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in Short

BAF aircraft skids off SIA runway
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Flight operations at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (SIA) remained halted for half an hour after a fighter jet of Bangladesh Air Force skidded off the runway yesterday.

Flight Lt Mamun, pilot of the F-7 aircraft, was unhurt during the incident.

The aircraft rolled off the edge of the runway after landing

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NEW 7 WONDERS
Send text for Sundarbans
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Short message service (SMS) was introduced yesterday to elect the new seven wonders of nature in the world.

Inaugurating the SMS voting at a press briefing at the secretariat, Hasan Mahmud, state minister for environment and forest, called upon everyone to vote for the Sundarbans.

The Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest, has

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3 die while working in septic tank
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Three persons died while working in a septic tank of a house in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

Witnesses said Abu Taher Miah, 45, climbed down a septic tank of his house at Simantapara at around 9:30am to remove the bamboos used for its construction.

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Find solution to caretaker system row

Germany, EU urge govt, opposition to avoid politics of blockade

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Visiting German and European Union leaders yesterday said the government and the opposition in Bangladesh should work out a solution over the caretaker government dispute and avoid politics of blockade.

German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Dirk Niebel and EU Commissioner for Development Andris Piebalgs came up with the identical views at a press conference organised to wrapping up their four-day visit to Bangladesh.

They also said the EU and Germany want to see free, fair and inclusive Bangladesh national elections in 2014.

EU Commissioner Andris Piebalgs said there are divergent views on a caretaker government overseeing the next elections, but the political parties have obligation to work together in the interest of the country's economy.

"Today's opposition could be tomorrow's government and vice versa. The parties have the obligation to find a

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Rajuk take down a billboard, inset, of an estate company not registered with the city development authority at Bir Bikram Gen Mustafiz Sarani in the capital yesterday. Story on page 5.

Start process to sign transit deal

Suggests PM's adviser Gowher; Debapriya stresses homework to bargain for a good deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should start the process of signing the transit deal with India even on a small scale, the prime minister's foreign affairs adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi told a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

But economist Debapriya

Bhattacharya urged caution saying Bangladesh needs to do more homework to bargain for a good deal.

Gowher said "We have to start implementation of the process. We have waited for 40 years." He favoured signing transit

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MUSA BIN SHAMSHER
Banks asked to give info
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked all the commercial banks to provide it with the information and documents they have about Musa Bin Shamsheer, a businessman from Faridpur, in seven work days.

The anti-money laundering department of BB

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Govt to take up \$6.45b connectivity projects

ADB gives \$23m technical assistance loan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has planned to construct and upgrade 2,000 kilometres of land transport network to boost cross-border trade and establish greater connectivity across South Asia.

A total of 22 projects including eight for railway have already been chalked out under the proposed Sub-Regional

Transport Project Preparatory Facility. Of them, projects covering about 300-km network will be ready for implementation by 2012 while the rest by 2013.

The government yesterday entered a \$23 million technical assistance loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank paving the way for taking up the

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Members of the Rickshaw Van Malik Sramik Samity disrupt traffic at Nayabazar in the capital yesterday to protest the ban on non-motorised vehicles on the Second Buriganga Bridge. Story on page 2.

Bring stock faith back

Finance asked to take steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Awami League lawmaker Tofail Ahmed yesterday in parliament said the present government cannot avoid its responsibility for the sharemarket debacle and the finance ministry should take proper measures to this end.

Mentioning that many investors lost most of their capital due to the debacle, they demanded the government give special attention and take all necessary steps to stabilise the market.

Joining the discussion on the proposed budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year, Matia said the government should take the responsibility for the debacle.

"The government is made responsible for any human casualty even in different incidents, therefore, it [government] cannot avoid the responsibility of such a big incident," observed the minister.

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Would you support if the opposition enforces another hartal?

- Yes (47.0%)
- No (50.9%)
- No Comments (2.1%)

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