## FRESH MOVE TO ACQUIRE CHT LAND

# '50 ethnic villages to disappear'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 50 villages of ethnic minority will be disappeared with the fresh acquire of land in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), said the speakers at a roundtable yesterday

They protested the steps to acquire 95,601 acres of land in Bandarban for military base and 45 acres in Khagrachhari for Bangladesh Rifles

The roundtable titled 'Tea Community's Marginalisation and Present Concern of Chittagong Hill Tracts and Madhupur Ethnic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

country's people

from abroad.

Main opposition Awami League (AL)

is planning to stage a demonstration

inside the parliament building

against the proposed budget as the

party has already rejected the

budget terming it "deceptive for the

tary party meeting discussed the

issue and decided to sit again on

June 29 after Leader of the

Opposition Sheikh Hasina returns

badges are likely to stage the dem-

onstration inside the parliament

building on June 29 or 30 protesting

the provisions of the proposed

budget, sources said. The date will

The AL lawmakers wearing black

The AL yesterday at a parliamen-

PASSING OF BUDGET

Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) at the Women Voluntary Association auditorium the city.

Addressing the roundtable, former chairman of Rangamati Pourashava Goutam Dewan said no camp has been shifted form there even after seven years of CHT peace treaty.

"But there is an article in the treaty that says most of the military camps will be removed gradually from the area," he said, adding that

AL MPs to wear black badge,

be finalised at another ALPP meet-

ing at 3:00pm tomorrow with party

Sheikh Hasina is now on a

Yesterday's meeting, chaired by

Chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Europe tour while Deputy

Opposition Leader Abdul Hamid is

AL General Secretary and

Secretary of the Parliamentary

Party Abdul Jalil, however, wit-

nessed poor participation as only 22

Attended by 10 party deputies,

lawmakers out of 57 were present.

the hour-long meeting held at the

Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban endorsed

the AL's 13-point amendment

proposals to the proposed budget

for implementation or else the party

will enforce a countrywide dawn-to-

in his constituency in Kishoreganj.

demonstrate inside JS

they added.

Wang Thoai Ching, local leader of Janasanghati Samity, alleged that the army at Ruma cantonment of Bandarban had tried to take signature from the locals with a view to prove that they have no objection if the land is acquired, but the samity had protested the move.

An open discussion on 'Tea Community's Condition and Human Rights' was also held in the morning session

Promo Mankin MP chaired the

SEHD General Secretary Philip

dusk hartal on June 30, it was

"Awami League will continue its

protest against the anti-people

budget," Opposition Chief Whip

Abdus Shahid said in a press state-

the aovernment is conspiring to

protect the real criminals involved in

last year's August 21 grenade attack

that killed at least 24 AL leaders and

demanded a "truly independent"

international probe into the heinous

crime, free from influence of the

The AL deputies once again

The meeting also observed that

ment after the meeting.

ruling alliance.

decided.

the discussion.

METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS

Speaking on the paper, Ramvajon Koiri, a tea community leader, alleged that the Cha Sramik Union does not do any thing for the welfare of the tea labourers

They get neither any primary health care nor any education for their children, he added

Sitaram Bin, a day labourer of the tea garden, said there is only one school for five thousand children, and there is no governmental help

### Warrant of arrest against 2 staffs of Speedy Trial

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Tribunal

A Dhaka court yesterday issued a warrant of arrest against two staff of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 and five others for making forged certified copies that stayed the proceedings of the Munshiganj five murder case.

Metropolitan Magistrate AJM Abdullahel Baqui passed the order following a criminal case filed by Assistant registrar of High Court

The accused are court staff Oliul Islam and Khondaker Wahidul Islam and Ayesha Khatun, Shafiul Azam, Hossain Member, Babul Hossain and Shamsuddin Bepari.

In his plaint, Registrar Abdul Kader told the court that the accused in collusion with court staff made forged certified copies of the tribunal order of July 14, 2004 and a criminal revision was filed with HC for staying the proceedings of the

rule on the government and stayed the all proceedings of the case. But the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) after reviewing the documents told the court that those documents submitted by the defence lawyers are forged, the complainant added.

### Two cops showcaused for accusing 2-yr-old in explosive case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna, on Sunday issued showcause notices on two subinspectors (SIs) of Khulna Police Station for accusing the two-yearold boy, Rasul, in a case filed on March 8 last year under Explosive Substances Act.

