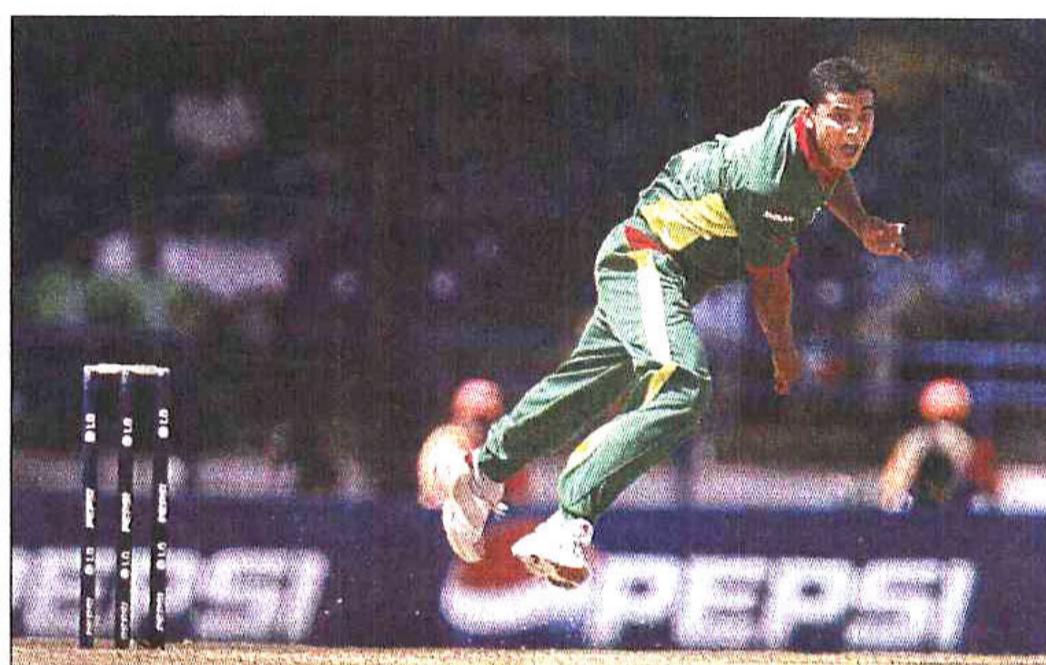




Tigers turn India upside down

Bangladesh heroes dedicate famous victory to Manzarul Rana; batsmen complete job after bowlers' demolition of fancied India



Homage paid to Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 87th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed across the country yesterday paying rich tribute to the leader for his great contributions to freeing the country from Pakistani occupation.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed placed wreath at the grave of Bangabandhu at Tungipara in Gopalganj in the morning and stood in solemn silence for a few minutes.

He expressed dissatisfaction at lack of proper maintenance of Bangabandhu's mazar complex and instantly directed the authorities concerned to hand over the maintenance of the complex to the public works ministry.

"The chief adviser asked the authorities concerned to look into the matter," the CA's Press

SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Suspension on indoor politics to go soon

Law adviser also bins the idea of giving legitimacy to CG's steps by elected govt; BNP, AL speak against banning drawing room politics

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Law and Information Adviser Mainul Hosein yesterday said the government will lift the ban on indoor politics soon.

He also said it is not fair to raise questions right now over the legitimacy of the current caretaker government.

"We did not ban indoor politics, we rather suspended it until further notice...It has been suspended for a short time," Mainul said at the BBC Bangladesh Sanglap held at the

Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

"If indoor politics is not resumed, how will an election be held in the country and how will the political parties make preparations for that election?" said the law adviser.

Two senior leaders of Awami League (AL) and BNP-Abul Mal Abdul Muhith and Maj. (retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed--said the present government was not right to impose the ban on indoor politics.

"The government should allow political parties to resume indoor politics as the politicians have lots of contribution for the country which should not be forgotten," said Hafizuddin, former commerce and water resources minister and a vice-chairman of BNP.

Muhith, AL Advisory Council member, said it was not right to impose the ban on indoor politics as such ban creates uncertainty in the country, which he said is not a good sign for the country.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

CELL PHONE OPERATORS

Govt to talk companies into hiking its revenue

Plans to encourage them to float shares

SHARIER KHAN

The government today sits with the association of mobile phone operators to discuss how they could increase revenue share of the nation as was originally intended in the mobile phone agreements signed in 1996.

Undue political influence regarding the contracts during the rule of the four-party alliance and also of the Awami League (AL) allowed the mobile companies to give the government only 5.5 percent revenue instead of 15 percent

spelled out in the original con-

tracts.

Besides, the government will also encourage the phone companies to float shares in the local securities market, said a highly placed telecom ministry source.

The modalities and proportions of their shares to be off loaded will be decided in follow-up meetings.

The first meeting of its kind to be held by the telecom ministry today will also ask the mobile phone companies to find modalities through which a larger part of their revenue stays in Bangladesh.

The meeting will be attended by

SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed pays tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 87th birth anniversary placing wreath at his grave at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday.

MOHIUDDIN'S REPATRIATION Dhaka giving US his travel permit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United States has contacted Bangladesh seeking travel permit for sending back AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, who is condemned to death for the killings of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members.

Dhaka has already directed its Counsel General office at Los Angeles to issue travel permit as soon as possible, Syed Fahim Munayem, press secretary to the chief adviser, told a press briefing yesterday.

He also said the government will take legal steps concerning Mohiuddin after bringing him back to the country.

The retired army major, Mohiuddin, along with 14 others was convicted and sentenced to

death by a trial court in 1998 for killing Bangabandhu and the others.

Sources said the law ministry has already started looking into the legal aspects of how Mohiuddin would be brought back since he is not an ordinary offender.

Necessary help from the home ministry and immigration department will also be sought.

Meanwhile, the immigration department of the US has already sent all papers relating to travel permit for Mohiuddin to the Bangladesh Embassy in that country.

The US immigration authorities will fix a date for deporting Mohiuddin after receiving travel permit from the embassy, private satellite television channel ATN Bangla said quoting the immigration department.

The land ministry has been gathering information on recovered land in different districts since

6,000 acres of land freed in a month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

February, sources said, adding that the ministry officials do not know if it will be possible to recover all the pieces of grabbed land across the country.

Senior officials at the land ministry blamed a chronic lack of coordination among the government, municipal authorities and other organisations and agencies for not being able to detect and recover the grabbed land.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Land Secretary Lutfar Rahman Talukder said it is true that the drive to recover land from grabbers gained pace this January. But the drive is still facing difficulties at some places due to legal complexities, Lutfar, also a member of the national executive committee, added.

The land ministry, however, has no specific figures on how much of that land and property it actually retains control over and how much

SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

Prof Yunus gets Trailblazer award

UNB, Dhaka

Prof Muhammad Yunus received the 2007 Golden Trailblazer Award by Vital Voices, a US-based organisation of global women leaders working to strengthen democracy, increase economic opportunity and fight human rights abuses around the world.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

Anti-graft team probing ex-MP Hafiz's bank documents

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A team of anti-corruption special task force yesterday collected various documentary evidence from a couple of banks and a hospital

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Star Cruise from Mumbai to Goa

JOHN
BIPASHA
...& YOU.



CHECK INSIDE FOR DETAILS

Buy CLEAR to win!



গর্বিত পরিচয়ে প্রতিটি প্রাণ মেতেছে আজ উচ্ছাসে, আনন্দে।

অভিনন্দন- প্রতিটি প্রাণ থেকে উঠে আসা চেড়েয়ের মত,
অভিনন্দন- বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় দ্রিক্ষেত দলকে।

গ্রামীণফোন