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Another digital hiccup

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The labour ministry yesterday sought public opinion on "Domestic Workers' Protection and Welfare Policy-2010" through its website without uploading the policy.

A handout (No: 1485) titling "Domestic workers' protection and welfare policy on the website of labour ministry" said the policy on 'Domestic Workers' SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Govt eyes jobs, investment

PM flies for South Korea, Malaysia on May 16

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Manpower export, duty-free access of Bangladeshi products and investment and cooperation in power, science and technology, and IT sectors will dominate Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's talks with the South Korean president.

Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to visit South Korea and Malaysia from May 16 to 21. Both the visits are considered crucial, as she will vigorously pursue export of manpower to the countries.

After her three-day (May 16-18) visit to South Korea, Sheikh Hasina will proceed to Malaysia to attend the sixth World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) on May 18 with a focus on business opportunities in the Muslim world.

Official sources said during her South Korea visit, Sheikh Hasina would also seek continued Official Development Assistance (ODA) for socio-economic development and investments in different industrial sectors.

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JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY 20 hurt as BCL factions clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With lethal weapons including choppers, machetes and axes, two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League clashed with each other in presence of police at Jagannath University yesterday that left at least 20 people injured.

Six female students and a female teacher of geography and environment department also received injuries while running helter-skelter during the clash, witnesses said.

Sources said the clash ensued between supporters of university unit BCL President Kamrul Hasan Ripon and General Secretary Gazi Abu Sayeed over establishing supremacy on the campus.

The two factions were locked in the hour-long clash when several hundred students were demonstrating on the campus demanding amendment of section 27(4) of Jagannath SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

28 STRANDED SEAMEN Benin delays their return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Further complexity is hindering the repatriation process of 28 stranded Bangladeshi seamen in Benin, as the country is now asking for some of the crew to stay back to look after the ships.

"Benin authorities are now asking for five to six seamen for a few more days to take care of the ships. They said they would make arrangements for the seamen's salaries and other facilities," told a foreign ministry official yesterday.

"We booked air tickets for 10 sailors and were about to book more for the rest. But by this time things got a bit complicated," he said.

Bangladesh's chargé d'affaires in Morocco Lutfar Rahman, who is dealing with the issue, told the Benin government to make a written proposal on the matter assuring safety and facilities to the seamen who would decide to stay back.

"Bangladesh will not take any responsibility if some seamen agreed to stay back and get into trouble in future," Rahman said.



PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Launches moored near Keraniganj in the capital yesterday. A very few of those vessels left the terminal as most of the water transport workers were on strike that entered its third day.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE SQ Chy asked to surrender before court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed former BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury to surrender before the trial court within eight weeks in a money laundering case filed by the SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Cop suspended for stalking college girl

UNB, Gopalganj

A police constable was suspended yesterday on charge of stalking a college girl in Gopalganj.

Witnesses said Sonia, a second year student of Bangabandhu University College, complained to her SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Riverways strike rolls into day 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The senior vice president of Bangladesh Noutjan Sramik Federation was arrested yesterday for vandalism and creating chaos three days after the organisation called a countrywide strike rejecting the new wage structure for water transport workers.

Salauddin Khan, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police arrested Shah Alam at Poolpar in the capital's Fakirapool area at about 1:30pm in a case lodged for vandalism and creating chaos in front of Sadarghat launch terminal on Saturday.

Twenty-two identified and over a hundred unidentified people were accused in the case.

Meanwhile, the federation in a statement claimed that police also detained its Vice President Malek Master.

Police, however, denied the claim. Prior to his arrest, Shah Alam said police barred them from bringing out a procession in the capital's Gulistan area at about 11:00am.

Many leaders and activists of the federation went into hiding yesterday to avoid arrest. Its office at Bangla Bazar was also found shut.

Meanwhile, the indefinite water transport strike continued for the third day yesterday disrupting movement of vessels partially on many routes.

The strike disrupted import of goods through Chittagong Port as lighter vessels remained stranded there for the third consecutive day.

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OnlinePoll ✓

What do you think about the current law and order situation in Dhaka city?

- Bad (75.6%)
- Same as before (17.7%)
- Good (6.7%)

Total votes: 434

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the cases against former AL lawmaker Haji Mohammad Selim that the government has withdrawn were politically motivated?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

May 11

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-34	6-38
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

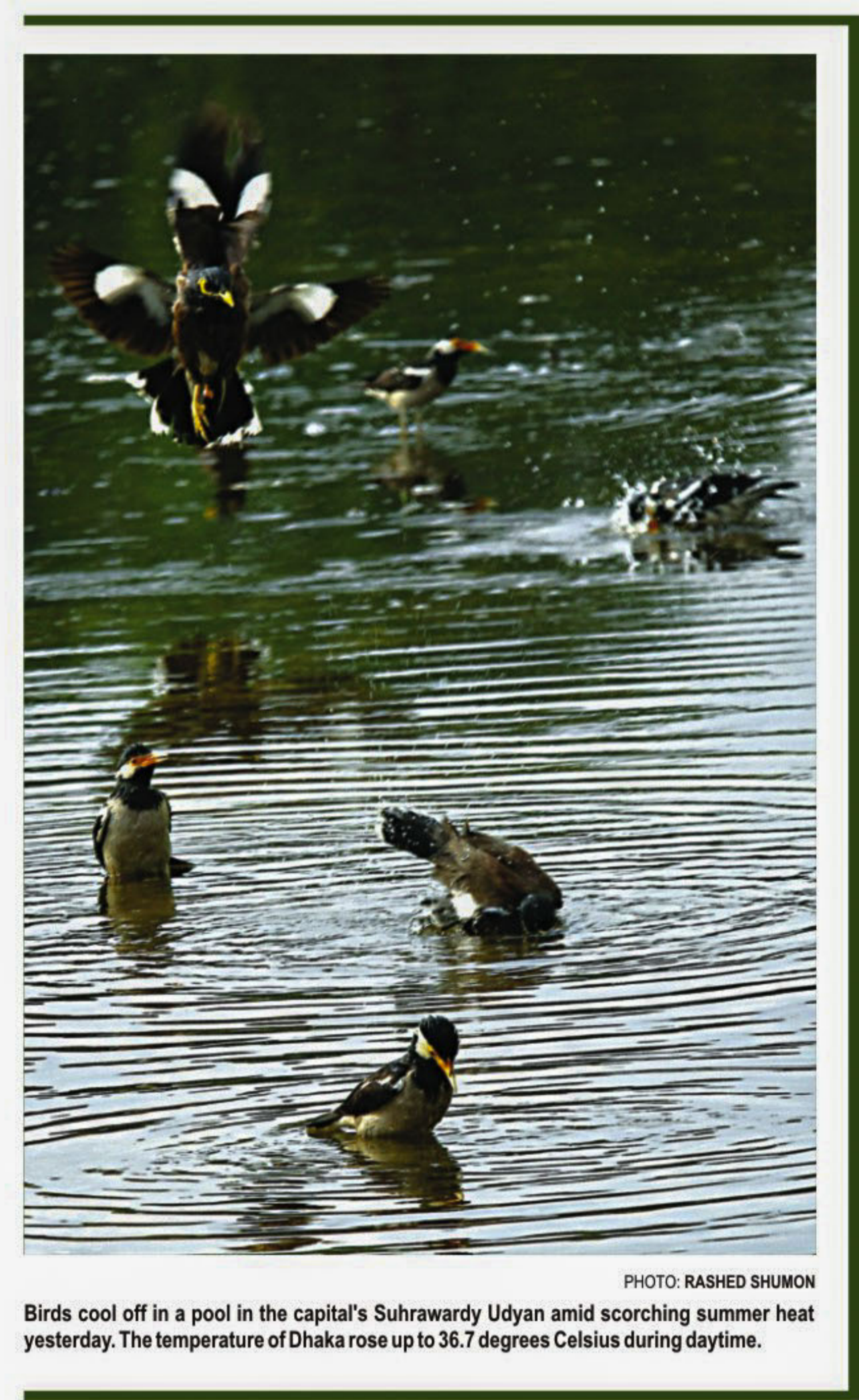


PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Birds cool off in a pool in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan amid scorching summer heat yesterday. The temperature of Dhaka rose up to 36.7 degrees Celsius during daytime.

No graft Bhuiyan tells ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former LGRD minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said yesterday proper procedure was followed and no public money was misappropriated in the construction of Bhairab Bridge.

Mannan Bhuiyan was talking to journalists after he was quizzed by an Anti-Corruption Commission team

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ATN STAFF MURDER Killers still unidentified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested seven alleged criminals from different points of the capital in connection with the killing of Shafiqul Islam Mithu, senior cameraman of ATN Bangla.

Meanwhile, hundreds of media workers held a human SEE PAGE 15 COL 2

Child raped, strangled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A six-year-old girl was raped and strangled at Deugram under Phulpur upazila in the district on Sunday.

The victim was identified as Sonia Akhtar, daughter of labourer Abdus Sobhan.

Police found the body inside a sack in the SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

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