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**RU official held on charge of arson, vandalism 3 teachers sent back to Rajshahi**

Public relations officer of Rajshahi University, Sadikul Islam, was arrested on Wednesday and shown arrested in a case filed on August 23 under Emergency Power Rules for arson and vandalising of government property.  
 Director of DGI, Rajshahi region, filed the case in which three RU teachers have so far been arrested. They are former RU vice chancellor Prof Saidur Rahman, RU Progressive Teachers' Alliance convenor Prof Abdus Sobhan and Prof Moly Kumar Bhowmik.  
 Other accused in the case are geology and mining department

**GRAFT COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF ACC asks ministries to take action after probe**

UNB, Dhaka  
 The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has started sending directives to different ministries and other departments to take actions after inquiries against their own employees and public representatives against whom complaints were earlier lodged with the commission for their alleged corruption.  
 The individuals who have been referred back to their own organisations for inquiries include employees of different ministries and organisations, and chairmen and members of different municipalities and union parishads.  
 "Yes, the commission has sent directives to the chiefs of different ministries, departments and other organisations to take actions after inquiries against employees concerned. Earlier, complaints were lodged with the ACC against these individuals," ACC Secretary Mokhles ur Rahman told reporters on Wednesday at his office.  
 He said the directives included the commission's observations and suggestions as to what could be done. "They've been asked to inform the ACC as to what actions

**Saarc transport ministers meet in Delhi today**

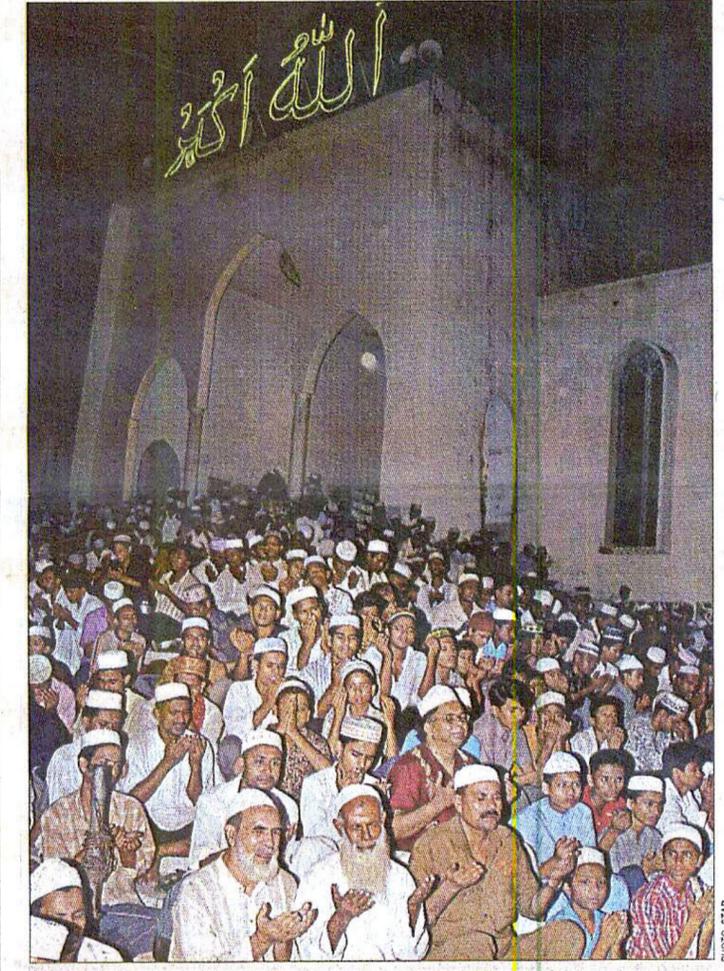
REZAUL KARIM  
 Communication and transport ministers of eight Saarc countries will meet in New Delhi today to discuss ways and means to strengthen a multi-modal transport network in South Asia for boosting intra-regional trade.  
 The emphasis of the meet would be on greater connectivity of Saarc countries through road networks and further increase of naval, air and rail connectivity among the member nations -- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.  
 Communications Adviser Maj Gen (Retd) MA Matin left for New Delhi on Wednesday to attend the meeting. Secretary of the ministry Dr Mahubur Rahman also left Dhaka to attend the secretary-level meeting.  
 Official sources said at least 15 proposals of the multi-modal



Farmers transport Amon seedlings yesterday to farmlands as floodwaters have receded. Brought from Bogra, the seedlings are being taken to Shyampur of Kazipur upazila in Sirajganj on boats.

