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3 major projects for quick
Dhaka-Ctg communications
gather dust for years

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Three important projects launched four to five years ago to make Dhaka-Chittagong train link faster and more comfortable have so far made little headway.

The projects include upgrading the 196-kilometre single track of the 320-kilometre route to double track, rehabilitating the existing tracks, improving signalling system and modernising the stations.

Trains on the country's most important route have to regularly wait at different stations for other trains to pass due to the single-line track, delaying the journey by about two hours.

The single track is also a reason for frequent accidents. When an accident occurs, rescue operation is seriously hampered as relief train cannot reach the scene for not having another track.

Fourteen passenger trains run between Dhaka and Chittagong every day, while a large number of freight trains also use the route.

At the current pace of work, experts say the projects would require many more years to be completed.

TONGI-BHAIRAB BAZAR DOUBLE-LINE
The 64-kilometre single track is the most important as the Dhaka-bound trains from Chittagong and Sylhet run on it. A project was taken in mid-2007 to upgrade it to

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ANTI-COUPLE CAMPAIGN

When there is hardly any open space left for couples and families to spend afternoons in the crowded capital, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police prohibits male and female to sit together by the Crescent Lake, north of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. *Inset*, It even hung a signboard to warn people. The DMP failed to provide any reason for putting up such a signboard but did say that it would be taken down.

GB says all transactions done legally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Bank yesterday insisted all transactions from the microfinance bank to its borrowers and sister organisations were made within legal framework.

"Nothing unethical or immoral was done to personally benefit Professor Muhammad Yunus or any of the directors of Grameen's sister organisations," the Nobel-winning organisation said in response to media reports on a review committee report.

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BCL men clash at DU

70 injured as arms, bombs,
sharp weapons used

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed with firearms, home-made bombs and sharp weapons, two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League swooped on another faction at Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall in Dhaka University yesterday, leaving around 70 people injured.

Around 10 shots were fired and over five bombs exploded inside the dorm compound during the hour-long clash that started around 4:30pm over establishing supremacy.

The factions of Chhatra League hall unit President Mohammad Ali and General Secretary Mohiuddin jointly attacked the faction of hall unit Organising Secretary Mohiuddin Mahi spreading panic amongst hundreds of students inside the dormitory and halls

close by.

The conditions of 10 students, who were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Nitor Hospital in the capital, were reported to be critical as they were injured either by sharp weapons or bullets.

Chhatra League sources said Mahi has injuries from bullets and sharp weapons. Most of the students had injuries from sharp weapons.

DMCH officials said over 60 students received treatment at the hospital. A number of the victims also went to the university medical centre for treatment.

During the clash, at least 15 rooms belonging to the students of Mahi group were vandalised. Many of Mahi faction were assaulted. To escape the attack, a

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A room of Dhaka University Mohsin Hall vandalised during yesterday's violence that left 70 people hurt. *Inset*, Rows of injured students in Dhaka Medical College Hospital after the clash.



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