

PM tells JS Duty free access of goods to India not linked with transit, gas export

UNB, Dhaka Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday categorically said there is no link of the proposed duty-free access of Bangladeshi products to Indian market with transit and export of gas to India.

'Greater understanding must to defeat global terrorism'

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT Speakers at a seminar yesterday felt there was need for greater promotion of dialogue and understanding between diverse nations and peoples and races to defeat global terrorism.

Hasina to visit 5 districts March 17-23

UNB, Dhaka Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina will make a seven-day tour of Gopalganj, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Khulna and Jessore districts from March 17-23.



Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina speaks at the concluding session of 46th convention of the Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh, yesterday.

Floating hospital for the rural poor



President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury poses with officials of Lever Brothers and other guests in front of the barge-mounted Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital on the Shitalakhya river in Narayanganj yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital, a major initiative of Lever Brothers, was inaugurated yesterday. The hospital has launched an extensive programme to provide healthcare services to the poor, especially those living on the remote offshore islands, riverbanks and sandbanks (chars).

Two kidnapped, murdered in Fatikchhari

BSS, Ctg Two young men were kidnapped and killed by terrorists in two separate incidents on Tuesday and Monday under Fatikchhari thana in the district, police control room said last night.

Hasina for developing gas-based industries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Criticising the alleged government move for gas export, opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday said building a gas pipeline network across the country and developing gas-based industries will create "permanent sources of national income".

Alleged terrorist shot dead in the city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT An alleged terrorist was shot dead by his gang members following internal feud in front of Mahila College at Tejgunibazar in the city's Tejgaon area last night.

Tax evasion charges against cement co

RAFIQ HASAN The Confidence Cement Ltd has allegedly evaded around Tk 9 crore in value added tax (VAT) during the last two years by hiding information about its production and supply of products.

Mugabe declared re-elected in tainted election

AP, Harare The government declared President Robert Mugabe the winner of Zimbabwe's most bitter presidential election yesterday in a vote observers said was marred by irregularities and ruling party violence.

Wife alleges brutal torture on Nasim at Dhaka Cantt

UNB, Dhaka Dr Sultana Shamima Chowdhury Rita, wife of Bahauddin Nasim, who met her husband yesterday in the central jail said he was brutally tortured at Dhaka Cantonment.

Daily Star's health insurance for its staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The management of The Daily Star has introduced health insurance for all members of the staff and their spouses.

Tendons of JCD leader severed at Tejgaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Hoodlums severed tendons of hands and legs of a Jatiyatibadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader at a government office near Tejgaon police station and stabbed him indiscriminately yesterday afternoon.



Agitated students of Khulna University set a passenger bus afire following an accident on Khulna-Satkhira road Tuesday night in which Prof Biswas Ranjit of the university (inset) was injured seriously.

Transport strike in south western zone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Transport services on all the routes of south-western zone of the country have been suspended for an indefinite period protesting damage of passenger buses and trucks by the students of Khulna University on Tuesday night.