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GIVING TRANSIT TO INDIA ADB help sought to assess benefits

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh has sought Asian Development Bank assistance in carrying out a study on the economic benefits of providing transit facility to India.

Dhaka also sought ADB help for a project for importing electricity from India.

The ADB has already indicated that it would provide \$97.63 million for the power import project and also assist in conducting the transit-related study, Economic Relations Division (ERD) sources said.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by the prime minister's economic adviser Mashiur Rahman went to Manila on Wednesday to seek ADB assistance for different projects for regional cooperation, including transit facility.

The communications ministry last month sent a proposal to the ADB seeking assistance for the study -- Economic Analysis of the Introduction of Transit between Bangladesh and India.

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Stop collecting toll from bus operators DMP asks DSPS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner yesterday asked leaders of Dhaka Sarak Paribahan Samity not to collect toll from the city bus operators who are not members of the organisation.

He made the remark at a press briefing at his Minto Road office after the bus

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CHAOTIC CITY TRAFFIC Cops now put the blame on people

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

Despite taking various measures over the last three months, Dhaka Metropolitan Police could do little to lessen the severe traffic congestion in the capital. They now put the blame on the tendency of commuters to violate the rules of the road.

"Whenever people get a chance, they violate traffic rules," said DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday. He was talking to reporters at his office in the city.

He said, "We imposed fines, filed cases, seized vehicles and arrested drivers on charge of violating traffic rules, but nothing

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A classroom at New Govt Degree College, Rajshahi after a group of Chhatra League men went on the rampage during a viva voce yesterday.

ADMISSION QUOTA BCL activists vandalise college

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Authorities of Rajshahi New Government Degree College yesterday suspended its first year admission process following vandalism of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists demanding quota in the admission.

Principal Farida Sultana of the college said the admission process was cancelled in an emergency staff council meeting just after the incident.

Sources said that the college authority was conducting interviews of the admission seekers in first year honours courses from the morning.

But a group of BCL men forcibly entered into the interview room and drove out

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HR records improve, but extra-judicial killings rise

Says US State Dept
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US State Department has said that there was a slight increase in extra-judicial killings and politically motivated violence in Bangladesh with the return of an elected government.

This was stated in the 2009 Human Rights Report on Bangladesh by the State Department released in Washington yesterday.

The report said government's human rights record improved somewhat due to the return of a democratically elected government and the repeal of the state of emergency.

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20 climate projects get Tk 267 crore

UNB, Dhaka

The government has allocated Tk 267 crore for implementing 20 approved projects meant for tackling the impacts of climate change on life and livelihood and the ecology of the country.

A meeting of the high-profile Trusty Board on climate change, presided over by State Minister for Environment Hasan Mahmud at his ministry, made the allocation yesterday.

Earlier, the Board had allocated Tk 52 crore

for five projects related to climate change.

Major allocations made against the approved projects include Tk 22.43 crore for cleaning wastes from Buriganga and Turag Rivers, Tk 24.89 crore each for house-building project in cyclone Aila-affected areas in Khulna and Barisal districts.

The board also approved Tk 6 crore for projects under the Rice Research Institute, Tk 8.50 crore for dredging the Mara Dhaleswari River in Bagerhat-Pirojpur belt and Tk 18.11

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SUNNY MURDER 13 BCL men charged in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday pressed charges against 13 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in connection with the case of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree leader Sunny murder at Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in January.

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প্রিমিয়ার বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গত ৭-৩-২০১০ তারিখ থেকে চট্টগ্রাম প্রিমিয়ার বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের বাণিজ্য অনুষদের কতিপয় ছাত্র ড. মিলন কুমার ভট্টাচার্যের পদত্যাগকে কেন্দ্র করে তাঁকে ফিরিয়ে আনার দাবিতে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শিক্ষার পরিবেশ ক্ষুণ্ণ করে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পরিস্থিতি অশান্ত করে তুলেছে। অথচ এই শিক্ষক নিজেই ব্যক্তিগত কারণ প্রদর্শন করে পদত্যাগ করেছেন। এখানে উল্লেখ্য, একটি পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নপত্র ছাপানোর দায়িত্বে তিনি ছিলেন। সে পরীক্ষার প্রশ্নপত্রের অনেক প্রশ্ন পূর্বেই প্রচারিত হয়ে যায়। এই ঘটনায় বিব্রতবোধ করে তিনি পদত্যাগ করেছেন। এছাড়াও তিনি প্রাইভেট পড়ান। পুঞ্জীভূত এইসব কারণে ডীন হিসেবে তাঁর নৈতিক অবস্থান দুর্বল হয়ে যাওয়ায় তিনি পদত্যাগ করেন। অতএব ছাত্র-ছাত্রীরা যে-হেতুহীন আন্দোলন করছে তা সম্পূর্ণ ভিত্তিহীন। বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ ছাত্রদের তাদের নিজেদের শিক্ষার স্বার্থে অবিলম্বে ক্লাসরুমে প্রত্যাবর্তন আশা করছে। অন্যথায় প্রিমিয়ার বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের আইন অনুযায়ী শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

প্রিমিয়ার বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ

First BD-Eng Test from today

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

Bangladesh are determined to put the Rokibul Hasan episode behind to push visiting England hard when the first Test of the two-match series starts at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium here today.

The home team will rely on their spinners as there are two specialist left-arm slow bowlers in Shakib Al Hasan and Abdur Razzak, who is going to play a Test match after 16 months, in the team besides Mahmudullah Riyad and Nayeem Islam's part-time spin.

The Bangladeshi playing eleven has been announced leaving out uncapped Jahurul

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স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়

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