

SECOND DAY OF VIOLENCE



1. Dhaka University (DU) students paint graffiti at TSC intersection on the campus yesterday demanding removal of police and army from the campus. 2. Students vandalise an army vehicle near Shahbagh intersection. 3. DU female students bring out a procession in front of Rokeya Hall demanding withdrawal of the army from the campus 4. Students gathering near Gausia Market pelt brickbats towards police at Dhaka College main gate. 5. A student attacks an army man at Shahbagh. 6. An army vehicle burns at Shahbagh intersection. 7. A riot police fires a teargas canister from an armoured personnel carrier at demonstrating students near Dhaka College. 8. A pedestrian tries to get up after being injured in police-students clashes at Shahbagh.

JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY 11 injured as students clash with cops over fee

UNB, Dhaka

Six policemen and five students were injured in sporadic clashes between Jagannath University students and police on the university campus yesterday.

Campus sources said the trouble began in the morning when police tried to disperse a procession brought out by the students protesting the university authorities' decision to take Tk 3,000 from

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EXPLORATION OF DIGHIPARA COAL ROK firms desperate to partner Petrobangla

STAR REPORT

A consortium of obscure South Korean companies has mounted pressure on the government to become Petrobangla's "strategic partner" in the proposed exploration and development of Dighipara coal zone in northern part of the country.

Sources said Bangladesh embassy in South Korea and the energy ministry have been receiving a series of letters from the consortium spearheaded by a one-man company named Luxon Global asking the government to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on this coal zone.

Official documents show that letters sent to the Korean address of Luxon and one of the members of the consortium bounced back in the past, and the Korean embassy in Dhaka could not clarify whereabouts of these companies.

Dighipara is one of the five identified areas where geologists had earlier detected coal deposits with primary indication of a proven coal deposit of 100 million tonnes (MT) and probable deposit of 600 MT.

Petrobangla last year applied to the government seeking

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MALAYSIA Cheated workers struggle to survive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 58 Bangladeshi workers have been living an inhuman life unfed or half-fed in Malaysia for the last one and a half months, as the Malaysian employer refused to employ them.

The little amount, which the workers had carried with them while leaving home on July 4, has been run out putting them into serious miseries.

"After starving for three days, I sold one packet of blood at 20 Ringgit (Malaysian Ringgit) and had my meal last Sunday," Mohammad Anis, one of the workers, told The

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Judge refuses to try Prof Taher killing case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The judge of a public safety tribunal in Rajshahi refused to conduct the proceedings of Rajshahi University (RU) Prof S Taher Ahmed murder case filed against six people, including Islami Chhatra Shibir leader Salehi, due to "unavoidable circumstances".

Judge Jahangir Alam Mollah, also the special sessions judge, moved the proceedings of the case to Rajshahi District and Sessions Judge's Court Monday saying that he is doing so due to unavoidable

circumstances, which he did not explain.

Prosecution lawyer Golam Arif Tipu told newsmen that the judge on Monday was repeatedly telling the defence lawyers, "I never bow to any pressure... these will not work with me."

Arif told reporters, "The recording of accounts of two of Taher's colleagues was scheduled for Monday. The judge fixed September 9 for the witness hearing."

"Coming out of the court, the defence lawyers informed me that the judge was feeling embarrassed

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Moeen apprises president of army's role in flood relief

UNB, Dhaka

Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed yesterday paid a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban.

Gen Moeen apprised the president of army's routine work and their participation in helping and rehabilitating the flood victims across the country.

The president assured the army chief of all cooperation in their efforts for the flood victims and rehabilitation programme.

SHIA CRACKDOWN Iraq starts trial of 'Chemical Ali'

AFP, Baghdad

The trial of 15 former aides of executed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein for crimes against humanity over their alleged role in the crushing of a 1991 Shia rebellion opened in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Among those taking their seats in the dock was Saddam's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid -- widely known as "Chemical Ali" -- who has already been sentenced to death in previous trial for genocide and crimes against humanity.

The trial is the third to be held by the Iraqi High Tribunal, an Iraqi court set up with US assistance to probe crimes committed by Saddam's former regime.

Up to 100,000 Shias were allegedly killed when Saddam's loyalists put down an uprising in southern Iraq launched by deserting soldiers retreating from their defeat in Kuwait and local citizens.

Prosecutors at the "1991 Intifada (Uprising) Trial" will argue that tens of thousands of Shias were systematically killed by Saddam's southern army after they rose up against his regime in the wake of the first Gulf War.

Shia rebels and civilians were massacred in brutal crackdowns around the holy Shia cities of Najaf and Karbala and in the Hilla and Basra regions, after the US-led coalition decided to halt its

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Jhenidah farmers demonstrate for fertiliser

UNB, Jhenidah

More than 300 farmers yesterday stage a demonstration in front of the Sadar upazila nirbahi officer's (UNO) office demanding supply of fertiliser.

UNO ASM Asaduzzaman admitted that farmers of Ganna Union agitated in front of his office in the afternoon and submitted a memorandum demanding adequate supply of fertiliser.

The UNO said he has received 1,090 tonnes of fertiliser this month against the demand for 1,990 tonnes.

Major concern now post-flood reconstruction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Restoring the livelihoods of the flood victims has become the major issue as the floodwaters start to recede from affected districts.

The misery of the flood-hit people has worsened as the proper people are depending on distributed relief goods since July 30, our Sirajganj correspondent reports.

Those who left flood shelters for their homes are now struggling to build their houses from debris and farmers of Raiganj, Tarash, Ullapara and Kamarkhanda upazilas desperately need seedlings of Amon.

Our Gaibandha correspondent

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Prayer Timing		
August 22		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-30	5-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-33	6-36
Esha	8-00	8-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		