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DESTRUCTION AT ITS WORST



Demonstrating workers burned down factories of Ha-Meem Group at Narasinghapur in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital yesterday as violence in the RMG sector showed no sign of wearing off on the third consecutive day. The government declared tough action against the perpetrators and also promised a thorough investigation into the incidents. The death of two workers on Saturday and Sunday sparked the agitation. Our photographer Shafiqul Alam captured the rage on his camera.

(1) Workers leave work to gather outside the Ha-Meem Group complex to continue their protests (2) A helpless worker rushes with a fire extinguisher (3) Yards of clothes lie in ashes, damaged in the fire (4) A fire service personnel retreats as flames burst out of the burning factory building. (5) Birds scatter into flight as the fire rages (6) A burnt down portion of the factory (7) Broken windows and a burning vehicle show the extent of damage at the factory as violent protestors literally played with fire.

Body of minor boy found in Mirpur house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered body of a seven-year-old boy from a staircase of a building in the city's Mirpur yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Belal, son of a household aide Monwara.

Officer-in-charge (OC) Nazim Uddin said on information they recovered the body from a 4th floor staircase of a six-storey building around 7:00pm.

He said the body bore several injury marks and the legs were tied with rope.

As Monwara works in the area, Belal oftentimes used to go to the building, said the OC, adding however Monwara was unaware when Belal went there yesterday.

Police said they picked up a security guard of the building for interrogation.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy, said police.

DCC focuses on infrastructures

Cuts allocation in city cleaning; gives not much attention to mosquito menace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday announced its budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010 increasing allocation for traffic infrastructure development and maintenance by 32.04 percent over that of FY 2008-09.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka placed a Tk 1411.58 crore budget at Mohanagar Natya Mancha.

It has reduced allocation for special cleaning drive by 11.36 percent, which may affect the city's cleaning activities.

Addressing the ceremony, Khoka announced that DCC would construct a graveyard on 100 acres of land under a Tk

254 crore project adjacent to flood protection embankment in the city although the mayor has failed to keep his earlier pledge to construct four graveyards.

It has allocated Tk 225 crore for road and traffic infrastructure maintenance and development, which was Tk 170 crore in the FY 2008-09. Of which, Tk 150 crore has been kept for road, footpath and surface drains.

Among the development expenditure, DCC has increased allocation to Tk 15 crore from its earlier Tk 5 crore to construct footbridges and underpasses while allocated Tk 1 crore each for median and electricity on the roads.

It has allocated Tk 16 crore to curb mosquito menace, which is Tk 1 crore higher than that of the last FY.

Tk 3 crore has been allocated to modernising and maintenance of different rides of Shahid Zia Shishu Park while Tk 6 crore for development of other parks in the city, which was Tk 7.50 crore in the last FY.

Tk 2 crore has been kept for car parking which was Tk 15 crore in the FY 2008-09.

Among other development expenditures, Tk 20 crore has been allocated for construction and development of community centres while Tk 1 crore for slaughterhouses, Tk 4 crore for equipment of food

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Stop setting up Eid cattle markets in open places

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a set of directives on the government to stop allowing cattle markets in open places or on streets in the capital before Eid-ul-Azha to prevent environmental pollution.

It also ordered the authorities concerned to take steps to dispose of the remains of sacrificial animals within 24 hours after they are slaughtered.

The HC bench of justices Syed Rezaat Ahmed and Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury directed the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayor to submit a report on implementation of the court's directives by October 11 this year.

The directives came following a writ petition filed as

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Ministers do not speak for country

Focus only on their constituencies: Suranjit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta criticised some ministers for speaking only about their own constituencies rather than the entire country during discussion on the proposed budget in parliament yesterday.

Suranjit, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary

affairs ministry, also fired a broadside at a number of ministers for being absent during budget discussion in the morning.

"Ministers do not speak for the country, they limit their discussion on the problems of their constituencies. What will you do with this kind of ministers, Honourable Speaker?" Suranjit said.

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The First Exchange House owned by a Bangladeshi private bank- **EXIM Bank**- starts operation in **London** today, 30th June, 2009

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Prayer Timing

June 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	6-00	6-15
Maghrib	7-54	7-57
Esha	9-19	9-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Tigers off to West Indies

SPORTS REPORTER

A 15-member Test squad led by Mashrafe Bin Mortaza was due to leave Dhaka last night for West Indies.

It's a lengthy tour and tough challenges await the Tigers in their second full series in the Caribbean as the home side is now playing good cricket. In contrary, the confidence of Mashrafe's men is low after a disappointing performance in the recent ICC World Twenty20.

In June 2004, Bangladesh had earned a creditable draw in the first Test during their first trip in the Caribbean but it would be a real challenge for the Jamie Siddons charges as they are going to play longer-version cricket after five months break.

The Tigers will open their tour with a three-day warm-up game against West Indies A which will start from July 3 at

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32 killed in Pak clashes, airstrikes

AFP, Dera Ismail Khan

Clashes and airstrikes killed at least 27 militants and five civilians as fighting surged yesterday across Pakistan's northwest tribal belt, a Taliban stronghold, officials said.

Fighter jets pounded suspected insurgent hideouts in South and North Waziristan, where the military says it is using air raids to lay the groundwork for a full-scale assault against Pakistani Taliban warlord Baitullah Mehsud.

Pakistan has offered a 615,000-US-dollar reward for information leading to the capture, dead or alive, of Mehsud, who is holed up in South Waziristan and who has been blamed for some of the worst attacks in the nuclear-armed country.

About 2,000 people have died in bombings since July 2007 and the United States has put Pakistan at the heart of its war against al-Qaeda and efforts to stabilise Afghanistan, welcoming a military push to clear out Taliban havens.

"At least seven militants were killed after jet fighters pounded their hideouts in Saam village of South Waziristan," a security official told AFP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media.

"Three houses, one school occupied by militants and a Taliban office, were targeted in the air strike," he added.

In North Waziristan, five rebels were killed when helicopters shelled their hideouts in the town of Madda Khel in retaliation for an ambush which killed 12 soldiers Sunday, said a security official in the region's main town Miranshah.

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Brazil roar back to win Confed Cup

AFP, Johannesburg

Brazil defended their Confederations Cup title on Sunday with a crushing comeback from behind 3-2 victory to inflict a cruel loss on tenacious underdogs the United States.

The five-time world champions looked out for the count after Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan put the Americans two up at half-time but they bounced back with a Luis Fabiano brace drawing them level with 16 minutes left.

It set the scene for an exciting finale and captain Lucio made it a memorable night with a powerful header from an Elano corner with six minutes remaining.

It was their third Confederations Cup crown following triumphs in 1997 and 2005.

On a cold winter's night,

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