

Pollution warnings fall on deaf ears

311 factories still without waste treatment plant; 371 have installed it but hardly use

PINAKI ROY
Despite making repeated pledges, many of the industries, especially those of fabrics, dyeing and tannery, continue polluting rivers, canals and other wetlands in the city just to boost their profit, say Department of Environment officials.
There are still 311 "red category" [severe polluter] industries in and around the capital that need to build effluent treatment plant (ETP), while 371 heavy polluter industries have so far completed the installation.
"However, many of them don't use their ETPs. They have spent money to install it but don't want to spend more to run it," said Mohammed Munir Chowdhury, director, Monitoring and Enforcement, DoE.
Recently, some of the polluters were caught red-handed while discharging untreated liquid waste despite having



Toxic liquid from a dyeing factory at Fatullah, Narayanganj is discharged into a canal that leads to the River Buriganga. FILE PHOTO

SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

KHALEDA IN KSA BNP with no acting chief

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN
Turning a blind eye to pleas for delegating some of her powers, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia went on a 10-day trip to Saudi Arabia without designating a person to carry out her duties.
Since 2007, BNP leaders had been urging Khaleda to temporarily delegate her powers during her absence to ensure democratic practices in the party.
Khaleda faced criticism for not assigning an acting chairperson for the party during her Umrah trip in September 2009.
She had, however, agreed

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Pay hike agitation batters Biman

Staff protest new pay scale, scrapping of pension for 3,000; assault company secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The headquarters of the country's largest airliner Biman Bangladesh was rocked by day-long demonstrations yesterday, as its workers and employees protested a new pay scale that scraps pension schemes, and gives pay raises lower than expected.
Around 3,000 permanent workers and employees stand to lose their pensions under the new pay scale.
The pay structure was supposed to go into effect today, but in the face of the protest, the management of the state-owned airliner postponed its effectiveness till tomorrow, when the board of directors is scheduled to have an

emergency meeting to discuss the issue.
The chaos broke loose around 11:00am after the employees and workers came to know about the details of the pay scale.
The demonstrators at one point assaulted Biman's Company Secretary Abdur Rashid, and damaged the office of the managing director's secretary.
They also laid siege to the office of Biman Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Zakiul Islam, confining him until the office hours ended.
Official activities at the Biman headquarters, Balaka, near Shahjalal International Airport in the capital were almost in

SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Duke lands in jail after remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Saiful Islam Duke, nephew of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, was sent to jail yesterday after a four-day remand by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the August 21 grenade attack case.
The court of Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Ali Hossain passed the order to send Duke, who was also the personal secretary to former premier Khaleda Zia, to jail

Rubber dam project gets climate fund

To restore 10,000 hectares coastland at Urir Char in 2 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government will be constructing a rubber dam at Urir Char near Noakhali to reclaim around 600square kilometres of land from the Bay.
The board of trustees of Climate Change Trust Fund approved the two-year-long project of Tk 37.40 crore at a meeting at the Environment and Forests Ministry yesterday.
"We are expecting the cross dam to increase our landmass," said State Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, who chaired the meeting.
Water Development Board (WDB) will initially reclaim 10,000 hectares, said Dr. Mihir Kanti Mazumder, secretary to the Ministry of Environment and Forest. However, in future the total quantity of land recovered will be 600square km, he added.

SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

New IGP vows pro-people police force

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Newly appointed Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmood Khandker has vowed to restore the image of police department and make the force pro-people.
"I'll try my best to make sure that the police force is no longer used as a repressing force", he said, adding, "I'll endeavor to discharge my duties with sincerity and earnestness."
The new IGP, also the outgoing director general of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), said these at a press briefing at the Police Headquarters after

SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

PM again warns BCL wrongdoers

BCL men's barbaric act at RU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday once again said her government is preparing a list of errant activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League to bring them to book.
On July 16, Sheikh Hasina issued Chhatra League activists the same warning at a Awami League Central Working Committee meeting.
The premier was yesterday speaking at a discussion organized by BCL at the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre marking the August 15.
"We are collecting information and preparing a list of Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra Dal activists who infiltrated into BCL and are committing violence in public universities and colleges," said Sheikh Hasina, also the ruling Awami League president.
She said some BCL leaders gave shelter to Shibir and Chhatra Dal activists over factional feuds in the BCL. These feuds must stop.

A CORRESPONDENT, RU
In yet another incident Chhatra League activists shook Rajshahi University campus with their savagery.
This time, they drove nails through a leg of a student in public branding him as a Shibir man.
Mashur Rahman, a post-graduate student of Rajshahi University Philosophy department, Monday night fell victim to the violence of some members of the ruling party backed organisation.
A group led by BCL activist Firoz Hossain using hammers

SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

অটবি'র ঈদ মানে ৫০% পর্যন্ত ছাড়

Since 1975
otobi
World Class Furniture

১,৩৬৫ টাকায় কম্পিউটার টেবিল	১২,২৫৬ টাকায় খাট	১৭,৩৪৮ টাকায় কার্টার খাট
১১,৯৭৭ টাকায় আলমারি	১৩,৩১১ টাকায় কার্টার ড্রেসিং টেবিল	২৩,৩৫৮ টাকায় কার্টার আলমারি

শর্ত প্রযোজ্য। স্টক সীমিত। এ সুযোগ সারাদেশে সকল অটবি শো-রুমে ঈদের আগের দিন পর্যন্ত।

আফতাব

নারীর পরিচয় আজও কি শুধু রন্ধনশৈলীতে!

নারী আজ সৈনিক, নাবিক বা গবেষক। নারীর বিভিন্ন পরিচয় আজ বিশ্বজুড়ে। নারীর এগিয়ে যাওয়ায় নতুন গতি এনে দিলো আফতাব মশলা। আধুনিক নারীর জন্য, সময় বাঁচিয়ে স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত রান্না করার সেরা মশলা-আফতাব মশলা, গুঁড়া করা হয় জার্মানির স্টেট অব দ্যা আর্ট টেকনোলজির মাধ্যমে, নিয়ন্ত্রিত তাপমাত্রায়। ফলে এসেনশিয়াল অয়েল থাকে অক্ষুণ্ণ, রান্না হয় স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত এবং স্বাদ ও গুণ থাকে অটুট। কম সময়ে রান্নার এমন স্বাদ ও গুণ পেতে আপনারও পাশে থাকুক আফতাব মশলা।

মরিচের গুঁড়া ১০০ গ্রাম

Essential Oil Preserved

“জীবন গড়ার বাড়তি সময়”

আফতাব ফুডস লিমিটেড
ইস্টার্ন ম্যানশন (৪র্থ তলা), ৬৭/৯ কাকরাইল, ঢাকা-১০০০। ফোন: +৮৮০-২-৮৩৯১৪৩১-৩২
ফ্যাক্স: +৮৮০-২-৮৩৯১৪৩০, e-mail: info@afatabfoodsbd.com, web: www.afatabfoodsbd.com

We Deeply Mourn

The members of the Board of Directors, all Executives, Officers and Employees of Pubali Bank Limited are deeply shocked at the sad demise of

Mr. Giashuddin Ahamed

Director & Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank Limited who passed away at 3.00 am on 31st August 2010 at the Square Hospital (Inna Lillahe Razeun). May Allah the Almighty bless his departed soul with eternal peace.

We always remember the invaluable services rendered by him as Vice-Chairman & Director of Pubali Bank Limited.

We express our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty Allah to give strength to his family members to bear this irreparable loss.

পুবালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড
PUBALI BANK LIMITED
www.pubalibangla.com