Judge AKM Ishtique Hussain has asked sub inspectors Shafigul Alam and Nasiruddin to appear before his court on July 26 to explain why punitive action should not be taken against them for implicating the infant in the case.

Police Commissioner Khan Saeed Hasan also received copies of the showcause notices yester-

Rasul was, however, exempted from the case by the District and Sessions Judge's Court on June 18 when his father Junaid Chowdhury took his son to court for bail.

According to prosecution, some policemen came under bomb attack by extremists on the night of March 7 last year behind the Shilpa Bank Building in Khulna city. Two extremists--Jashim and Khalil--died in an encounter with police.

On March 8, SI Shafiqul Alam filed a case accusing 14 people, including Rasul, of bomb attack. SI Nasiruddin investigated the case and pressed charges against Rasul

### President, PM greet new Iranian president

UNB, Dhaka

President lajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia greeted the newly elected President of Iran, expressing the hope that bilateral cooperation will be strengthened under his leadership.

Dr Mahmood Ahmadinejad swept to the Iranian presidency in a landslide victory in the 9th presidential elections in the Gulf country.

In their separate messages of felicitation, lajuddin and Khaleda hoped that the fraternal relations existing between the countries would "continue to develop, strengthen and deepen in all areas of cooperation in the days ahead under his able leadership."They wished him good health and personal wellbeing. They also sought continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of the Islamic Republic of Iran



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia inaugurates six police stations under Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Discussion

Club. Time: 3.30pm.

ceremony

Ghasful

Recitation

Bagicha. Time: 6.30pm

4.30pm.

The certificate giving ceremony of a

theatre workshop, organised by

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will

be held with State Minister for Cultural

Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief

guest. It will be followed by the staging

of a drama titled 'Isha Khan.' Venue:

Experimental Theatre Hall of the

academy, Segun Bagicha. Time

To mark the International Children's

Day, Ghasful, a children's forum,

organises a cultural function. Venue:

Russian Science and Cultural Centre,

House-510, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time

Bangladesh Abritti Samonnoy

Parishad, in collaboration with the

Liberation War Museum, organises a

session of recitation. Venue: Café

Theatre of the museum, Segun

### 4-YR GIRL RAPED IN CTG Mother demands punishment to rapist

teacher of Bailtali Jameya Miliya Azizia Kasemul Ulum Madrasa raped her four-year-old girl in April and the madrasa authorities are now threatening her family in order to cover up the incident.

At a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club, she blamed Abdus Satter for the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to him and his accomplices.

Anjumanara Begum, wife of an army sergeant, said her family shifted to Bailtali in Banshkhali from Dhaka Cantonment in December last and enrolled her three children at the madrasa.

Her daughter was abused for three days, the mother said, adding that the girl was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital in Chittagong on April 20 as she was bleeding. She also filed a case against

madrasa authorities who tried to brand her family as 'enemy of Islam'. said Aniumanara. The authorities also issued transfer certificates to her three

Abdus Satter, which infuriated the

children, she added. Anjumanara also alleged that the madrasa authorities have been harassing her family and the witnesses of the case since then.

Noor Jahan Khan, acting president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, and women leaders Noori Asma and Jesinta Dayes were present at the press conference.

### 'Grassroots iournalism can focus real problems of

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

vital role in the development of rural areas, said the speakers at a discus-

organised by Charan Sangbadik Munajat Uddin Smrity Sangsad to mark the 60th birth anniversary of Munajat Uddin at the Liberation War Museum in the capital.

to ensure development of the country, said Prof Golam Rahman of mass communication and journalism department of Dhaka University while presenting his article on 'Rural Journalism in Bangladesh: Feature

exist if the press can write without fear and pressure," said Towab Khan,

the real problems of the rural people, said Economist Dr Atiur Rahman who is also the president of the sangsad.

ferry in the river Jumuna on December 29. 1995. received several awards including Ekushey Padak.

## Film show

Academy Film Society will screen two Bangladesh Youth Front organises a discussion titled 'Role of the youth in American films titled 'Traffic' and 'Last Dance.' Venue: Academy Auditorium, building a society free from drugs' with 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm and Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief quest. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 6.00pm.

### Launching Seminar ceremony A seminar titled 'For peace and

DHAKA

The launching ceremony of Nunu brand solidarity, we struggle against children's toiletries produced in Saudi imperialism, religious fundamentalism Arabia will be held with Advisor on and war' will be held with noted Commerce Ministry Barkat Ullah Bulu educationist Sardar Fazlul Karim as as chief guest. Venue: Spectra chief guest. Venue: National Press Convention Centre, Gulshan-1. Time: **Certificate giving** 

### Rotary Dhaka Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of

Dhaka will be held. Venue: Sonargaor Hotel. Time: 5.30pm.

