AL trying to alienate opposition MPs from electorates

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League has been trying to alienate the opposition lawmakers from their constituents by allowing its MPs to supervise development activities in the constituencies of opposition lawmakers, BNP leaders said yester-

They also demanded that the ruling party immediately withdraw the letter asking its lawmakers elected to the ers in accomplishing their reserved seats to supervise responsibilities. development activities in the constituencies of BNP MPs.

"We do not have any scope uencies as the ruling party lawmakers are now supervising the development activities," BNP lawmaker Barkat Ullah Bulu told a press conference at the Jatiya Sangsad media centre.

Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque said the ruling party's move is part of an attempt to make parliament ineffective.

In September, Chief Whip Abdus Shahid, on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, issued a letter designating

CLIMATE CHANGE

Says Razzaque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A certain portion of the Multi-

donor Trust Fund meant to

change should be earmarked

for disaster management and

immediate help for the

affected people after disasters,

Management Minister Dr

Abdur Razzaque said yester-

impacts of climate change

Food and Disaster inthecity.

buface impacts of climate"

most of the 36 AL lawmakers the ruling party at the grasselected to the reserved seats as roots levels, he added. 'lawmaker-in-charge' of the constituencies of opposition MPs to supervise all development activities.

also sent to the local administration, including the deputy upazila nirbahi officers, in the ruling coalition. respective constituencies. The local administration was also asked to assist the AL lawmak-

Terming the ruling party's move unconstitutional and undemocratic, Opposition even the constituency of the leader of the opposition, Khaleda Zia, was not spared.

He also said the opposition lawmakers took up the issue with Speaker Abdul Hamid, but there has been no response from him.

Zainul Abdin called on the ruling party to withdraw the order immediately, allowing the opposition lawmakers to contribute to the development of their constituencies.

The move is apparently aimed to build a strong base of

People should get direct

assistance after disaster

Occupational Safety, Health

and Environment Foundation

(OSHE) at Cirdap auditorium

seminars," he said.

In addition to 300 lawmakers elected to regular constituencies, parliament has 45 women MPs nominated for Copies of the letter were the reserved seats. Among them, 36 MPs belong to ruling AL, five to BNP and four others commissioners and the to Jatiya Party, an ally of the

The opposition chip whip said that his party was ready to assist the government to make parliament effective, but the government seems to be happy to keep the opposition away from the House.

He defended the decision to play any role in our constit- Chief Whip Zainul Abdin said of the leader of the opposition to refrain from joining the anti-poverty rally along with the prime minister on the same stage, saying that the government was hostile to the opposition.

> Khaleda, who had earlier accepted the invitation of the speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad to share the stage with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to address the anti-poverty rally on October 17, backed out at the final hour citing the government's hostile attitude towards the opposition.



Slum dwellers at the Begunbari Hatirjheel project in the city yesterday remove their belongings when Rajuk men went to demolish the illegal slums.

Lawyer injured during blast by JMB dies at **DMCH**

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A lawyer of Gazipur Judge's Court, who sustained injuries during a suicide bomb attack of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in 2005, passed away at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Tuesday.

Lawyer Khandker Al Mamun Makhan had been working as the assistant public prosecutor (APP) in Gazipur court and elected auditor of District Bar Association till his death.

His urinary tract was seriously affected by the splinters of the bomb, which later turned into urinary tract cancer and he died after fighting with cancer for about four years.

His younger brother Al Amin Faruque said after cancer was detected in his urinary tract in March last year he underwent treatment at a hospital in West Bengal and he had been given chemotherapy since last December.

His physical condition deteriorated about a month back.

Makhan, who was actively involved with Awami League politics, left behind his wife, a seven-year-old son and twoyear-old daughter.

SUNSET LAW AT CU Extension of entry time demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Female students of Khaleda Zia Hall at Chittagong University (CU) staged a sitin in front of the hall on Tuesday evening demanding extension of time for entering the hall after dusk from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Sources said some hun-

dred residential students of the hall started the programme around 6:45pm in front of the hall gate to press home their demand. They demanded that the

time be extended till 10:00pm since the last shuttle train from the Chittagong city arrives at the CU station around 9:30pm.

