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NEWS flakes

Threat on PM's life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unknown criminals yesterday threatened to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and to blow up Chittagong Central Jail and Chittagong court building if operatives

POLLING CENTRES BNP, Jamaat for army

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP and its ally Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday demanded that the Election Commission (EC) deploy army personnel at all polling

Injunction on JPC charge handover

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an ad interim injunction upon the election commission of Jatiya Press Club (JPC) not to handover charges to the newly elected executive committee.

PRAYER TIMING January 6

Fajr	5:30	6:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:30	5:35
Esha	7:00	7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

SECRETARY-LEVEL TALKS  
Dhaka to push for simplifying visa process

REZAUL KARIM

High officials of Bangladesh and India will hold three meetings in Dhaka on January 17-19 aiming to resolve a host of issues, especially of security, simplifying Indian visa process, enclaves and un-demarcated boundaries and organised crimes.

A high official at the home ministry said issues like implementation of three security related agreements, terrorism, border disputes, un-demarcated boundary, adversely possessed lands and enclaves, killing in the borders and curbing of drug smuggling and human trafficking will be discussed in the meetings.

Stopping human trafficking, handover of listed criminals and the existing Indian visa regime will be prominent in the upcoming home secretary-level meeting.

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PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

BDR jawans in chains are being taken to a temporary court near Dhaka Central Jail for hearing of the BDR carnage case yesterday. A prison van, loaded with the accused, enter the court premises as their relatives wait to have a glimpse of them. Story on page 1.

POOR NAVIGABILITY  
30 cargo vessels stuck in Jamuna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU,  
back from Baghabari

At least 30 cargo vessels laden with fertiliser and coal, crucial supplies for the northern districts, are stranded in the river Jamuna near Shibalaya under Manikganj district due to poor navigability. The vessels, stranded over the period of one week, were heading for Baghabari and Nagarbari river ports. The supply of these vital commodities is greatly hampered every year due to rapid siltation and lack of flow in the river and absence of timely dredging to keep the channel open.

The authority of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport, in charge of dredging rivers and the port officials blamed vessel operators for overloading their vessels to save transport costs.

"We can ensure a constant draft of up to seven feet but these vessels are invariably overloaded and therefore they require a minimum draft of ten feet," Chief Engineer (Dredging) of the (Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority) BIWTA Md Abdul Matin told The Daily Star. "The problem will not be solved until the cargo vessels maintain legal load of their cargo vessels," he added.

Baghabari port officials said that MV Al-Bur, MV Mirza Bahar, MV Sajjid, MV Anabil, MV Queen of Agrajan and other cargo vessels loaded with fertiliser are stranded in Char-Shibaloy point near Aricha.

"Not seeing any solution some desperate suppliers are now using lighter vessels to transport the fertilisers to Baghabari

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Hasina warns police against HR violation

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday cautioned the police against violation of human rights in their drive against crimes, terrorism and militancy.

Addressing senior police officials at her office, Hasina reminded their responsibility and asked to be sincere to their duty towards the people.

"You are the friends of people. So, remain sincere to your duty towards them. Show your highest professionalism while on duty," Hasina said.

Reminding the police

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TOXIC PARACETAMOL CASE  
Complainant changes his mind again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Directorate of Drug Administration Assistant Director Abul Khair Chowdhury yesterday finally made his statement in court in accordance with what he had said in 1994 in the Adflame adulterated paracetamol syrup case.

Judge Mohammad Abdul Majid of the Drug Court recorded the statement before adjourning the hearing until January 27 following a time petition filed by the defence lawyer.

He had deviated from his 1994 statement last year generating a lot of criticism. In 1994, he told the court he got the drug samples from Shishu Hospital. Last year he told the court that he had collected drug samples from the company.

He told the court yesterday that he in fact did not

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SQC says he doesn't need medical tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury on Tuesday declined to get admitted to or undergo medical tests at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

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Clarification

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has clarified a point in a news item headlined 'TIB submits questionnaire, replies to SC' published in The Daily Star yesterday.

"All other documents containing the litigants' names are not being submitted to the court."

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that anyone criticising the government is being branded as war criminals?

Yes (50.4%)  
No (49.4%)  
No Comments (0.2%)

TOTAL VOTES : 2200

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Suranjit Sengupta that the parliament is sovereign and everything including the judiciary is accountable to it?

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One of the families of Bangladeshi workers kidnapped in Afghanistan plead with the prime minister to take on the matter of the hostages' release, at a media conference in Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

AFGHAN KIDNAP  
Victim families seek PM's intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The families of five Bangladeshi workers, held hostage in Afghanistan have sought PM's intervention for their safe release.

The five Bangladeshis--Md Aminul Islam, Shafiul Alam Khokon, Lablu Rahman, Mahabub Ali and Imam Uddin--were abducted from a temporary camp by the Afghan miscreants on December 17 in the town of Mazar-e-Sharif.

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