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Foreign adviser updates envoys on govt actions

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury met the foreign envoys yesterday to brief them about the government's actions over the past year and outlined challenges the government may face this year.

LAW, ORDER IN 2007 Crime rate falls, probes make little headway

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The overall law and order marked an improvement in 2007 except some stray incident as the country went through the state of emergency from the beginning of the year.

launched a crackdown on them and apparently rounded off their activities by arresting the ring-leader. The law enforcement agencies also made breakthroughs in some bomb and grenade blast cases.

Execution of six top leaders of outlawed Islamist outfit Jama'atul... Execution of six top leaders of outlawed Islamist outfit Jama'atul

Kazi Zafarullah freed on bail

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League Presidium Member Kazi Zafarullah was released from the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday afternoon following the court granted him bail.



Demonstrating garment workers use an electric pole to block a street in Mirpur Section-14 in the capital yesterday demanding pay increase.



Students of Dhaka University stage a play near Aparajeyo Bangla on campus yesterday, demanding release of the arrested university teachers and a student.

Necessity of emergency lessened Says law adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Newly appointed Law Adviser Hassan Arif yesterday said the necessity for the state of emergency has lessened and that the regime would not be needed at all if normalcy prevails in the country.

India for nuclear energy cooperation with China

AFP, Beijing

With a controversial nuclear deal with the United States now in limbo, India held out the possibility yesterday of civilian nuclear cooperation with China.

India has already agreed a deal for the United States to provide nuclear fuel and technology, but that has been on hold -- in part because of opposition within Singh's own administration.

IGP suggests raising fine for violating traffic rules

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The inspector general of police (IGP) yesterday suggested heavy financial penalties for violating traffic rules in a bid to prevent drivers from committing traffic offences repeatedly.

HC asks govt not to remand Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government not to take former premier Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman on police remand and quiz him instead at jail gate if it is necessary for investigation.

AL asks govt not to redraw constituencies

It could hamper polls roadmap, says Zillur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Acting President, Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the caretaker government not to redraw the parliamentary constituencies as it could hamper the announced electoral roadmap.

4 killed in explosion targeting US vehicle in Beirut

AP, Beirut

An explosion targeting a US Embassy vehicle yesterday in northern Beirut killed four Lebanese and injured a local embassy employee, an American official said.

McCormack said four Lebanese were killed in the explosion. A senior US official, who was not authorized to release the information and spoke condition of anonymity, said no Americans injured or killed.

Glowing tribute to Selim Al Deen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned Indian actor, director and cultural critic Rudraprasad Sengupta has paid glowing tributes to legendary drama icon Selim Al Deen saying he should be remembered with utmost reverence and sincerity for the sake of future of Bengali theatre.

Musharraf faces call to quit over violence

10 people killed in Karachi blast, 3 militants get life for plot to kill Pak president

AFP, AP, Karachi

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf faced new calls for his resignation yesterday after a bomb killed 10 people in this teeming port city ahead of key February elections, sparking violent protests.

Benazir Bhutto. Benazir's widower, Asif Ali Zardari, was also in the city of 12 million people but there was no suggestion either man was targeted.

months, claiming more than 800 lives. "The rulers must admit their failure and quit," said Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, chairman of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's opposition party, the Pakistan Muslim League-N.

Benazir husband gives evidence to Scotland Yard

AFP, Karachi

The widower of slain Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said on Tuesday that he had given evidence to a team of British detectives who are investigating her assassination.



FROM LEFT... Police escort two detainees to a Chittagong court yesterday. Apparently after a waiting relative handed one of the arrestees some money, a policeman tries to take it from his pocket under the jumper. Seeing no way, the suspect throws the money back to his relative.

DU VIOLENCE Court completes taking statement of witnesses in one case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday finished recording the depositions of witnesses in one of the two cases filed against four teachers and 15 students of Dhaka University (DU) in connection with violating Emergency Power Rules (EPR) on

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