Terming the existing rules that fixed the time at 7:00pm a "Sunset Law", they also demanded sufficient security measures during the extended period.

Vice Chancellor Prof Abu Yusuf said all the universities of the country follow the same rule. Besides, if needed, one can stay outside the hall after that time taking permission from the hall provosts earlier.

"But it is not possible to keep the hall gate open for all till 10:00pm since movement of female students on the hill-beset campus may not be safe till then," the VC

He further said they asked the students, who want to remain outside after 7:00pm, to apply to the hall authorities in this regard.

In such cases, the guardians have to take the responsibility of ensuring security of their wards on their own.

Trial in 6 divisional courts FROM PAGE 16 no scope for any partiality. the mutineers under the BDR

The accused in the mutiny case would get the opportunity to appoint defence lawyers, said the law minister.

In a reply to a question, Shafique said the CID is likely to submit its investigation report within this month. About the number of

accused, who are going to face trial, he said it could be ascertained after the completion of the probe.

Asked if the trial will be fair under the incumbent chief of the paramilitary force, who is also an army general, the minister said the trial would be neutral and there would be

Training (BMET) Director

General Khorshed Alam and

the minister's personal secre-

tary Dr Abu Hena Mostafa

yesterday the minister said

they learnt that Bangladeshi

workers go to the Maldives as

tourists but later they some-

how manage to get jobs there.

"But because of their illegal

status many of them are

exploited and subjected to

said, these workers often don't

get their salaries and other

facilities as were promised

before they had joined the jobs.

locations of the canals as

many structures have been

hopes that the rescue opera-

to recover at least 20 canals by

next June if there is no court

Once recovered, the canals

will help greatly improve the

persistent water-logging

situation in the capital. Roads

built on the canals will be

excavated again and alterna-

tive roads will be constructed,

He said recovery of the

canals may need fresh laws

since the task seems difficult

and complex. Among the

grabbers there are many

influential persons who might tal.

stay order on the drive,"

The standing committee

built on the filled up canals.

tion will start soon.

Mozammel said.

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Which is why, Mosharraf

Talking to The Daily Star

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abuses."

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"There will be no lack of

transparency and no innocent people will be awarded punishment," he told the reporters. Shafique refuted the allegation of the opposition that

the government is interfering with the judicial process claiming that there is no direct or indirect involvement of the government in it under the Army Act 1952.

Dhaka to ask Male to regularise workers

and discuss the issue with the

authorities of the Maldives,"

their positive attitudes

through our high commis-

sion," Mosharraf said, adding

that Bangladesh and the

Maldives have a very friendly

relations and it is expected

lier requested Bangladesh to

set up a university there and

provide teachers for it and

Bangladesh had agreed with

create obstacle to the rescue

in the House expressed their

concern over the city's water

logging problem and

demanded that the govern-

to rescue Dhaka's water bod-

Minister Syed Ashraful Islam

told the lawmakers that the

government was facing diffi-

canals and water bodies

encroached upon by real

estate companies and individ-

uals who are "highly influen-

tial and financially powerful"

Ashraf, however, told the

House that despite these

obstacles the government is

firm to recover the canals and

water bodies to save the capi-

LGRD and Cooperatives

On October 6, lawmakers

operation, he explained.

"It is my responsibility to the expatriates' welfare min-need workers," he said.

thing very fruitful.

the proposal.

