

ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY

Thais eager to help resolve traffic jam

Envoy suggests Dhaka to go for donors' soft loan



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Thailand is eager to help resolve traffic congestion in Dhaka with its Bangkok experience but Bangladesh should turn to donor countries for soft loans for the scheme, said Thailand Ambassador Suphat Chitranukroh Thursday. "We can share the experience and help each other, but we are not a donor country to provide you loan at a low interest rate," he said referring to the first talks between

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Hartal called in Khulna city today protesting proposed budget

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The Greater Khulna Development Action Coordination Committee (GKDACC) enforces a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the metropolitan city today in protest against non-allocation of funds in

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Hasina leaves for Europe today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka today for an 11-day visit in Europe.

She will visit the United Kingdom, France and Russia.

Hasina will leave Dhaka for London today at 8:00am by a British Airways flight. She will go to France

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Prayer Timing		
June 18		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

Firefighters and garment workers try to douse fire after a textile mill at the Savar EPZ (Export Processing Zone-Dhaka) burst into flames yesterday morning.



PHOTO: STAR

CID raids slum, fails to nab Mukul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CID men yesterday carried out a raid on city's Sat Tala slum in Mohakhali, taking George Mian, a suspect in the August 21 grenade blasts, with them but it did not yield anything.

Sources in the CID (criminal investigation department) said they raided the slum to arrest Mukul, another suspect in the August 21 mayhem.

George was a close aide to Mukul and involved in at least three murders

in Maghbazar and Mohakhali areas, added the source quoting Arman, one of the 23 top police-listed criminals, now detained under Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) custody.

Members of the intelligence agencies were on a manhunt for Mukul and George Mian since identifying the two in the television footages of the August 21 carnage, which left 22 Awami League (AL) leaders and activists killed and over 200 wounded.

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Fire breaks out at DEPZ textile mill

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A fire broke out yesterday morning at a textile mill at the Savar EPZ (Export Processing Zone-Dhaka) damaging huge valuables of the factory.

The factory authorities said the fire originated from a short circuit and claimed that properties worth around Tk 1 crore were damaged in the fire.

The firefighters, however, are yet to determine the reason behind

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TEACHERS RECRUITMENT AT DU

Political links the best qualification

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Political affiliation seems to have become the main eligibility to become a teacher at Dhaka University (DU) since the authorities often allegedly recruit less qualified candidates depriving the brilliant ones.

There are allegations that the DU authorities have appointed about a dozen teachers on political grounds in several departments including chemistry, soil, water and environment, law, geography, marketing,

pharmaceutical chemistry, computer science, English, population science, and the Institute of Fine Arts in recent times.

Besides, it has become a common practice with the selection committees to expedite the appointment procedure when there are "chosen" candidates and, otherwise, delay it. Also the authorities often appoint their candidates without the recommendation of the Coordination and Development (C&D) committee, while insist for

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MEHERPUR ROBBERY

8 policemen sued, OC closed

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A case was lodged yesterday against eight policemen under speedy trial act for involvement in Wednesday's robbery in Gangni upazila of Meherpur while another police officer was disciplined for his alleged negligence.

Idrish Ali, a cow trader of Bamundi, yesterday filed the case in a magistrate's court. Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Gangni Police

Station was closed in Khulna Range.

The eight policemen allegedly committed a robbery at Idrish Ali's house at Bamundi in Gangni upazila at about midnight on Wednesday. Locals caught seven of them while one managed to flee. High officials of Meherpur police rescued the seven from the locals and arrested them in connection with the robbery.

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