

Lanka army chief vows to crush Tigers 42 rebels killed in new clashes

Sri Lanka's army chief has renewed a vow to defeat Tamil rebels, but refused to set a deadline for ending the decades-old conflict, saying the separatists remain a potent force, a report said yesterday. At least 42 Tamil Tiger rebels and four soldiers were killed in fresh fighting across Sri Lanka's troubled north at the weekend, the defence ministry said Sunday.

Shibir, BCL men

Early in the morning yesterday, around 400 workers of BCL gathered in front of Latif Hostel. They brought out procession on the campus, vandalised vehicles plying the Tongi Diversion Road. They also blockaded the road in front of the institute for over half an hour. Brandishing knives, machetes, and hockey sticks, Shibir and BCL men chased and counter-chased each other for hours.

BB pins economic

GDP growth rate in the range of 6.0 percent to 6.2 percent for the fiscal. Earlier, in the beginning of the fiscal, the BB had estimated a GDP growth of 7.0 percent for the FY08. "We have estimated the GDP assuming that the political situation is turning to a positive trend," Mujeri told reporters.

Huda, Sigma

FROM PAGE 1 From him for the use of the weekly Khaborer Antorale in February 2003. They threatened Siraj with different ultimatums during February 23-28, 2003, and intimidated him into providing a car, the complainant alleged.

AL starts talks

FROM PAGE 1 Briefing the reporters after the meeting, Tofail demanded that the government immediately sit with the political parties for holding polls at an early date and putting an end to the prevailing political, social and economical crises in the country.

BNP unification

FROM PAGE 1 they are serving a certain quarter," Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, acting office secretary of pro-Khaleida faction told The Daily Star commenting on their rivals' yesterday's decision adding, if pro-Saifur faction wants to do anything good for the party then they should cancel the illegitimate decisions taken in the illegitimate October meeting.

Electoral reform

FROM PAGE 1 a couple of days to complete the first round of electoral reform talks, Sohul said. The HC tomorrow resumes hearing on a writ petition filed by the pro-Khaleida faction of BNP on November 18, 2007 that stayed the effectiveness of the EC's invitation letter to M Saifur Rahman-led faction of the party to the dialogue scheduled for November 22, 2007.

CHT people facing

FROM PAGE 16 adviser Devasish Roy visited the pest-hit areas in Hupbang of Barkal upazila and assured people of assistance through test relief and food-for-work programmes. But no steps have so far been taken, locals alleged.

4 robbers

FROM PAGE 16 following his elopement with the latter's daughter five years ago. The two men locked in a bitter altercation on Saturday at around 10:30pm; at one stage Rowshan beat up and hacked his son-in-law, killing him on the spot.

ACC chief

FROM PAGE 16 used his influence for getting teachers transferred in exchange of bribe. "We're taking some time to collect information about the irregularities. Besides, there are issues which need to be addressed before the drive begins," he said.

Free man in jail

FROM PAGE 16 he would be released from jail soon. Ali Hussain Aliya, 62, of Chunarughat in Habiganj has been languishing in jail for 15 years without any conviction in a murder case while his 10 co-accused have been freed on bail.

Meeting sources said leaders of the faction discussed party unification and proposed that key leaders of the faction do not push for unity any more if Delwar does not recant his 'objectionable remarks' about pro-Saifur faction as well as the condition he had slapped on the unification process.

Zafarullah, Koko

FROM PAGE 1 Barrister Rafique-ul Haq appeared for Koko. Meantime, passing the stay order following a writ petition, the division bench of Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman and Justice Shahidul Islam issued a ruling upon the ACC to explain why its notice asking Zafarullah to submit his statement of wealth "should not be declared illegal."

Kripa Kumar Chakma and Buddhamani Chakma of Kuchichhara of Barkal urged the government to arrange interest-free bank loans for them to overcome the current crisis. "We went to the Krishi Bank at Barkal upazila sadar but the officials said they do not have adequate money to provide loan," they said.

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The television ad wars continued unabated. Obama has been airing commercials for more than a week in television markets serving every state that has a contest though Feb 19.