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Citigroup splits amid \$8b loss

AP, New York

Citigroup said yesterday it is splitting up into two businesses as it reported a fourth-quarter net loss of \$8.29 billion - its fifth straight quarterly loss.

In Citigroup's reorganization, one business, Citicorp, will focus on traditional banking, while the other, Citi Holdings, will hold the company's riskier assets.

The move will allow Citigroup to sell or spin off the Citi Holdings assets to raise cash. It also reveals the company's growing focus on back-to-basics lending and deposit-gathering, and dismantles the "financial supermarket" created a decade ago.

Some investors have been calling for a breakup of Citigroup for years, as the bank

struggled to keep up with its Wall Street peers. Those calls grew louder as the mortgage crisis caused the company's troubles to mount.

There has been harsh blame for Citigroup's woes directed at the board, too - and the company said Friday it plans to get rid of more board members after the recent departure of long-time director and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

"There has been one announced departure from the board. Together with other anticipated departures, this gives us the opportunity to reconstitute the board and we will do so as quickly as possible," said Richard Parsons, Citi's lead director, in a statement.

The New York-based bank's fourth-quarter loss amounted to \$1.72 per share. Analysts



An unidentified person with an iron rod stands next to a policeman who fires a teargas canister at two feuding groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Jahangirnagar University. Right, Chhatra League activists clash amid a cloud of teargas. (Story on page 1)

Biswa Ijtema starts Jan 30

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The preparation for the 45th Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after hajj, scheduled to start on January 30 has almost been completed.

Biswa Tablig Jamaat organises the annual congregation on the bank of river Turag at Tongi, some 20 km north of the capital.

Around 20,000 to 25,000 volunteers are working to prepare the venue with a huge canopy on 165 acres of land.

Engineering Corps members of Bangladesh Army have set up ten floating bridges over the Turag to facilitate movement of the devotees.

Connections of gas, water and electricity and setting up

BNP demands withdrawal of cases against 300 party men

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday urged the government to immediately withdraw all the "false cases" filed against its 300 leaders and activists, including party's former lawmaker Elias Ali.

In a statement, he also demanded immediate release of BNP leaders Dr Sarwar Hossain and Abdul

Indian govt asked to make nat'l ID register

SC gives the directive to 'check infiltration of Bangladeshis'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The Supreme Court of India asked the Indian government on Thursday to prepare a National Identity Register to check infiltration of Bangladeshis.

A bench consisting of Chief Justice K G Balakrishnan, Justice P Sathasivam and J M Panchal gave the directive on a public interest petition filed by O P Saxena, President of All India Lawyers Forum for Civil Liberties.

O P Saxena filed the petition seeking a directive from the apex court to the Indian government regarding the deportation of illegal Bangladeshi migrants.



Rare black vulture finally flies away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The large black vulture that was under the care of Madhupur Forest Department in Tangail recovered strength and flew away yesterday.

The bird of the near-extinct species was captured on January 6 and was being looked after at the Madhupur National Park forest department for a few days.

Rabindranath Adhikari, assistant conservator of forest, Tangail, told The Daily Star yesterday that the bird took meals regularly and recovered its strength. Yesterday afternoon the vulture flew on to the roof of a building in the park. It stayed there for an hour or so and moved to a tree branch.

It took off from there later on.

A few students caught the black Cinereous Vulture on January 6 after they found it sitting beside a water body at Kawamara

BARAPUKURIA COALMINE Panic grips villagers in subsided areas

81 houses develop cracks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Residents of five villages near Barapukuria Coalmine Company Ltd (BCMCL) at a conference yesterday demanded of ensuring the rights of Dalit and excluded community, including habitation, health and education to end the discrimination they have been experiencing for years.

The demand was made in the inaugural session of the two-day long first Dalit National Human Rights Conference.

BDERM and Nagarik Uddyog are jointly organising the conference, inaugurated by advisor of BDERM litterateur Selina Hossain at



Cracks appear on a village road near the Barapukuria Coalmine. Some of the cracks are 20-40m long.

Protect rights of Dalit, end discrimination

Speakers urge at first-ever national conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM) at a conference yesterday demanded of ensuring the rights of Dalit and excluded community, including habitation, health and education to end the discrimination they have been experiencing for years.

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JOB TEST BMDA secy suspended for leaking out questions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Secretary Azizur Rahman of Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA) was suspended yesterday after being caught red



Two groups of devotees—one supporting the new khatib of Baitul Mukarram Mosque and the other protesting his employment—clash inside the mosque before juma prayers yesterday. (Story on page 1)

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Celebrating Jahangirnagar University Day

Extortionists active again in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Extremists and extortionists have started returning to Khulna city in last couple of weeks and been collecting tolls from different markets and shop owners.

Sources said a businessman of Shamim Square Market wishing anonymity has appealed to the home minister for her intervention in this regard so that local people can get rid of two underground party cadres involved in rampant extortion and drug trafficking in the area.

The businessman has identified the two cadres of the outlawed party as Ibrahim Molla and Saiful Molla. The duo often holds meetings with other party cadres and raises tolls from different shops at gunpoint, he said in his petition on January 12.

He also alleged that a councillor of Khulna City Corporation harbours the two cadres.

Moreover, there are allegations that extremists have been threatening people with severe consequence if they are not paid tolls as per their demand.

On January 8, Janata Bank Miredenga branch manager Ashish Kumar Dutta, Roosevelt Jetty branch manager in Khulna city Hamidul Huq and Rampal branch manager in Bagerhat Rabindranath Mistry received death threats over cell phone for not paying tolls to the

Prayer Timing

January 17

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-36	5-40
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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