



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia exchanges Eid greetings with US Ambassador Harry K Thomas at the state guest house Jamuna on Eid Day, left, and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles a partyman during exchange of Eid greetings at the Dhanmondi party office as he bursts into tears while describing the torture on him allegedly by the pro-government activists, right.



Dhaka gets additional water from Ganges

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has received 68,178 cusec and 54,079 cusec of Ganges waters respectively during the first and second circles of January '05 against the indicative share of 56,582 cusec and 45,112 cusec according to water sharing treaty with India.

Joint River Commission (JRC) sources said Bangladesh received the surplus water from the Ganges during the 10-day circle, as the flow of the river was over 75,000 cusec.

Moudud leaves for Manila

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday left for Manila to attend an international workshop on "Challenges in Implementing Access to Justice Reforms."

The three-day workshop will be inaugurated on January 26.

The workshop organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the capital of the Philippines will focus on various aspects of reforms in judicial and police administrations.

Besides, establishment of transparency and accountability as well as moral issues and efficiency of these two vital organs of the government will figure prominently in the five sessions of the workshop.

Judges and senior officials of the judiciary and police administrations from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Indonesia as well as representatives from USAID and ADB will take part in the workshop.

As per treaty signed in 1996, Bangladesh and India are entitled to get equal share of the water when the flow will be less than 70,000 cusec during dry season from January 1 to May 31 every year.

And, when the flow will be over 70,000 cusec but not more than 75,000 cusec, then Bangladesh will get 35,000 cusec water and the rest will go to India. And, when the flow will be over 75,000 cusec India will get 40,000 cusec water and Bangladesh will get the rest of the flow.

The sources said the flow of the Ganges during the first 10 days of January (first circle) was 96,582 cusec and during the second 10 days (second circle) was 85,112 cusec, facilitating India to get its indicative share of 40,000 cusec and Bangladesh to get the additional flow.

Gayoom thanks Khaleda

BSS, Dhaka

President of the Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom said that he was deeply touched by the message of condolences that Prime Minister Khaleda Zia had sent to him following the death and devastation caused by the tidal waves that had struck the Maldives.

"On behalf of the families of the bereaved and on behalf of the people of the Maldives and on my own behalf, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and the people of Bangladesh for your kind gesture of sympathy and solidarity at this time of national grief," Gayoom said in a return message to Khaleda.

Fire at Ctg hide processing factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire ripped through a hide processing factory in the port city yesterday, damaging finished leather, chemicals and machinery.

An electrical short-circuit sparked off the blaze at the

factory in Mohora heavy industrial area at around 11.00am, police and fire brigade sources said.

However, there were no reports of casualties as about 25 workers, out of about 250, were working inside the factory. Others were on leave on the occasion of Eid-ul-

Azha.

The fire fighters brought the blaze under control after an hour of struggle.

The factory authorities estimated the loss at around Tk 80 lakh. They filed a general diary with Chandgaon Police Station in this connection.

DU teacher found dead at his quarters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Hasmat Ali, a teacher of Dhaka University, was found dead at his quarters on the university campus on Friday.

The 65-year-old physics teacher died of a cardiac arrest, doctors at the university medical centre said.

A lifelong bachelor, Prof Ali lived alone at his quarters in the International Hostel.

He had long been suffering from diseases, hostel authorities said, adding that they had taken him to different hospitals on several occasions earlier.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard yesterday.

One killed as villagers clash

BSS, Netrakona

A middle-aged person was killed and two others were injured yesterday when two groups of people clashed at Hargati village in the district.

Police said the warring groups engaged in a clash following an altercation over gambling.

'Materialise spirit of Mass Upsurge'

BSS, Dhaka

The nation yesterday observed the 1969 Mass Upsurge Day recalling Shaheed Motiur Rahman's supreme sacrifice that intensified the movement for autonomy, eventually leading to the Liberation War of 1971 and emergence of independent Bangladesh.

Motiur, a student of class nine of

24 stranded migrants return from Mauritania

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second group of 24 stranded Bangladeshi migrants returned to Dhaka from Mauritania on January 22 with the support of International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

An unscrupulous network promised them jobs, but they were left in the desert of Sahara with no passport and no food.

The IOM Dhaka has helped the 24 migrants return safely to Dhaka.

The first group of 10 stranded Bangladeshis arrived in October last year.

Nabakumar Institution, was gunned down during a street march demanding autonomy for the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. The killing sparked off a countrywide protest that led to the mass upsurge.

Leaders of BNP, Awami League and 11-party placed wreaths on the grave of Motiur at Nabakumar Institute in the morning. Different socio-political organisations organised mullad mahfil and offered prayers for peace of the martyr's soul.

President Iajuddin Ahmed in a message called upon all to make their best efforts towards materialising the spirit of the mass upsurge of 1969 and build a prosperous nation as dreamt of by Shaheed Motiur Rahman.

In another message, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said the day was of immense significance for the nation and the spirit of the upsurge should remain as a source of inspiration for the future too.

"On this day in 1969, people forged resistance against the then autocratic rule. We have got our independence following the path of this mass upsurge," she said in the message on Sunday.

Khaleda paid rich tributes to the memories of Shaheed Motiur and other martyrs of the 1969 mass upsurge and prayed for their eternal peace.



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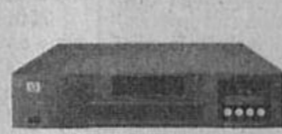
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Late Mrs. Khairunnesa Khanam (Bina), wife of Late Abul Fazal Mohammad, eldest son of Late Mawlana Abdus Sobhan, died of oldage complications, at 10am on Saturday 22nd January-2005 (Inna ---- Rajiun). She was buried in the

family graveyard adjacent to Sobhanbagh mosque after Asar prayers. She is survived by 5 daughters. Only son, grandchildren and relatives. Her Qul-Khwani will be held today (Tuesday) after Asar prayer at House No. 7/B Road No- 7, Gulshan-1.

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