### Rotary Sonargaon

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Ramna. Time: 5.30pm

# <u>Dhà</u>kA

### Discussion Bangla Academy will hold a discussion

on the occasion of the death anniversary of poet Michael Madhusudon Dutta. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 4.00pm.

### Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Training Day.' Venue: Academy Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm

# WEATHER TO DAY

## Light to moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till Day temperature may fall slightly over Southern part of

Bangladesh, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature elsewhere over the country. Highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

at Sylhet and lowest 25.0 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar, Rangamati The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at

5:14am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humid	Humidity in percentage	
			percer		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	30.0	25.6	77	87	
Chittagong	27.6	25.2	87	90	
Rajshahi	32.5	26.0	89	86	
Khulna	31.2	26.5	78	93	
Barisal	31.4	26.5	87	95	
Sylhet	33.8	26.1	74	80	
Cox's Bazar	28.0	25.0	96	91	

A case under building construction act was lodged in this

Throw black

money holders

Kader Siddiqui BDNEWS, Dhaka

into jail:

Opposing the provision of whitening black money in the proposed budget for FY 2005-06, Krishak Sramik Janata League leader Bangabir Kader Siddiqui asked the government yesterday to throw the black money holders into jail.

"Throw them (the black money holders) behind the bars... it will not be fair that one person will do business with his heard-earned white money while the black money holders will get the same opportunity by paying only 7.5 per cent tax," Bangabir said.

He was taking part in the budget discussion in the parliament.

Addressing Tarique Rahman, enior joint secretary general of ruling BNP, as 'nephew', he advised him to be honest and remained cautious about some of his 'fellows' who are busy with making their fortune in his

"Many of the people are whispering about it... he (Tarique Rahman) should remain cautious about it...because his father late president Ziaur Rahman was an honest man and BNP has come to this stage for his honesty," he

He also came down heavily on the Liberation War Ministry for its alleged anomalies and said: The condition of freedom fighters was supposed to be improved after forming a separate ministry for them...but this is most unfortunate that their condition did not

### AL team holds meeting with **CPC** leaders BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League delegation held a discussion with Communist Party of China (CPC) leaders in Beijing on June 25

The International Department of CPC organised the meeting, according to a message received in Dhaka.

Prof Zhang G Rongchent narrated in details the present perspective of Chinese economic development and the programmes to be implemented through to 2020, methodology, objectives, and outlook of CPC, including the activities of the party from the lower tier to that of the central committee.

The delegation briefed the CPC Professor about the background of AL, its 57-year struggle, Liberation War in 1971, killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975, murder of four national leaders in Jail the grenade attack on Sheikh Hasina on August 21, and assassinations of AL leaders Ahsanullah Master and Shah AMS Kibria.

CPC leaders said, the prerequisite to the economic development is political stability and they are working to this end targeting 2020 to achieve economic development.

Obaidul Qader, Abdul Mannan, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, chtaruzzaman. Abdur Kanman Bir Bahadur MP were in the AL delegation while Professor Zhang G Rongchent, Cao Zhigang, Zhang Xuyi and Zha Qiang in the CPC

### ILLEGAL HILL CUTTING 20 arrested in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detective Branch of Police yesterday arrested 20 people, including one caretaker and two contractor on charge of illegal hill cutting and seized several instruments from their possession.

This was the first move by the law enforcement agencies in many years although illegal hill cutting have long been going on unabated in the port city, destroying much of its beautiful geographical setting and posing threat to the environ-

Three of the arrestees were identified as Abdul Matin, 52, the caretaker, and Manik, 50, and Jane Alam, 45, staffs of a contractor named Islam. Seventeen others are labourers engaged in the hill cutting, police said.

Two  $D\bar{B}$  teams of the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) at around 2.00pm yesterday raided Rahman Nagar area under Panchlaish thana and found some labourers under the supervision of the three were cutting a hill near Forest Academy

During interrogations, the three disclosed names of a director of the United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL) and several other influential people as the masterminds behind the illegal hill cuttings. "Their employers are planning to build a commercial plot there," said senior assistant commissioner of DB Gazi Jasimuddin in a press release.

He said arrested Matin identified himself as the caretaker of UCBL director and told police that Manik and Alam were working on behalf of contractor Islam, who was engaged in the job only three to four days ago.

