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Stumbling start to BNP council

Intra-party clashes see Ctg initiative postponed; party high-command to take action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The council of Chittagong City unit Bangladesh Nationalist Party was postponed amid a series of intra-party clashes in the port city yesterday.

The council was scheduled to start at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh

(IEB) auditorium around 10:30am, 12 years after one such council held in 1997.

BNP chairperson's Adviser Brigadier General (retd) ASM Hannan Shah and BNP Vice Chairman M. Morshed Khan took seats at the venue with council president and Chittagong City BNP Convenor Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair.

Chittagong City BNP joint convenors Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Wahidul Alam, Shamsul Alam and Dostagir Chowdhury were also present.

But the council was foiled immediately after it had started around 11:00am. BNP Joint Secretary General Abdullah Al

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Followers of BNP Joint Secretary General Abdullah Al Noman rampage through the Institute of Engineers in Chittagong yesterday during the party's port city unit council.

PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

BIRTHDAY CASE Khaleda fears not getting justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a petition apprehended that she will not get justice from the High Court (HC) bench of Justice Md. Momtazuddin Ahmed in the case of her birth anniversary on August 15.

Khaleda expressed the apprehension since Justice Momtazuddin at his felicitation ceremony at the Supreme Court on March 25 said BNP-led four-party alliance government dropped some HC

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Power talks with India tomorrow

Power secy leads team to Delhi to talk power import, grid interconnectivity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team led by Power Secretary Abul Kalam Azad starts visiting India tomorrow to discuss cooperation in the power sector which includes purchase of 100 megawatt power from India as well as equity sharing of a power project in Tripura.

During the five-day visit, the power secretary will sit with the Indian power minister,

secretary and other high officials. Other Bangladesh team members who include chairman of the Power Development Board (PDB) would hold technical level meetings with various power related bodies of India.

The team will meet top officials of National Thermal Power Company (NTPC), Power Grid Company of India (PGCI) and Power Trading

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Drug addict kills a mother, daughter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kustia

A woman and her daughter were murdered allegedly by a drug addict in their rented house in Railway area of the town yesterday.

The victims were identified as Rina Akhter, 36, wife of Habibur Rahman and their daughter Ayesha Akhter, 12, a school student. The victims' family lived in a rented house of Yakub Ali.

Police said Lipu, younger brother of the house owner, entered their rented house in between 11:00am to 12:00 noon and butchered Rina and her daughter Ayesha to death. Habibur was in Dhaka during the killing.

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2 brothers killed in 'shootout'

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Two brothers, who were operatives of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP), were killed during a "shootout" between their cohorts and Rapid Action Battalion in Madaripur sadar upazila early yesterday.

The dead were identified as Lutfor Rahman Khalasi, 45, and his younger brother Khairul Haque Khalasi, 28, of Kotbari Srinodi village in the upazila.

In July last year, their another brother Obaidur Khalasi died in a similar "shootout".

On information, a Rab team went to Jalkar area where the outlaws were holding a meeting, Rab sources said. Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the operatives opened fire on Rab personnel forcing them to fire back.

After the gunfight, the brothers were found dead on the spot while their accomplices fled the scene.

The Rab men recovered three revolvers, a rifle and nine bullets from the spot.

The brothers were accused in several cases of murder, rape, robbery and illegal possession of arms with Madaripur, Shibchar and Rajoir thanas.

Lutfor Khalasi's wife Jharna Begum and son Bablu Khalasi,

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Girl student commits suicide at CRP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Bangladesh Health Profession Institute yesterday set herself on fire at her dormitory room of Centre for Rehabilitation for Paralyzed (CRP) in Savar after she was expelled from examination for adopting unfair means.

Sabiha Tahrina, 19, a first year student of occupational therapy at Bangladesh Health

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Prayer Timing		
November 17		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	6-00	6-35
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-22	6-25
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Interrogate Salam Pintu at jail gate

HC asks authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the authorities to interrogate former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu at jail gate in the Narayanganj bomb blast case.

The HC bench of Justice AFM Abdur Rahman and Justice Md. Emdadul Haque Azad passed the order upon a petition filed by Pintu.

Additional Attorney General AKM Zahirul Hoque Zahir told The Daily Star the government will file an appeal

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9 killed as buses collide in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least nine people including two women and a child were killed and over 50 others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Mirzapur upazila of Tangail yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at Kadim Dhalla when a Jamalpur-bound passenger bus from Dhaka collided head on with a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Tangail around 3:30pm. The accident left five passengers including two women dead on the spot.

After the accident, locals and police started a rescue operation. They sent the injured to Jamurki Health Complex and Kumudini Hospital where four passengers succumbed to their injuries—one at Jamurki Health Complex while three at Kumudini Hospital, police said.

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Obama presses freedoms in China

AFP, Shanghai

US President Barack Obama Monday pushed for an unshackled Internet and expanded political freedoms, seeking to get around China's media curbs with a webcast town hall event in booming Shanghai.

Obama also said the United States and China, two economically interlocked rivals, need not be adversaries, appealing to millions of Chinese web surfers on the

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CIA paid millions to ISI

Pak spy agency paid for capture or killing of 'militants' after 9/11, reports LA Times

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Los Angeles

The CIA has paid millions of dollars to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) since 9/11, "accounting for as much as one-third of the foreign spy agency's annual budget," says a media report.

The ISI also collected "tens of millions of dollars through a classified CIA programme," which pays for the capture or killing of wanted militants, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday citing current and former US officials.

An intense debate has been triggered within the US government due to "long-standing suspicions that the ISI continues to help Taliban extremists who undermine US efforts in Afghanistan and provide sanctuary to al-

Qaeda members in Pakistan."

But US officials have continued to make the payments as ISI's assistance is considered critical: "Almost every major terrorist plot this decade has originated in Pakistan's tribal belt, where ISI informant networks are a primary source of intelligence."

The report went on to say that the payments to Pakistan are authorised under a covert programme initially approved by then President Bush and continued under President Obama.

"The ISI has used the covert CIA money for a variety of purposes, including the construction of a new headquarters in Islamabad, the capital. That project pleased CIA officials because it

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OnlinePoll

Do you think Bangladesh will be economically benefited from rail transit to Nepal as per a new agreement with India?

☐ Yes (67.0%)
☐ No (29.6%)
☐ No Comments (3.4%)

Total votes: 925

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government will be able to stick to its move to cancel all leases on the riverbanks and the decision to stop illegal sand trading?

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