

Dhaka to finally sign

FROM PAGE 1 agreement without settling the compensation issue, sources said. The next summit due in July would formally endorse the agreement...

Duty cut

FROM PAGE 12 finished rod unless the government step leads to a fall in the unusual rod prices, said Toufiq M Seraj, president of a leading real estate and housing association, Rehab.

Passengers suffer

FROM PAGE 12 Planning Commission for administrative approval to construct the bridge at Daulatdia-Paturia point.

BNP goes tough

FROM PAGE 1 Prime Minister Khaleda Zia sat with her key cabinet colleagues on March 10 after retired army major Abdul Mannan and Mahi B Chowdhury broke ranks with the BNP and resigned from parliament to join the alternative stream.

Oikya Procheshta

FROM PAGE 1 black money in politics will be placed in the convention. Badruddoza Chowdhury, former president and convener of newly formed alternative political stream, Kader Siddiqui, president of Krishak Samik Janata League, and Kazi Faruk Ahmed, president of the Development Agencies in Bangladesh are likely to attend and former president Shahabuddin Ahmed is scheduled to send a message to the convention.

JUTA asks chancellor to appoint new VC

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) yesterday urged Chancellor of the university President Iajuddin Ahmed to immediately appoint a new vice-chancellor (VC) at the university from the recently elected three-member VC panel.

Race on in BNP

FROM PAGE 12 Besides meeting and making telephonic contacts with senior party leaders and ministers, the aspirants for nomination are also making frequent visits to Hawa Bhaban, branded by many as an alternative centre of power. Some of them have also engaged lobbyists for them.

Fuel crisis

FROM PAGE 12 against a demand of 60-lakh-litre. The deputy commissioners of Rajshahi, Bogra, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh have urged the companies to send more supplies through the dealers, as diesel crisis has become acute.

BNP's new bid

FROM PAGE 1 "We want the main opposition's participation in the discussion on the constitution amendment bill to be placed in parliament during its current session, seeking reintroduction of women's reserved seats in the House," the BNP secretary general told the opposition deputy leader yesterday.

Sonali Bank

FROM PAGE 1 loans through government guarantee and bonds, said a high official of the bank. The outstanding loan amount lying with these top 40 defaulters represents 31 percent of the total loan default of Sonali Bank, with the apparently more tight-fisted public sector defaulters holding 48 percent of the chunk.

Cricket wins

FROM PAGE 1 Nehra, given the task of sending down the final over with nine needed to win, bowled spot-on to concede just three runs and give his team a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. India, on their first full Test tour of Pakistan since 1989, will also play three Test matches after the limited-overs series ends on March 24.

PM promises

FROM PAGE 1 agricultural plans and implementing them properly in the light of fast-changing global economy. Steps would be taken to produce 25 lakh metric tonnes of additional food grains by 2015 to feed the increasing population, Khaleda promised.

Housewife set on fire allegedly by husband

FROM PAGE 1 A housewife was set on fire allegedly by her husband and his relatives at a village in Keraniganj Friday for her family's refusal to pay the dowry. Yasmin Akhtar, 25, is now fighting for life in agony at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with most of her body burnt severely.

Yasmin Murder

FROM PAGE 12 old Yasmin. A domestic help in Dhaka, Yasmin was going home in Dinaipur on August 27, 1995. The following morning she was picked up by the patrol police from a bus stand in Rangpur with promise of reaching her home. But on way the cops rapped the poor girl, killed her and threw the body on roadside.

Ctg car crash

FROM PAGE 1 Sitakunda yesterday. A Chittagong-bound bus from Comilla rammed into an auto-rickshaw carrying Mohammad Abu Naser, 17, Mohammad Omar Faruk, 18, Mohammad Mohiuddin, 18, and Shamsun Nahar Jharna, 17, her brother Mobarak Hossain, 25, at 9:30am near SKM Jute Mills on Dhaka-Chittagong highway, police and witnesses said.

Default loans

FROM PAGE 1 been 'scares off' by powerful loan defaulters when trying to seize their mortgaged properties. As a result, the amount of default loans has continued to inflate and number of cases lodged with the Money Loan courts (MLC) to skyrocket.

Two US soldiers

FROM PAGE 12 Baghdad, back to their base in the nearby town of Hilla. Six people were arrested, including four carrying proper police identification, one former police official and a civilian, said US Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt. "Those persons are all under coalition custody being interrogated at this time," he said Friday.

Kohinoor murder

FROM PAGE 12 "Oh my child, I would never have asked the beast for money if I knew he would kill you," said Kohinoor's elderly mother Almida as she wealed, hugging her daughter's lifeless body brought to her Pallabi house after post-mortem before burial at the nearby Kalsi graveyard yesterday afternoon.

Al-Qaeda claim

FROM PAGE 12 The statement to London-based newspaper Al-Quds Al-Arabi by a group claiming to be an al-Qaeda affiliate raised plenty of scepticism, mainly in the West. But al-Qaeda watchers have not been so quick to dismiss it. With Islamist websites not surprisingly chattering with conviction that the hand of al-Qaeda had struck terribly once more, Omar Bakri Mohammed, the leader of the radical Islamic group al-Muhajiroun, suggested a closer look at some of the evidence.

Civil society rally

FROM PAGE 12 Altaf Hossain Chowdhury to resign immediately for what they said was his failure to nab the assailants in the 15 days since the incident. Holding the fundamentalist and communal factions within the ruling alliance responsible for the attack, they also called for imposing a ban on communal politics.

Shop owners

FROM PAGE 1 traders at Patuatuli, Islampur and Kotwali kept their shops closed for three hours from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Friday. His head was recovered from Sadar upazilla yesterday. On information, Kotwali police from the capital rushed to Munshiganj along with the victim's relatives and confirmed his identity and sent the body parts to Narayanjang Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.