

BCL, JCD clash at Ctg Law College, 10 hurt

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At least 10 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were injured in a clash on the Chittagong Law College campus yesterday over students' union election.

The injured were identified as SM Lokman Masum, Azizuddin, Didarul Alam, Syed Hossain Sayed, Monzurul Alam Monzu, Mahiul Islam Sohel, Nazimuddin and Sanjoy of BCL and Jasimuddin and Jahangir of JCD.

The clash began when BCL activists tried to prevent JCD activists from casting fake votes at around 11.00am, witnesses said. The angry ruling party backed students' front activists attacked the opposition BCL men that triggered the clash. The BCL and JCD activists chased each other for around one hour on the campus.

Later, police brought the situation under control.

The college authorities at an emergency meeting postponed the election.

Udichi blast case hearing begins

UNB, Jessore

Hearing in the Udichi bomb blast case began at a special tribunal here yesterday.

Judge Abul Hossain Bepari has fixed July 27 the next day of hearing after recording statement of the plaintiff of the case, Sub-Inspector (SI) Abdul Aziz.

During the hearing, 21 out of 23 accused were in the dock.

Ten people were killed and over 100 injured in bomb explosions at a cultural function of Udichi at Jessore Town Hall ground on March 6, 1999.



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Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed hands over the 'Sword of Honour' to the best all-round cadet Battalion Senior Under Officer Mohammad Saiful Islam at the President's Parade at BMA in Chittagong yesterday.

Bangla-Myanmar Friendship Road work begins next fiscal

UNB, Dhaka

The government has a plan to construct Bangladesh-Myanmar Friendship Road in the next fiscal year, said Communications Minister Nazmul Huda in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The construction of the 25 km road, involving Tk 133.25 crore, would begin in 2005-06 fiscal after the signing of an agreement between the two countries, he said while replying to a question.

Replying to another question, the minister said the government has earned Tk 254.72 crore in toll from different roads and bridges as of May and there is no plan to reduce the toll charges of the Jamuna Bridge.

He also said the government has taken various steps to reduce traffic jam in Dhaka city.

The steps include a ban on 20-year-old buses and 25-year-old trucks and the two-stroke three-wheelers, construction of two flyovers and setting up of three inter-district bus terminals.

The government has also taken a number of steps to reduce road accidents in the country, Huda said.

The steps include formation of a National Road Safety Council, setting up of accident resource centre, distribution of posters, stickers and leaflets among the drivers and pedestrians, and the construction, renovation and development of footpaths, overbridges, electronic signalling and roads.

30 out of 119 jute mills closed

Minister tells JS

BDNEWS, Dhaka

A total of 30 jute mills out 119 are closed now, Jute and Textiles Minister Shahjahan Siraj told the House yesterday in reply to a question from Sarwar Jamal Nizam.

Of the closed jute mills, two were state-run while the rest 28 were private-owned.

The state-run closed jute mills are Monowar Jute Mills Ltd and Daulatpur Jute Mills Ltd.

The private jute mills are AK Khan Jute Mills, Anowara Jute Mills Ltd, AK Halder Jute Mills, Faridpur Afhil Jute Mills Ltd, Elaid Jute Mills Ltd, Chittagong Jute Manufacturing Ltd, Co-operative Jute Mills Ltd, The Dhaka Jute Mills Ltd, Fouzi Chatkai Ltd, Gouchia Jute Mills Ltd, Kohinoor Jute Mills Ltd, Mohsin Jute Mills Ltd, Makbular Rahman Jute Mills Ltd, National Jute Mills Ltd, Nawab Ashrafi Jute Mills Ltd, Kashem Jute Mills Ltd, Sonali Jute Mills Ltd, SKM Jute Mills Ltd, Sattal Jute Mills Ltd, Star Alkaid Jute Mills Ltd, Sultana Jute Mills Ltd, Taj Jute Mills Ltd, W Rahman Jute Mills Ltd, Jarina Carpet Industries Ltd, Ismail Carpet Industries Ltd, Saleh Jute Industries and Sarwar Jute Mills Ltd.