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Unocal gets nod to develop Bibiyana field

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State-run Petrobangla on Thursday approved Unocal's much-talkedabout Bibiyana gas field development plan but slashed its investment proposal by US\$ 62 million.

The Energy and Mineral Resources Division is expected to stamp its final approval on the project today. Thereafter, Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral resources corporation, will start negotiations for signing a GPSA (gas purchase and sale agreement) with the US oil giant, officials said.

The latest development following the endorsement to Bibiyana proposal clearly locked the hope of exporting gas from Habiganj gas field in block No. 12.

Bibiyana field, which reportedly has a recoverable gas reserve of 2.4tcf (trillion cubic feet), is expected to go into production by the end of 2006. It will initially have production capacity of 300mmcfd (million cubic feet of gas per day).

The US company will refurbish two existing wells and drill 13 new

wells under the development plan and set up two glycol plants, each having a capacity of 150mmcfd, in phase-1 and two more in phase-2.

As per the production-sharing contract, Unocal will solely invest in the project, and the Organisation of Islamic Countries will realise the money during the cost-recovery period

None claims body of woman in nine pieces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman whose body was found in nine pieces at Shyamoli in Mohammadpur on Thursday could not be identified till yesterday. No-one claimed the body of the young woman believed to have

been killed a few days ago. Relatives of missing persons came to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue yesterday to see the body but no-one could identify her.

3:00am on Thursay.

Autopsy of the victim will be performed today. microbus. Police believe criminals brought the body parts in a CNGautorickshaw and dumped those, stashed in two plastic bags, on

rity should be tightened in the area to avoid such incidents in future. A number of eminent personalities reside in the area. Road No. 2 at Shyamoli at about

A general diary was lodged with Dhanmondi police

Car parts worth

Tk 1.5 lakh

system from two cars.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

after tying up three guards at gun-

point at about 5.00am and took

away valuable parts and music

Later, they sped away in a white

Residents of the area said secu-

stolen

yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR Jativa Nagorik Committee organised a condolence meeting in memory of language movement veteran Mustafa Sarwar at the National Museum in the city yesterday. From right are Muzahidul Islam Selim, Hasanul Haq Inu, AAMS Arefin Siddique, Barrister Amir-ul-Islam, Gaziul Hag and Zillur Rahman.

Arrest of Manik killers demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ভাষাসৈনিক মুস্তাফা সারওয়ার স্বর্লু⊳ ১ী১

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Robbers looted car parts worth over Tk 1.5 lakh from an apartment Speakers at a discussion building at Dhanmondi in the city demanded immediate arrest of and punishment to the killers of journal-A gang of six robbers entered the ist Manik Saha. car park at House # 32, Road # 5

Manik was an honest and fearless journalist and he never compromised on principles and ideals for personal benefit, they said.

Colleagues and well-wishers of the slain journalist organised the discussion in his memory at the National Press Club in the city on Thursday, with educationist Sardar Fazlul Karim in the chair.

Manik, who worked with the dailv Sangbad and The New Age, was killed in a bomb explosion in Khulna

on January 15. He was also a Khulna-based stringer of the BBC. As a fearless journalist, Manik always worked with dedication despite all social, economic and political adversities, said

Nuruzzaman Nuri, a longtime associate and friend of Manik. Renowned economist Professor Rehman Sobhan. Muzahidul Islam Selim, Khushi Kabir and journalists Monzurul Ahsan Bulbul and Mir Ashfaquzzaman also spoke.

Filmmaker Tanvir Mokammel gave the welcome address and former student leader Ruhin Hossain Prince conducted the session. Nanda Devi, wife of the slain journalist, was also present.

Tributes paid to Mustafa Sarwar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tributes were paid to the memory of Mustafa Sarwar, a language veteran and freedom fighter, at a discussion at Bhashkar Novera Hall of the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Sarwar never compromised with the spirit of the liberation war and his non-communal attitude, said Jatiya Samaitantrik Dal President Hasanul Hag Inu.

Advocate Zillur Rahman MP said Sarwar will live long in the hearts of the people for his political and cultural contribution.

Bangladesh Communist Party General Secretary Muzahidul Islam Selim said Sarwar fought throughout his life to establish the truth in society

Lauding the amiable character of Sarwar, film personality Kabori Sarwar said we should evaluate the good people in their lifetime.

Dhaka University Teachers Association President AAMS Arefin Siddique said Sarwar was not only a politician but also a cultural personality.

. Barrister Amir-ul-Islam. Ramendu Majumder, Belal Chowdhury, Liakat Shikder and Ali Ahsan also took part in the discus-

Mustafa Sarwar died of chest cancer on April 28 at the age of 69.



Farakka discussion

IUB project

Gulshan. Time: 4.00pm.

PU discussion

Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal organises a discussion to mark the historic Farakka Day with Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Bhashani Auditorium, Nayapaltan. Time: 3.00pm.

Software Development and Production

Project, organised by Independent University, Bangladesh, will be held.

Venue: Spectra Convention Centre,

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1.30pm. The inaugural ceremony of Educational

Rotary Dhaka

Central

Dhaka North West will be held. Venue:

Style Aspire, House- 10, Road-135, Gulshan-1. Time: 7.30pm.

Condolence meeting

Awami League organises a condolence meeting in memory of its lawmaker Ahsanullah Master. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3.00pm.

Master MP. Venue: Aparajeo

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Primeasia University (PU) organises a Road march

12.00 noon

discussion on 'Interaction between Jatiya Chhatradhara organises a road march to protest the killing of Ahsanullah university and industry: Textile sector' with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhal Bangladesh, Dhaka University. Time:

Meeting

A meeting of Rajshahi University Old Students Association will be held. Venue: 5/5-Block C, Lalmatia. Time: 5.30pm.

Launching ceremony The launching ceremony of Visit Bimstec

Year-2004 will be held with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir of Tagore song, to mark his 80th birth Mohammad Nasiruddin as chief guest. anniversary. Venue: Shaheed Zia Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am. Auditorium, National Museum. Time:

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Eaten Alive' (1980).

Workshop Development Wheel organises a workshop to share the research findings of a project titled 'An actor oriented approach to natural resources sector value addition: Investigating post harvest networks and coalitions to

Reception Media Centre Limited will accord a reception to Kalim Sharafi, an exponent 6.30pm.

Academy film show

