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Tidal surge in coastal belt, Navy survey ship sinks

Cyclonic storm weakens: 200 fishermen 'missing'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Navy survey ship sank near Kutubdia off-shore island in a cyclonic storm in the Bay of Bengal that also whipped up tidal surge up to three feet in the southern coastal belt yesterday.

Officials at the radio control tower at Chittagong port confirmed it. The Navy in Chittagong said all the crew of the survey ship swam ashore using life buoys.



PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

Fishing trawlers lie moored on the foreshore of the Karnaphuli River at the Chittagong Fishery Ghat yesterday, as a cyclonic storm brews over the Bay of Bengal, raising tidal surges and heavy rains.

Ward commissioner of CCC arrested

Army to control traffic, launch cleanliness drive in port city from Nov 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ward commissioner of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) was arrested yesterday when he went to the Bayezid Bostami police station to deposit his licensed shotgun.

involvement in a murder case in 1987. Meanwhile, Assistant Sub-inspector Al-Amin and Constable Jamal of Kotwali police station, arrested red-handed by the army Monday night while taking bribe, were suspended and closed yesterday.

Former CCC ward commissioner and president of the Chittagong Port Dock Workers League Jahangir was yesterday produced before the Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate's court, which placed him on a three-day police remand.

Arms surrender Govt rejects petition to exempt Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday rejected the petition for exempting opposition leader Sheikh Hasina from surrendering her licensed arms on grounds of her personal security.

No plan to restrict NGO activities

LGRD minister allays donors' concern

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday made clear to the donors that it has no intention of restricting activities of the non-government organisations (NGOs) and is preparing a policy to facilitate their work.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the European Commission and the Dutch embassy. The delegation called on Mannan Bhuiyan to air its apprehension that the government could impose restriction on NGO activities.

the minister that the press reports seem to indicate the restriction. Bhuiyan, the LGRD and Cooperatives minister, said the government does not intend to impose any restriction on the NGOs.

Sehri, Iftar timing			
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar
7	13		5-17
8	14	4-50	5-17
9	15	4-51	5-16

Security men of govt, private organisations exempted

BSS, Dhaka

The government order to deposit licensed arms and ammunition will not be applicable to members of the armed forces, BDR, police, Ansar and VDP and security personnel employed in different government, semi-government and private organisations, banks and insurance companies, establishments and installations.

Debate on army drive to dominate JS session

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing countrywide army crackdown on criminals looks set to dominate the fifth session of the eighth Jatiya Sangsad, which begins tomorrow.

The main opposition Awami League is expected to question the legal basis of Operation Clean Heart besides raising for debate deaths and tortures in custody, and arrest of political activists, including two of its lawmakers.

20pc fuel price hike planned

SHAHRIAR KARIM

The government has decided to increase fuel prices about 20 per cent in a year to 'minimise the losses due to price increase in the international market' and also 'to check smuggling of fuel to a neighbouring country'.

to the prime minister today for her consent, according to sources. "The new rates would be made effective as soon as we get the prime minister's nod," State Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharrat Hossain told The Daily Star last night.

Army drive to go on until crime curbed

No indemnity for custodial deaths, says Moudud



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said the anti-crime crackdown will continue until the country's law and order improves.

The law minister said the army would not be indemnified for deaths in its custody. Neither would there be any separate investigation into any of these deaths. All deaths would be investigated in line with the existing laws of the land.