Police said they were examining the statement the arrestees to take further actions in this regard.

connection with the Panchlaish Police Station.

## **RU** admission date extended for 5th time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday demolished a market raised allegedly without approved plans at Mohammadpur in the city.

yesterday to realise their various demands.

Rajuk

demolishes

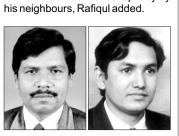
city market

A Rajuk team partly knocked down seven shops of the Maa Jononi Market at Dhaka Real Estate with bulldozer. Rafigul Islam, owner of the

market, said Raiuk did not inform

him before deciding to demolish his

market though he had necessary approval. He was a victim of conspiracy by



### **Court Reporters'** Assoc executives

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

Sayed Ahmed Gazi of The Daily Inqilab and Samiul Karim Alamgir of The Daily Bhorer Kagoj have been elected president and general secretary of Court Reporters' Association for 2005-2006.

Other office-bearers are Dulal Mitra of the Daily Janata (Vice-President), Shahidullah Mian of The Daily Nayadiganta (Assistant General Secretary), Ashraf-Ul-Alam of The Daily Prothom Alo (Treasurer) and Mohammad Hafiz Uddin of The Daily Sahara (office and publicity Secretary). Executive committee members are Munzur Alam of The Independent, Mahbubul Haq of The Daily Sangbad and Chaitanya Chandra Halder of The Daily Star.

Abdul Haq Bhuiyan of The Manabiamin was nominated chief advisor of the association.

**RU CORRESPONDENT** 

বাটআর কর্তৃক ধেডাছড়া, নিউ লঙ্কর সহ ব্যাস

Gonotantrik Jubo Forum, Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Hill Women's Federation stage a demonstration in the city

It was the first time in the history of Rajshahi University (RU) that the admission date for first year honours courses under 2004-05 academic session was extended for the 5th time without any advertisement.

Sources said some powerful pro-BNP teachers and student leaders created pressure for extension as they wanted to get admission of their low-quality candidates in some 150 vacant seats under 17 depart-

The seats were left vacant for lack of meritorious students and for not holding viva of the admission seekers who were on the waiting

RU admission sub-committee has extended the date to July 10. The previous date ended on May 8. Sources said most of the departments have already sent letters to

RU registrar saying that they would not take fresh students. Prof Moloy Kumar, chairman of management department, told this

### **Export-import** thru' Benapole suspended

**UNB**, Benapole

Export-import through Benapole land port remained suspended yesterday due to a strike enforced by the West Bengal Transport Workers Federation protesting fuel price hike. Port officials said hundreds of

trucks loaded with goods and perishable commodities were stranded on both sides of the land port. Customs officials estimate the revenue loss at Tk 4 crore per day due to suspension of movement of

Sources said the Communist Party of India has also called for a countrywide transport strike today on the same ground.

correspondent that the decision would make the campus more

'It was a controversial decision of the administration' he added. Another department chairman said they would face legal barrier for inducting new students as there is a provision for minimum class atten-

dance to appear in examinations. Many departments have already completed preparations for first year final examination by July, he A senior teacher of zoology

denartment said the university authorities have violated the admission rule as an admission subcommittee cannot declare fresh A teacher of the business faculty said the decision would affect the

new students who would be

deprived of the semesters that have

### already been completed. MURDERS OF JOURNALISTS Khulna newsmen reject charge sheets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The journalists' unions yesterday rejected all the charge sheets in cases of murders of journalists Humayun Kabir Balu, Manik Saha, Shaikh Belaluddin and Shaikh Harun-ar-Rashid Khokon, terming them an eyewash and fraught with

In a joint statement, the Khulna Press Club, Khulna Union of Journalists and Metropolitan Union of Journalists also demanded impartial reinvestigation by efficient and honest police officers and arrest of the real culprits.

They stressed the need for holding a convention of members of all press clubs in Khulna division with a view to launching a tough movement against such killings.

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg A mother yesterday alleged that a

Munshiganj five murder case. After hearing, the HC issued a

# The District and Sessions Judge

rural people

Grassroots journalism can play a

sion vesterday. The memorial discussion was

"Mass media have to be ruralised

and Prospect.' "Famine and corruption will not

advisory editor of Janakantha. "Grassroots journalism can focus

Munajat, who died falling from a

and Comilla.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) forms a human wall to show no-trust in the government at Muktangan in the city yes-