

US firm keen to set up sky train system in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
AUS logistics firm has expressed its interest to set up a light railway transport (LRT) or sky train system in the capital.

Equalizer, Anwarul Quaium, yesterday told reporters sky train is getting popularity especially in the thirdworld mega-cities due to its low cost comparing to underground railway.

According to the preliminary proposal, there will be a two-lane network with 53 stoppages and a train in every two minutes. Each train will be able to ferry about 1,000 passengers at a time.

UK to screen Bangladeshis for TB

UNB, Dhaka
The British Home Office has included Bangladesh, a high risk tuberculosis (TB) country according to the World Health Organisation, as one of the four countries to begin its initial phase of the planned Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Scheme at the entry clearance stage.

SUNAMGANJ-3 Independent candidate rejects poll results

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Independent candidate in the Sunamganj-3 by-polls MA Mannan, who lost Wednesday's election to ruling alliance nominee Shahinur Pasha Chowdhury, yesterday rejected the unofficial results of the polls.

electoral rules. He alleged that the ruling party men attacked his followers at Patharia bazar after the announcement of the results of the centre. At least 36 people were injured in the attack, 10 of them were hospitalised.

'Reform proposals to create anarchy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The reform proposals on caretaker government placed by the 14 opposition parties are a part of a conspiracy to create anarchy and destroy the democratic process in the country, said senior leaders of the ruling BNP and Islamic parties at a discussion yesterday.

Rajshahi tense following arrest of 11 militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Tension runs high in the city and its adjoining areas as police were kept on high alert yesterday following the arrest of 11 militants on Tuesday.

Mail on Sunday apologises to Mallika, MJ Akbar

The Mail on Sunday has apologised to Mallika and MJ Akbar for the stories they ran about the latter's relationship with Mrs Kimberly Quinn, and accepted that "sufficient credence was not given to your (the Akbars') version of events."

Chehlum

Chehlum of Advocate Abdur Rob will be held at his residence at House 320, Road 8/A, Dhanmondi in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Huge police forces were deployed on the Rajshahi University campus which was used as recruiting centre by the militants that included two RU students.

Qazi Aminul Huq

Chehlum of Qazi Aminul Huq, former general manager of Apex Leathercraft Ltd, will be held at his residence at 3/A Raja Srinath Street, Lalbagh in the city after Juma prayers today, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY
Light to moderate rain likely
UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Ctg school students go on rampage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Agitated students of century-old Municipal Model High School went on a rampage on the school premises yesterday, demanding immediate resignation of the headmaster and punishment to him for his alleged involvement in corruption.

three-storey school building and ransacked some furniture. They also pasted posters on school walls and took out a procession.

INTERCONNECTIVITY CityCell, AKTEL sign deal with Teletalk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two private cellphone operators yesterday signed an interconnection deal with Teletalk in a move to reduce the nagging call congestion between the state-owned and private mobile phone service providers.

BLUE FOR PEACE Trial of Kibria killers demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
People from various strata of society and the family members of slain former Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria lined up on the road at Shahbagh in the city yesterday, demanding trial of the killers of Kibria.

Renovated Mohakhali Bus Terminal opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The newly renovated Mohakhali Inter-District Bus Terminal opened yesterday with a view to providing better services to passengers.

Body of girl found dumped on roof

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Body of a nine-year-old girl was found dumped on the roof of a three-storey building at the city's Shahjalal Upashahar yesterday afternoon.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Today is the 11th death anniversary of Journalist Haris Mahmud, says a press release.

Obituary

Manzur Morshed Sachchu, a freedom fighter and commander of Rajbari district Mujib Bahini, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the Birdem Hospital in the city on Wednesday night at the age of 56, says a press release.



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Dakat Shaheed masterminds Sagir killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dakat Shaheed, a notorious criminal of Keraniganj and Old Dhaka, had masterminded the June 24 killing of Jubo Dal leader Sagir Ahmed, an arrestee in the case confessed to a magistrate yesterday.

Johnny tells magistrate
Johnny said he along with Nahid reached the spot by a rickshaw about 20 minutes before the killing. "I was smoking standing several hundred yards away and heard some gunshots," he said.

Siddiqur Rahman made secy of Finance Div

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government yesterday appointed Md Siddiqur Rahman Chowdhury, the incumbent Commerce Secretary, as Secretary of the Finance Division with immediate effect, according to an official order.

He replaces Zakir Ahmed Khan, who completes his three-year term of contractual appointment on July 31. Ministry sources said Zakir Khan is expected to join as the Alternate Director of the World Bank on August 4, replacing Dr Akbar Ali Khan.

Qulkhwani of actor Rahman today

Qulkhwani of actor Abdur Rahman will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Training programme for medical courses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences at Bangalore in India has launched a training programme on medical and paramedical courses to promote trained manpower.

Human chain

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will organise a rally and form a human chain demanding preservation of all ponds in the city. Venue: The bank of Osmani Udayan pond. Time: 10.30am.

Rally

Save Environment Movement organises a rally demanding pilferage of electricity in the name of system loss. Venue: Shahbagh Crossing. Time: 10.30am

Hunger strike

Sammita Sangskritik Jote will observe a token hunger strike to realise its 19-point demand. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 10.00am.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion to mark the 80th birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of the country. Venue:

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Festival
Hijol Borun Kadam Utsab 2005, a plants centric festival, organised by Nature Conservation Committee, will be held. Venue: National Botanical Garden, Mirpur. Time: 9.30am.