

Rly link across Jamuna not before 2004

UNB, Dhaka Rails on the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge appears to be the cart put before the horse as the authorities could not yet establish direct rail-link with the capital, leaving the bridge half-utilised for four years. Railway officials said there is no hope for establishing direct train communications between two parts of the country across the Jamuna before 2004. None of the three major development projects, initiated by the Bangladesh Railway to build new tracks, has completed so far, although deadlines for two of them already expired in June this year. A Tk 514 crore scheme titled 'Jamuna Bridge Railway Link' for constructing 99 kilometres of new mixed-gauge lines failed to meet its deadline. Railway officials said 97 per cent of the project, tendered to a South Korean company, had been completed with rail-tracks already set up. But signalling and telecommunication systems are yet to be installed for procedural delays in procurement from Spain. "We hope we'll be able to operate train up to Gazipur (Joydevpur) by April-May next year from Jamuna Bridge," a high official of Bangladesh Railway told UNB. Bangladesh Railway itself is working on another project for converting 34-km metre-gauge tracks from Joydevpur to Kamalapur in the capital to mixed-gauge rails to fit in the Jamuna railway, which lies on the route of the planned Trans-Asian Railway. This project will also take one year and a half more to finish. "So we can expect direct train service from Kamalapur across the Jamuna not before 2004," the official said. An Indian company has been engaged in converting 245 kms of broad-gauge tracks to mixed gauge from west-end up to Parbatipur via Ishwardi. The Tk 274 crore project also missed the June 30 deadline. Officials, however, said 74 per cent of the project work had been done. The 4.8 km Jamuna Bridge with a design life of 100 years was commissioned in June 1998 to serve multiple purposes of establishing direct road, rail and utilities links between the country's two halves separated by the mighty river. It has ended a relative isolation of the country's north-western region with 27 million people and brought about a radical change in communications between the two parts. And gas supply has also crossed the Jamuna into the near-northern district of Sirajganj. But establishing railway link still remains a far cry as approach tracks from the eastern end up to Kamalapur station are yet to be built. Railway was hurriedly incorporated in the bridge project without any ground preparations as to how to reach up to the bridge.

Jubo League observes 30th founding anniversary

UNB, Dhaka Awami Jubo League, the youth front of main opposition Awami League, observed its 30th founding anniversary yesterday. On this day in 1972, late Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni founded the organisation at the instruction of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. On the occasion, Jubo League held various programmes including hoisting party and national flags at its central office at 6 am. The programmes also included placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 8 am and offering fataha at the mazars of those killed on August 15, 1975, including Moni, at Banani graveyard at 8:30am. City and central leaders of Jubo League greeted Awami League president Sheikh Hasina.

Release of BCL leaders, workers demanded

UNB, Dhaka Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday demanded release of all its leaders and activists, including vice president Shakhawat Hossain Shafiq, organising secretaries Alok Banik and Khalilur Rahman. BCL president Liakat Sikder and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu in a statement also condemned the harassment of BCL leaders and workers in the name of curbing criminal activities. They urged the concerned authorities to arrest the criminals instead of harassing and torturing the BCL leaders and workers.



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UMMC students demand removal of principal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Four students of the Uttara Mohila Medical College and Hospital fell sick on third day of their fast-unto-death programme yesterday. They were given intravenous saline and one was admitted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical Hospital. But she was released later. About 350 students of the college along with the interns and staffs started agitation on November 9 demanding removal of the principal Mojibul Haque. They accused the principal of misusing power, appointing his relatives to run the college administration, and taking money while giving their certificates. At a press conference yesterday, the students demanded that adequate books be bought for the library and students be allowed to study there in the afternoon and at night and students' representative be incorporated into the academic council. They also demanded emer-

Armed forces host Iftar for prime minister

BSS, Dhaka Prime Minister Khaleda Zia attended an Iftar party hosted in her honour by the members of the armed forces at 'Senakunja' at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. Khaleda Zia talked to the members of the armed forces and enquired about their welfare. A special munajat was offered, seeking peace, progress and prosperity of the country and its people.

Drive against godfathers demanded

UNB, Dhaka The left-leaning 11 party yesterday said the ongoing army drive across the country would not be able to play effective role if it cannot take proper steps against those godfathers, loan defaulters, bill defaulters and smuggling clique who give birth to corruption and criminal activities. The 11 Party in a statement said the army drive in the name of joint drive is being run at the directive of the Khaleda-Nizami government to face the unprecedented deterioration of law and order, and chaotic situation in the country. It said although a few number of criminals were arrested but the main culprits and their godfathers remain out of touch. On the other hand, not a single scratch hurt the modern arms-equipped Jamaat-Shibir cadres. "Although the aim of army deployment was to curb crime, but they are now being used in controlling traffic, forcing people to use over bridge and women to put veil on their heads." The statement said the arrest of three lawmakers and some opposition political leaders also raised question about the objectives of the army drive. The central steering committee of the 11 party said army drive is not beyond the purview of the country's existing laws. So the torture and killings in army and police custody could not be supported at all. "These acts are against of recognised human rights," the left-leaning party said in the statement.



Thundershower likely

UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions today. Night temperature may remain unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Barisal and lowest 18.0 degree at Sayedpur yesterday. The sun sets in the capital at 5:14 pm today and rises at 6:13 am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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