43 canals demarcated

"We hope it will be possible ment initiate all-out measures

"We came to know about

go there and listen to them istry, there are some

that the visit will bring some- Kolkata or Singapore and

He said the Maldives ear- in Male. There are brokers to

According to officials of to get jobs as the Maldives

The government on

Act and those charged with killings and looting under the penal code by speedy trial Earlier President Zillur

Rahman sent a reference to the Supreme Court on August 17, seeking opinion on the trial process, specifically whether the trial of the BDR mutineers could be held The court appointed 10

A total of 74 persons, senior lawyers as amici curiae including 57 army officers, to advise on the reference. have been killed in the Majority of them opined that trial of BDR personnel could not be held under the Army September 15 decided to try Act, 1952 even by notification.

Bangladeshi professionals in

Male like engineers and

make sure if there is still any

job prospect for Bangladeshi

sources said the workers go to

the Maldives either via

obtain visas after their arrival

find them jobs once

jobseekers arrive there, a

tourist visas but they manage

At its meeting the parlia-

mentary standing committee

also discussed recovery of a

huge amount of land and

in Dhaka, Savar and Gazipur

hear that wealth worth thou-

sands of crores of taka has

been plundered by different

quarters and individuals,"

Mozammel told reporters.

"You will be astonished to

He said the committee has

try to begin the process for

recovering and acquiring the

istry officials informed the

parliamentary committee that

setting up of land survey

offices in upazilas will start in

January 2010. The committee

asked the ministry to digitalise

Mozammel said land min-

from grabbers.

estate's land.

the survey task.

"Jobseekers go there on

recruiting agent said.

Recruitment agency

workers," said an official.

"The delegation will also

doctors too.

DU CORRESPONDENT

Md Asaduzzaman, former director of Planning Commission and husband of lawmaker Advocated Sanjiza Khatun of Dhaka-4 constituency, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at his residence in the city yesterday at the age of 57, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, daughter, son and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard in Rajbari.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed shock at the death of Asaduzzaman and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Zahura Khanam

DU CORRESPONDENT

Zahura Khanam, a social worker and mother of Jubo League leader Altaf Hossain Bachchu, passed away at her residence in Chittagong on Tuesday at the age of 70, says a press release.

She left behind her four sons, four daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her

She was buried at her fam-

ily graveyard in Chittagong. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed shock at the death of Zahura and prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Md Taher

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Taher, guardian representative at the management council of Silverdale Preparatory School, passed away at a city hospital yester-

Officials, employees, guardians and students of the school have expressed shock at his death.

Nazma Begum

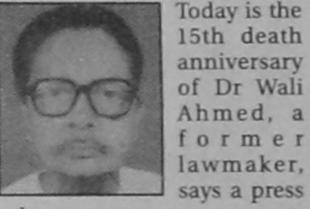
METRO DESK

Nazma Begum, wife of Language Movement veteran, musician and lyricist Abdul Latif, passed away due to kidney related disease at her Shyamoli residence in the city yesterday at the age of 71, says a press release.

She was buried at Martyred Intellectual Graveyard in Mirpur. Her qulkhwani will be held

at her residence (131/Ka, PC Culture Road) in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT

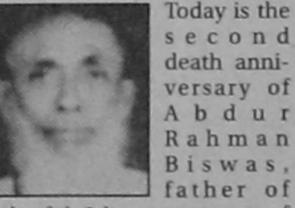


lawmaker, says a press On the occasion, a milad

mahfil will be held at his flat at Japan Garden City (Building No. 20) after Maghrib prayers.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the programme and wealth of the estate of a nawab pray for salvation of his departed soul.

Abdur Rahman Biswas STAFF CORRESPONDENT



second death anniversary of Abdur Rahman Biswas, father of

Ashraful Islam, treasurer of Dhaka Sub-Editors Council, says a press release. On the occasion, a milad

mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at his village home in Jhenidah.

State allowed to make submissions

culties in recovering the already asked the land minis-

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General Mahbubey Alam, and chief state counsel for the case Advocate Anisul Huq, the fivemember bench of the SC Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Tafazzul Islam issued the order of rejection.

