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AL's founding anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League observes its 62nd founding anniversary today.

On this day in 1949, East Pakistan Awami Muslim League was founded at the historic Rose Garden in Old Dhaka. Later, the word "Muslim" was dropped from the name of the party to

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31ST BCS EXAMS

10,212 selected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 10,212 candidates have been selected through the preliminary test of the 31st Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examinations, according to results published yesterday.

Results of 68 candidates were withheld,

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BNP should join talks

Says Nazmul Huda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP must sit for talks with the government on caretaker government issue, but it should be on condition that the party will not participate in the next election if the talks fail, party leader Nazmul Huda said.

BNP should initiate the talks without any

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Mob beats 2 'robbers' to death

UNB, Keraniganj

Two alleged robbers were killed in a mass beating in Daripara of Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital early yesterday.

The identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Police said a gang of seven to eight robbers entered the

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Shady realtors choke Turag

DoE finds 4 companies responsible for earth filling in the river

TAWFIQUE ALI

Neither the local administration nor the relevant authorities stopped the massive destruction of the river Turag, its foreshores and adjoining wetlands with mindless earth-filling by a number of private housing companies to develop plots choking the river almost by half at Goran Chat Bari in Mirpur.

An enforcement team of Department of Environment (DoE) during a drive at the site spotted the nuisance committed by at least four illegal private housing projects, including Star Housing beside Dhaka embankment.

Another realtor developed a project, locally known as SP Sahib's project, by freshly filling up the river bed and foreshores along the same alignment of Star Housing.

There is also Didar's project adjacent to Tamanna FamilyWorld amusement park.

Director of DoE Muhammad Munir Chowdhury led the drive to save the riverine environment. Custodian of river ports and channels, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) assisted the drive.

The encroachers not only filled up the river bed and its

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

BIWTA and the Department of Environment during a drive yesterday try to reclaim a section of the earth-filled Turag river at Mirpur Goran Chat Bari with an excavator. A so-called real estate company, inset, illegally filled up this portion of the river.

CID warned over probe delay

Court sets July 3 deadline to complete Aug 21 attack investigation

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Two Dhaka courts yesterday gave CID time until July 3 to complete its probes into the August 21 grenade attack cases but warned the investigator that no more time will be given.

Two cases were filed following the

attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in 2004 in which 23 people were killed.

Judge Mohammad Zahurul Haque of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court allocated the time for the case filed under the Explosive Substances Act while Judge

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4 killed in UP polls violence

STAR REPORT

Four people, including a schoolboy, were killed in violence over union parishad elections in Narsingdi, Mymensingh and Kurigram on Tuesday.

Of them, two got killed in Narsingdi and one each in Mymensingh and Kurigram.

In Kurigram, Bayezid, a

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

KL to fingerprint amnesty-seekers

STAR REPORT

The Malaysian government yesterday announced that illegal immigrants who come forward under an amnesty programme from next month will be fingerprinted.

The amnesty will protect undocumented Bangladeshi workers alongside other foreign labourers, bringing a relief to the migrants facing threats of arrest and deportation.

The programme, which will begin on July 11, will allow some of the immigrants to gain employment legally and others to leave the country without facing harsh punishments such as caning.

Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said not all of the illegal workers will be deported, adding that migrants who are needed by the local industries will be given documents to work legally, reports AFP.

On May 16, the Malaysian home ministry in an announcement said it will regularise an estimated three lakh undocumented Bangladeshi workers alongside other foreign labourers.

It will allow such workers to leave the country, if they want, without any penalty, the announcement said.


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The authorities removed almost all illegal stalls from pavements in Dhaka city ahead of the cricket World Cup, but now they are back again with hawkers occupying even large sections of streets. The photo was taken from Gulistan area yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

The Daily Star



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think cabinet approval to the draft constitution amendment bill has shut all the doors for government-opposition talks on the caretaker government issue?

Yes

64.3%

No

32.7%

No Comments

3.0%

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| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-52 | 6-55 |
| Esha | 8-17 | 8-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation



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