSF men

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personnel has sent waves of outrage across India with demands now growing for fit-for-tar retaliations. BSF chief Gurbachan Jagat toured the sites of the worst military clashes in 30 years between the two friendly neighbours and speaking to reporters at the site, he condemned the 16 murders as custodial deaths.

proved the bodies of the slain BSF personnel were badly mutilated. "It is quite clear that eight of the bodies have point-blank bullet wounds. It is evident that injuries and the bullet wounds could not have been obtained in firing," he said.

AL govt can't be unseated

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Digholia Secondary High School ground, was presided over by local Awami League leader Bashir Rahman while another at Mongla Helipad by party's thana unit president Idris Ali Jarjarar.

month. The Hotel Pashur, constructed on two acres of land at a cost of about Tk 2 crore, contains nine air-conditioned twin and seven non-AC twin-rooms and a 50-seat air-conditioned restaurant. The prime minister declared that an airport of international standard would be constructed at Mongla. She said that her government spent Taka 16.34 crore for dredging the Mongla port while efforts are underway to procure one dredger for permanent use in the port.