

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Bangladesh needs \$9.5b annually, says expert

Matia rejects view on capacity to absorb fund

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday rejected climate change experts' view that the government lacks capacity to absorb the huge amount of fund for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

adaptation programmes. This is almost three times the ADP size, he said, adding that when the government machinery fail to implement the ADP there is surely a question mark over its efficiency.

Even the developed countries get puzzled during natural disasters, she said, adding that the government of Bangladesh had efficiently managed the aftermath of cyclone Aila that had resulted in fewer casualties.

Lawyer's assistant commits suicide at law chamber

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

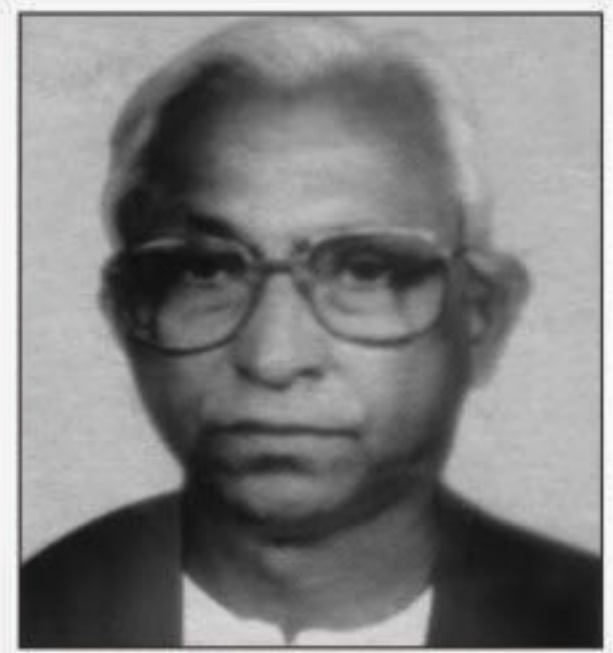
A lawyer's assistant committed suicide at a law chamber at Rajar Dewri in old part of the city yesterday.

BDR mutiny trial begins in Thakurgaon, Panchagarh today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Special Court-2 of Bangladesh Rifles will begin trials of 47 members of two BDR battalions, who are accused of mutiny, in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh today.

The second death anniversary of Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, a veteran politician and former general secretary of Gono Forum, will be observed today.



Saifuddin Manik's death anniversary today

US envoy welcomes SC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador James F Moriarty yesterday expressed satisfaction over the Supreme Court (SC) order that dismissed the leave-to-appeal petitions challenging the High Court (HC) verdict that nullified the fifth amendment to the constitution.

JCD leaders demand withdrawal of cases

DU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhtra Dal yesterday asked the state minister for home affairs for immediate withdrawal of the cases filed against its 12 central leaders in connection with the January 18 violence at Dhaka University.

student organisations at the educational institutions and arresting the "criminals" who are acting illegally in the DU halls.

Fire breaks out at central bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out in the corridor on the third floor of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) at Motijheel in the city yesterday morning.

JS probe suggests

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The sub-committee on health ministry started working on June 15 last year with lawmakers Dr Motiur Rahman as its convener and Dr Anwar Hossain as its member.

report and recommended realizing the amount from the persons responsible and depositing it in the university fund and take legal steps against them.

29pc cut in power sector allocation

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150 megawatt plant, Khulna 150 MW plant, Sirajganj 150 MW gas turbine power plant, two plants of 120 MW capacity each in Shiddhirganj, and Haripur 360 MW combined cycle power plant.

The local component will be slashed by 2.57 percent bringing it down to Tk 17,200 crore.

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Fake revenue stamps on sale

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stamp buyer to Nurul Alam, the Rab man settled that he (Nurul) would provide fake stamps worth Tk 12000 only at Tk 1200.

Nurul's information. Sources said Nurul was arrested six months ago on the same charge and being freed on bail, he got involved in fake stamp selling again.

judicial stamps and court fee stamps to some selected buyers who then took the stamps to different places in the country.

Stop dumping in Buriganga

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Survey contained anomalies. He pointed out that there are more river encroachers.

councillor of Lalbagh area, blamed the city corporation cleaners and inspectors for dumping rubbish into the river and demanded exemplary punishment for them.

Chairman of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Abdul Maleque Mia expressed determination to complete the job his office has been entrusted with.

HC verdict summary

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Republic, created by the Third Proclamation issued on November 29, 1976, enabling the said Major General Ziaur Rahman, to exercise all the powers of the Chief Martial Law Administrator, was beyond the ambit of the Constitution.

Constitution. The Constitution (Fifth Amendment) Act, 1979 is ultra vires, because: Firstly, Section 2 of the Constitution (Fifth Amendment) Act, 1979, enacted Paragraph 18, for its insertion in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, in order to ratify, confirm and validate the Proclamations, MLRs and MLOs etc. during the period from August 15, 1975 to April 9, 1979. Since those Proclamations, MLRs, MLOs etc., were illegal and void, there were nothing for the Parliament to ratify, confirm and validate.

things done and actions and proceedings taken during the period from August 15, 1975 to April 9, 1979, are condoned as past and closed transactions, but such condonations are made not because those are legal but only in the interest of the republic in order to avoid chaos and confusion in the society, although distantly apprehended, however, those remain illegitimate and void forever.