



(Clockwise from top left) The vandalised canteen of Jagannath University after clashes between two groups of the university unit Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday. The kitchen in disarray. The university correspondents form a human chain on the campus protesting attacks on them during the clashes. Police take away some of the eight detained.

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10 hurt in BCL factional clash at JnU

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Clashes between two groups of Jagannath University (JnU) unit activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday left at least 10 injured while eight others were detained. Several classrooms and the university canteen were also vandalised. The university authority has formed a five-member committee to probe the incident. Police said some members of Babar group beat up one Arafat, belonging to the former general secretary's (GS) group, in JnU. In retaliation, the GS group with North Bengal and South Bengal groups beat up some members of Babar group, leading to violent clashes. During the clashes from around 12:00noon to 2:00pm, they gave chase and counter chase with hockey and bamboo sticks. Later police intervened, charging baton and picking up eight activists. Acting proctor Dr Ashok Kumer Saha of JnU told The Daily Star that around 200 criminals in guise of students were responsible for the clashes and vandalism. He also said the probe committee, headed by anthropology department Prof Hasna Hena Begum, will submit its report by seven working days.

COP'S DEATHS ON ROAD PM gives Tk 10 lakh to each family

UNB, Dhaka Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave Tk 10 lakh to each of the families of 10 police personnel, including three officers who were killed in road accident at Belabo in Narsingdhi in January this year. While they were on duty for municipal election in Naringdhi, a truck rammes their van on January 15. They are Faruk Ahmed Khan, Ziaul Huq Khan, Kongkan Kumar Mondol, Bazlur Rahman, Krishna Kanta Barman, Rezaul Karim, Masud Parvez, Narayan Chandra Chanda, Priyatos Chandra Paland Reaz Uddin. Sheikh Hasina handed over the cheques to the family members from the prime minister's relief fund at her office yesterday.

Charges framed

FROM PAGE 3 Mir Kashem says the Jamaat leader evaded Tk 11,28,235 in income tax on Tk 34,85,866 earned through Kears Limited as its chairman and director. It also states that Kashem repeatedly misinformed National Board of Revenue (NBR) about his actual income. After the case, the court took into cognisance the charge against the Jamaat leader and issued an arrest warrant against him. But Kashem on August 22 last year appeared before the High Court and obtained anticipatory bail in the case till submission of the police report or six months from the day of the order.

NGOs to obtain

FROM PAGE 3 misappropriation of climate fund when not a single penny has yet been allocated. Four government projects involving Tk 39.64 crore were approved in the meeting while two other government projects were sent back for necessary corrections, said the minister who presided over the 10th meeting of the Climate Change Trustee Board yesterday. These projects will be implemented mostly in Dhaka, Narayanganj, and Chittagong and in haor areas. Hasan Mahmud also said that so far Tk 548 core have been allocated in different government projects and Tk

200 core more will be allocated before the coming budget. The Climate Change Trust Fund is a government fund of Tk 700 crore, created from government's own resources. Members of Climate Change Trust Fund including Shipping Minister Sajahan Khan, State Minister for Water Resources Mahubur Rahman, Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) chairman Qazi Khaliqzaman Ahmad, and Prof Habibur Rahman of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) were present at the meeting.

Tougher criteria

FROM PAGE 3 Theresa May said, "We want to retain bright young people with innovative ideas particularly in fields of science, technology and design to help drive economic growth and productivity." Students currently at universities and publicly funded colleges will retain working rights but others will not have that privileged, said the statement. It said only university postgraduate students staying more than 12 months and government-sponsored students will be able to bring dependants who will be able to work. At the moment all students on longer courses are able to bring dependants, it read. All UK education institutions wanting to be sponsors will have to become "Highly Trusted Sponsors" by April 2012 and get accreditation by statutory education inspection bodies by the end of 2012, it added. Now the system does not require this and allowed too many colleges below standard to become sponsors, it read.

Speaker rejects

FROM PAGE 20 prices of essentials. He, however, observed that the opposition lawmakers raised some important issues and those could have been discussed in the House. "But due to time constraint, it is not possible for me to accept any of the notices at this stage, as the parliamentary session will end tomorrow [today]," he said. Hamid also said he could have arranged discussion on some important notices in consultation with the main opposition BNP had those been submitted immediately after their return in parliament. The lawmakers, who had submitted the notices, will be able to speak on those when they participate in the discussion on thanks giving motion on the president's speech, he added. A total of 11 MP's belonging to BNP-led opposition submitted 136 notices to the parliament secretariat for holding discussions. Independent MP Fazlul Azim

SC adjourns

FROM PAGE 3 framing of the constitution. There is nothing in the name of transitional and temporary period in the constitution, it said. The SC in its judgment on February 2 last year upheld the High Court judgment over the fifth amendment with some observations and modifications. The HC in its verdict in 2005 cancelled the fifth amendment which had ratified all actions including those that destroyed the basic character of the country's constitution and made it subordinate to martial law proclamations, orders, and regulations made during around four years after August 15, 1975.

Permission

FROM PAGE 2 Malum also said the investigators are about to finalise investigations into the war crimes allegations against Matiur Rahman Nizami and Salauddin Quader Chowdhury who should be brought into the custody of the investigation agency for interrogation. Crimes against humanity fall under article 3 (2) of the International Crimes Tribunal Act, 1973, which also covers offences like war crimes, genocide, murder, abduction, confinement, torture, and rape. If found guilty, the accused might be handed down up to capital punishment. Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid, Assistant Secretary Generals Muhammad Kamaruzzaman and Abdul Quader Molla, and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee are now behind bars on charges of crimes against humanity.

Term us Advasi

FROM PAGE 2 the ruling Awami League in its last election pledges termed indigenous people Advasi several times, said the commission. It also reminded the AL government of its election manifesto that includes pledges to ensure human rights, equal opportunities, end of discrimination, and rights to preserve language, literature, culture, and unique lifestyles of the indigenous people. The application stated that the indigenous communities of Bangladesh retain their distinct characteristics that are different from that of general people, and it is the country's obligation to recognise them, as the government had ratified different conventions. The application, which was signed by three co-chairs of the CHT Commission Lord Eric Avebury, Advocate Sultana Kamal, and Ida Nicolaisen, said terming indigenous people Advasi will reaffirm the government's positions as progressive and secular.



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