**Probe body records DU student's statement**

The one-member probe commission of Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, formed to investigate the untoward incidents in and around the DU campus, recorded the account of an M Phil student of Dhaka University (DU) on Wednesday.  
 Earlier, Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, chairman of Public Administration Department at DU, gave account of the DU incidents before the commission on Tuesday, the commission's first working day. The commission has been given



Devotees offering munajat at the National Mosque Baitul Mukarram in the capital early yesterday morning after Shab-e-Barat prayers.

**Tax evasion case against Tuku stayed**

UNB, Dhaka  
 The High Court on Wednesday stayed the proceedings of an income tax evasion case against detained former state minister for power Iqbal Hassan Mahmood Tuku and issued a rule upon the government to explain why the case would not be quashed.  
 After a brief hearing in response to an application, a two-judge bench, headed by M Abdur Rashid, passed the orders and fixed September 10 for hearing on the rule.  
 Tuku along with his family is now facing several cases, including one for concealing information in his wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission and another for evading income tax, in the special anti-graft court.  
 The National Board of Revenue filed the case accusing Tuku of evading over Tk 3.80 crore in income tax during 1999-2007 fiscal years.

**Forgery in CSB's frequency allocation Probe body for its cancellation**

A probe body of the information ministry has recommended that the government cancel the frequency allocation to the Focus Multimedia Company, which runs CSB News satellite TV channel, for 'forgery'.  
 The five-member probe body headed by the ministry's Joint Secretary (development) Kamal Uddin found that the CSB News got the frequency allocation by submitting a fake application two days before submitting the original one to the information ministry on October 19, 2006.

**Survived from flood, only to suffer**

WASIM BIN HABIB, back from Sirajganj  
 Insab Ali, a day labourer of Ranigram in Sirajganj Sadar, was staring at the Tk 10 note wondering how he is going to feed his family of eight with this last bit of savings he had held on to since the flooding began.  
 "Leaving a deep sigh, he put the note in the pocket of his torn shirt, as he could not decide what to do with the money when his family had nothing to eat that morning.  
 "I lost everything in the flood. This is the last of Tk 100 I saved up for a rainy day. Almost all of it has been spent during the last couple of days. Now what should I buy

**No problem in talks despite politics ban Says Amu**

Awami League (AL) Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu yesterday said the AL should sit with the Election Commission (EC) at a dialogue even if there is a ban on indoor politics.  
 "There will be no problem in sitting with the Election Commission at a dialogue when there is a ban on indoor politics and party President Sheikh Hasina is under detention," Amu told reporters at his Eskaton residence in the capital.  
 Amu, who returned home on Tuesday after more than two months from Singapore, also

**POWER-SHARING DEAL Musharraf shrugs off pressure from Benazir**

AFP, Islamabad  
 Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf yesterday rejected pressure from former premier Benazir Bhutto to make a snap decision on a power-sharing deal that would see him quit as army chief.  
 Benazir said she needed to know by the weekend if key US ally Musharraf, who is under fierce pressure to give up his military role, would agree to a pact that would also allow her to return from self-imposed exile.  
 "While the president believes in dialogue and deliberations on all important issues, he never works under any pressure or ultimatum," Musharraf's spokesman, retired Major General Rashid Qureshi, said in a statement.  
 "The president would take all decisions only in national interest at appropriate times according to the constitution and law," he said in the first official reaction from Musharraf's camp on the power-sharing talks in London.  
 The sticking point between Benazir and Musharraf's representatives has been whether the president will shed his uniform before he stands for re-election by parliament in September or October, political sources said.  
 A further issue is the demand by Benazir, whose Pakistan People's Party is the country's largest, that the president give up the power to dissolve the lower house of parliament, they said.  
 Benazir said in a series of interviews that most issues had been

**BNP to observe low-key founding anniversary**

BNP will observe its 29th founding anniversary tomorrow on a limited scale as the government has imposed some conditions on party programmes.

**Prayer Timing August 31**

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-30	5-05
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-23	6-26
Esha	7-45	8-15

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