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Govt eyes very modern airport

Feasibility study in areas under Gazipur, Mymensingh districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAA) is launching a feasibility study for building a state-of-the-art international airport near Dhaka considering future demand for air transport.

"We have taken steps to carry out a feasibility study for constructing a modern international airport," said Shafique Alam Mehdi, secretary-in-charge of Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry, at a press briefing yesterday.

The aviation regulator has primarily formed a committee to carry out the study to chalk out the location, area span and required investments for the airport, said Mehdi.

The press meet was organised at Zia International Airport (ZIA) to share CAA's present and future development activities in

PM shares climate change woes with world leaders

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last night exchanged views with world leaders in a videoconference about the adverse impacts of climate change and the remedial measures. In the video conversation from her official residence Jamuna, she exchanged views with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, President of Mexico Felipe Calderon and Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi.

Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen chaired the videoconference titled 'Copenhagen Commitment Circle (CCC)' organised ahead of the Copenhagen summit on climate change.

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Latif's JS outburst totally expunged
Speaker deletes his 'fish market' remark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In an unprecedented move, Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday completely expunged Jute and Textile Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqui's October 12 statement from parliament proceedings.

"The minister's statement under section 300 of the rules of procedure was against the rules of procedure. Therefore, his [Latif] entire statement was expunged from the parliament proceedings on that day," the speaker said.

The speaker also expunged two words he (speaker) used on October 11 from parliament proceedings.

The parliament officials told The Daily Star that such

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Prothom Alo celebrates 11th founding anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 11th founding anniversary of Bangla daily the Prothom Alo was celebrated across the country yesterday with the slogan "you start, others will definitely change".

The celebration was held at 22 different points in the capital and 150 places throughout the country. The main programme was held at Rabindra Sarobor in Dhamondi.

Prothom Alo employees and members of Bandhu Shobha took position at 22 points in the capital and greeted people with gifts for using footbridges.

The daily has been campaigning to bring qualitative change in the society. It launched a campaign seeking

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Crowds in cheers at the 11th anniversary celebration of the Prothom Alo at Rabindra Sarobor in the city's Dhamondi yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Matia slates WB over slow fund release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday expressed her dissatisfaction over the World Bank's (WB) lengthy process of releasing funds for development projects, saying such nature of funding cannot really help

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Thaksin now Cambodian govt's adviser

AFP, Phnom Penh

Cambodia said yesterday it had appointed fugitive former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra economic adviser to premier Hun Sen in a move that adds to tensions between the countries.

The appointment was announced on state television

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FINAL ODI TODAY
Tigers' chance to end year on a high

BISHWJIT ROY from Ctg

Bangladesh go into the fifth and final one-day international against Zimbabwe today with a hope to sign off a memorable year in style by winning the game at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium.

The series was over after

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It's a common scene every day at Shanir Akhra -- vehicles using one of the two lanes get stuck in tailback as the other lane is closed for construction work of a box culvert on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. Though the work is scheduled to be finished before the Eid-ul-Azha, it would take almost a month to open it to traffic.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BNP may expel a few reformists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP might expel a few more leaders from the party on disciplinary grounds since they were vocal about bringing reforms in it during the immediate past caretaker government's tenure, party insiders said.

A number of young leaders of the party met Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office on Tuesday night, and requested her to take stern action against some persons including her adviser Maj Gen (retd) ZA Khan, who are known as 'reformists', they (insiders) said.

The leaders alleged that ZA Khan is now working with

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Nizami re-elected Jamaat ameer
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Matiur Rahman Nizami has been re-elected the ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami for next three years, a party press release said yesterday.

He will take the oath as the ameer in the next meeting of Majlis-e-Sura, the highest policymaking body of the party, on December 7.

Rafiuddin Ahmed, chief

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30 more insurgents killed in Pakistan
Militants gun down 2 women teachers; troops advance on Taliban

AFP, AP, Islamabad/Khar

Pakistani troops were yesterday locked in deadly street battles with Taliban fighters, pushing a ground offensive deeper into militant-held territory, the military said.

A senior military official told AFP the army had "taken" the strategic town of Sararogha in the

third week of fighting, while 30 Islamist insurgents were reportedly killed in the last 24 hours.

Pakistan has vowed to quash Tehreek-e-Taliban in South Waziristan, part of the border area with Afghanistan that Washington calls the most dangerous place in the world because of the abundance of al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters.

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Online Poll

Do you think the government will be able to return vested property to the rightful owners?

Yes (10.8%)

No (85.9%)

No Comments (3.3%)

Total votes: 725

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think police will be able to stop the earth filling and encroachment on the Turag river in 48 hours following the High Court directive?

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