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Get cops to stop river pollution

HC also asks govt to explain why all sewer lines into river should not be sealed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court wants the government to police the banks of the Buriganga to stop disposal of waste into the river. It yesterday directed the authorities to deploy police along the river banks immediately. It also ordered them to form a committee to monitor the law enforcers' actions with regard to waste-dumping and submit a report within

four weeks. Chairman of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), director general of the Department of Environment (DoE) and deputy commissioner of Dhaka were asked to form the monitoring committee, drawing representatives from the district administration, BIWTA and DoE. In a rule, the court also asked the government to explain within four weeks why it

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It's not cop job

Environmentalists say Wasa, DoE must enforce law properly

PINAKI ROY

The government agencies including the Department of Environment (DoE) and Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) are key to preventing human excreta and industrial liquid waste from being dumped into the rivers around the capital. Different studies say at least 10,000 tonnes of human excreta and 1.5 million cubic metres of industrial waste are

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A huge quantity of untreated waste of local garments industry is dumped into the river Shitalakshya through this canal at Godnail of Narayanganj. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

DU sees result delays for tardy teachers

Finds 20 at fault amid student protest

RAKIB AHAMMED

Singling out 20 teachers as laggards, Dhaka University officials are considering a rule that would require instructors to return examinations results on time to students so they can continue their education without delay. DU administrators also say they are now formally monitoring whether teachers are collecting, grading and returning the exams within prescribed deadlines, based on the nature of the course and how many students are enrolled. The action comes more than two weeks after about 500 DU students staged protests in three

departments and demanded action because they had not received their exam results for up to seven months, preventing them from enrolling in their next classes on time. "It is totally unexpected and unacceptable," said one social sciences master's student, who asked for anonymity because his exam results were still pending. "We finished our MSS examinations in November 2009 but are yet to get the results. "I think teachers do not care about the importance of time in our lives," he said. Added another student in the political science department: "The trend of receiving and

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BCL factions trade fire

15 injured in row over DU hall body formation

DU CORRESPONDENT

Exchange of gunshots and chase and counter chase between two Chhatra League factions of Dhaka University (DU) Mohsin Hall unit triggered grave panic among thousands of DU resident students early yesterday. At least 15 Chhatra League activists were injured in the hour-long clash over forming the hall unit committee. The clash between the factions of Mohsin Hall unit president

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JS body backs unsolicited power deals

RASHIDUL HASAN

The parliamentary standing committee on power yesterday defended the government move to allow unsolicited power deals saying that contracts will be signed with the world-famous companies to end the nagging power crisis in the shortest possible time. Chief of the parliamentary body Shubid Ali Bhuiyan, however, admits that the cost of power generation under such deals would be high.

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DEV BUDGET GLITCH

Costs spiral for delay

REJAU KARIM BYRON

The government's failure to implement development projects on time increases project costs up to about 1,000 percent. Big portions of Annual Development Programme (ADP) allocations are also left unutilised at the end of every fiscal year, due to the delays. In the last fiscal year 173 projects were completed, but not before the deadlines for 116 of those had been extended by 78 percent on an average. The delays shot up the costs of 59 projects by 34 percent on an average. The Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Division (IMED) in September last

year prepared a detailed evaluation report on 178 projects completed in fiscal year 2006-07. It showed that the deadlines for the projects were extended by 466 percent on an average which shot the actual costs up by 1 to 872 percent. A Daily Star review of ADPs of the last 10 fiscal years revealed that even after revision of the original ADPs, 10 to 20 percent of the revised ADPs remained unimplemented every year. The current fiscal year's original ADP size was Tk 30,500 crore, which was 32 percent larger than last year's. But keeping with tradition it was cut to Tk 28,500 crore through a revision.

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Bangladesh Air Force signs agreement with Dutch-Bangla Bank



Group Captain A K M Rafique Uddin, Director of Finance, Bangladesh Air Force and Mr. Abul Kashem Md. Shirin, Deputy Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank have signed an agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari, ndu, psc, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Administration) BAF, Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of DBBL, and Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of DBBL were also present at the signing ceremony.

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