

HASINA'S RELEASE
RU plans action
against teachers
who took leave
RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities plan to take actions against the teachers who took a day's leave on Thursday demanding release of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Sources said the authorities have already made a list of the teachers and asked the department chairmen to provide information about them.

They also asked the chairmen to submit photocopies of the teachers' leave applications immediately.

RU Vice-chancellor Altaf

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Outlaw killed
in 'shootout'
UNB, Kushtia

An outlaw was killed in an encounter with police at Charmilpara in the town early yesterday.

He was identified as Dulal, 33, regional commander of Gonomukti Fouj. Hailed from Belgharia village in Sadar upazila, Dulal was wanted in a number of cases including two for murder, police said.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided

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Prayer Timing		
July 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PEOPLE
New pricing policy for
acquired land on cards

SHEIKH SABIHA ALAM

The government is formulating a national policy for compensating people displaced due to land acquisition through assessing their total asset losses by "full market value" instead of just considering the average market price of the land and an additional amount.

As per law, the additional amount is 50 percent of the average market price of the land acquired by the government.

A proposed policy, which will bring changes in the Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property Ordinance, 1982, now recommends "joint verification" of the assets of the persons affected.

"All project related asset losses will be compensated at full market value which is equivalent to the replacement value for the acquired assets," says the draft of the proposed policy.

The proposed policy on involuntary resettlement, the first at the

national level, is expected to minimise the problems of the people displaced by development work and riverbank erosion.

"The main objective of the proposed policy is to safeguard the rights of the project affected households/persons...to minimise the impacts of displacement on them and ensure that their lives are restored, or improved," Joint Secretary of the land ministry Pius D Costa told The Daily Star.

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CA donates Tk 4
lakh more for
Sabina's
treatment
UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed has donated Tk 4 lakh more for better treatment of ailing noted singer Sabina Yasmin.

Sabina is now undergoing treatment at National Cancer Hospital in Singapore.

The CA gave the money from his relief and welfare fund in response to an appeal for financial help for Sabina's treatment from a cultural delegation that met him at his office on Thursday.

The members of the delegation were noted TV presenter AKM

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Peoples Jute Mill
shuts August 1
3,500 workers to lose job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

State-owned Peoples Jute Mills, which went into commercial operation in 1966, will blow the final whistle at 12 midnight on July 31, throwing over 3,500 workers and employees out of jobs.

Earlier on July 13, the BJMC chairman issued official orders directing the general manager of Peoples Jute Mills, which had become a losing concern, to terminate all its workers and employees and ask them to vacate the mill quarters.

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MATH OLYMPIAD
3 Bangladeshi
students
honoured
A CORRESPONDENT from Vietnam

Bangladesh for the third time participated in the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), which took place at Hanoi, Vietnam, and scored 31 points.

Three members of the Bangladesh team, Shoumen Dash, Tanveer Ahmed Bhuiyan and Ishat-e-Rabban, received honourable mentions in the competition.

In addition to gold, silver and bronze medals, honourable mentions are awarded to participants who solved at least one mathematical problem.

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Moitree Express leaves
for Kolkata today
Trial train to carry Bangladesh team
for talks on regular train service

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 14-member Bangladesh delegation leaves for Kolkata today to discuss some unresolved issues about the launching of regular rail service between Dhaka and Kolkata.

The trial train Moitree Express will start from Dhaka Cantonment Station at 7:00am carrying the delegation for Chitpur Station in Kolkata.

The delegation expects to finalise the date for the official launching of the train service during its two-day meeting starting from tomorrow.

Additional Secretary for Communications ATKM Ismail will

lead the team comprising high officials from home, communications and foreign ministries. Twenty-one more officials would assist the team.

During the talks on July 10-11 in Dhaka, the authorities concerned from both India and Bangladesh claimed some 'success' and expressed hope that the train service would kick off before the Ramadan.

AE Ahmed, additional secretary of Indian home ministry, who led the 32-member team to Dhaka, is expected to sit again with its Bangladesh counterpart in Kolkata.

Kazi Asadullah, assistant director general, Bangladesh Railway,

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PHOTO: STAR

This part of the thoroughfare in Uttara in the capital was damaged due to waterlogging during the last few days' heavy rain. Lack of repair has left many roads of Dhaka in such condition.

Musharraf talks power
sharing deal with
Benazir in UAE

AP, Islamabad

Pakistani President Gen Pervez Musharraf held secret talks with opposition leader and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto about a possible power sharing deal, media reported yesterday.

The meeting, held Friday in the Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi, lasted about one hour and ended without an agreement, Pakistani newspapers and television networks reported.

Official spokesmen for Musharraf and Benazir Bhutto said they had no information on any meeting.

"I am not in a position to confirm or deny the development," said Farhatullah Babar, Benazir Bhutto's spokesman in Pakistan.

He said he hoped to speak with Bhutto later Saturday about the reports.

Musharraf's spokesman Maj Gen Rashid Qureshi declined to respond to the news reports. "I have really no idea so I don't want to comment," he said.

Reports of the meeting come amid intense speculation that Musharraf would seek Benazir Bhutto as an ally in his plans to seek reappointment from legislators for another term.

The plans face constitutional hurdles, weakening the hand of Musharraf, an army general who seized power in 1999 and who is a key US ally in the fight against terrorism.

Musharraf has recently been

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