Following the order, the state counsels now may place

Khan Saifur Rahman told hearing, he added. the court that the appeals of convicts were filed on October 23, 2007, but the state submitted the summary on August 23 this year, although there is a rule of submitting the summary within 30 days of filing

He argued that the state counsels lost their right to place arguments due to the

Saifur Rahman, Attorney Countering Khan Saifur, during the 13th day of the Mahbubey Alam told the court that the rule was made for assisting the court in proceeding with the case, but was not mandatory.

hear arguments from counsels, while the accused in any their arguments, the lawyers case may not obstruct the state's participation in the

Anisul Huq presented some precedents of the Supreme Courts of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, and said those courts had condoned such delays and allowed appellants court again rebuked Barrister to place their arguments.

After the issuance of the counsel for convicts Bazlul order, Khan Saifur Rahman started his arguments on

hearing yesterday. He told the court that the

judgment of the third High Court (HC) bench in the death references of the six accused It is the jurisdiction of the out of the 15 was not correct, Supreme Court whether it will since the judge had not reviewed the details of all 15 accused.

> The third bench should have reviewed the matters of all 15 accused, he argued. Khan Saifur, who will con-

tinue his submission today, declined to brief the media about the case proceedings following yesterday's hearing. Earlier in the day, the apex

Abdullah-al Mamun, the Huda and AKM Mohiuddin,

behalf of his client Faruque media on Tuesday. On that day, Mamun told

> the media that during his argument he told the court that the case should be reinvestigated and retried.

> The court yesterday told Mamun that he had never made such an argument to the court.

> "We earlier several times asked you to be cautious in dealing with the media. You briefed the media beyond your submissions," the court told Mamun.

Mamun said the essence of

his whole argument was for reinvestigating and retrying

The court said it was warning him for the last time without taking any action against for his wrong briefing to the him.

Health and Environment Foundation (OSHE) at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. Students, shop staffs clash in city STAFF CORRESPONDENT

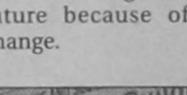
Students of Eastern University clashed with the employees of the shops at Happy Arcade market in the city's Science Laboratory area yesterday,

lised the shopping mall, damfurniture.

students. They also detained three of the students in this connec-

teargas canisters and charged

tion. market to buy CDs.



affected most due to impacts of climate change," Razzaque said, adding that the workers "The people affected by the who generally work under bad holding symposiums and change.

Razzaque said the status of The minister was speaking the poor people should be at the inaugural ceremony of a upgraded to minimise the workshop titled 'Climate

impacts of climate change. change and trade union Bangladesh Centre for organised by Bangladesh Advanced Studies Executive Director Dr Atiq Rahman said the money being mobilised to face climate change effects must be used in a planned way "It is the poor who will be to ensure that the affected

people are really benefited. Prof Dr Mizanur Rahman presented the keynote paper at the programme while trade should be provided with working conditions will face union leader Abdul Kader assistance that is directly worse working conditions in Hawlader and OSHE beneficial to them, instead of future because of climate Chairperson Zaki Rezwana, among others, spoke.



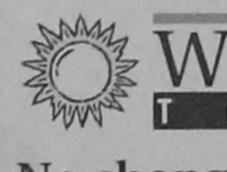
Food and Disaster Management Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque speaks at the inaugural function of a workshop titled 'Climate change and trade union' organised by Bangladesh Occupational Safety,

halting traffic movement in the area.

The students also vandaaging its windowpanes and Police lobbed up several

batons to disperse the unruly

The clash ensued following a quarrel between the students and the shop employees when the students went to the



the country, Met Office said.

Celsius also at Srimongal.

No change in temperature

32.0

32.6

32.2

32.5

UNB, Dhaka

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Cox's Bazar

Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

The sun sets in the capital at 6:26pm today and rises at 7:00am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 32.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 17.3 degrees

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: **Humidity** in Temperature in City/Town Celsius percentage Evening Min Morning Max 21.2 32.2 67 Dhaka 21.4 31.0 73 Chittagong 78 31.2 18.3 Rajshahi

21.0

20.5

20.0

22.8

67

79

82

63

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded