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## FIFTH AMENDMENT Khaleda holds meeting with lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia held a meeting with the party's senior leaders and legal experts at her Gulshan office last night to discuss her party's stance on the Supreme Court verdict on the fifth amendment to the constitution.

After around two-hour long meeting, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, party's standing committee member, said his party will soon come up with a formal reaction on the SC verdict.

Earlier, two Jamaat-e-Islami leaders hold an "exclusive" meeting with Khaleda Zia at the latter's office.

Jamaat's Acting Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam

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Police beat up protesters at Sholoshahar in the port city yesterday after students of Chittagong University demonstrated for increased fees.



PHOTO: STAR

## CU FEE HIKE Protesters vandalise vehicles

21 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 10 students of Chittagong University were injured when police clubbed a demonstration in the port city yesterday.

Police also arrested at least 21 students in this connection.

The students were demonstrating for the seventh consecutive day to press home their three-point demand including cancellation of fee-hike.

The students' other demands are withdrawal of the case filed against 11 CU students on Thursday and cancellation of the expulsion order against a CU student.

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## Pranab likely to visit Dhaka on August 7

STAR REPORT

Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee is expected to pay a day-long visit to Dhaka on August 7.

During his visit, New Delhi and Dhaka are expected to sign an accord for the one billion dollar line of credit India has already agreed to give to Bangladesh, reports our correspondent in New Delhi.

However, there was no official conformation in Dhaka about the visit of the

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### PROJECTS UNDER INDIAN CREDIT

# Implementation delay to cost extra charge

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh will have to pay commitment charge in case of delay in implementation of projects with the \$1 billion credit offered by India.

Finance ministry sources said the commitment charge might be 0.5 percent of the credit for the project concerned.

The terms and conditions of an agreement between Dhaka and Delhi on the credit have been finalised. The agreement is likely to be signed on August 7, the sources said.

And Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee might come to Dhaka on a one-day visit in connection with signing of the agreement.

A total of 14 projects have been identified for implementation using the credit, and Indian government has approved those.

At present the World Bank and Asian Development Bank realise 0.5 to 0.75 percent commitment charges for delay in implementation of projects.

Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials said it is not that India will start imposing commitment charge following the signing of the credit agreement.

Separate agreements will be signed for each of the 14 projects identified for implementation. And only after these agreements

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## Report Aila steps in 20 days

HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to submit a report within 20 days on what steps it has taken for infrastructure developments at the Aila affected areas of the country.

The bench also issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks why it should not be directed to take necessary steps for infrastructure development at Aila affected areas including repairing of its 1,742 kilometres of embankments and making a law for disaster management.

A bench of the HC comprised of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain passed the order following a writ petition filed as public interest

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### ADP 2009-10

# Foreign fund utilised less than govt fund

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The planning minister criticised several ministries yesterday for failing to adequately utilise foreign funds in the last fiscal year's annual development programme.

Utilisation of foreign funds in the last ADP was lower than utilisation of the government's own fund.

On the last day of a series of meetings with all ministries and divisions on implementation of ADP yesterday, Planning Minister AK Khandaker said a review found that the ministries could not utilise project aid due to their weaknesses, meeting sources said.

The meeting was held in the National Economic Council auditorium, and was

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### DINAJPUR EDUCATION BOARD

# Ministry cancels recruitment of 23 employees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur Education Board staff on muster roll called off their indefinite strike yesterday afternoon after the education ministry cancelled appointment of some 23 board staff, who were newly recruited on a daily basis.

The ministry also directed the board authorities to seek its permission for fresh recruitment.

Humayun Kabir Palash, president of Dinajpur Education Board Employees Welfare Association, told The Daily Star that they welcomed the decision of the education ministry.

Work at Dinajpur Education Board came to a halt due to the four-day strike, which started on Thursday in protest at the recruitment of 23 new staff.

Some 110 muster roll staff yesterday gathered on the board premises and staged demonstrations to press home their three-points demand.

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## 'THREATENING' PM Delwar, two other BNP leaders sued

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A case was filed yesterday against three BNP leaders, including its secretary general, on charges of making threatening speech on July 25 to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The accused are BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Rafiqul Islam Mia and Moazzem Hossain.

Hazrat Moulana Mohammad Elias Hossain Bin Helali, president of Bangladesh Awami Ulema League Central Committee, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka.

The court on the same day also issued a summon asking the three leaders to appear before it on August 25, taking

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Prayer Timing		
August 2		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-47	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

## WE MOURN



We announce with deep sadness that 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Late Dr. Abdul Hamid, Managing Director of Travel Trade Ltd. (GSA Gulf Air), Mr. A.Y.M. Naim has breathed his last at Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital yesterday at 7:10 am (Innalillaha.....Razeun). He was 68.

His Namaaz-e-Janaza will be held today, Baad Johr, at Baitul Atik Central Jaame Masjid, Baridhara (West of Baridhara Park, Rd. # 8).



জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের জন্মভূমি ও বাবা স্মৃতি ধন্য গোপালগঞ্জের টুঙ্গী পাড়া

বেসিক ব্যাংকের ৩৩তম শাখার শুভ উদ্বোধন করা হয়েছে

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