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Grabbers defy all

Filling up Shitalakkhya despite HC orders, cases filed against them

TAWFIQUE ALI

Filling of the river Shitalakkhya at Kanchpur in Narayanganj continues under the very nose of district and police administrations despite a High Court order to stop the encroachment.

The foreshores and a major portion of riverbed have been filled with earth, narrowing down the river almost to its half, to do trade of construction materials illegally.

Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner Md Shamsur Rahman said Bangladesh Inland Water Transport

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Sand traders occupy the Shitalakkhya up to almost mid-river on the north of Kanchpur Bridge in Narayanganj.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Star-DHL to honour businesses today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star and DHL Express will today honour successful business personalities, business houses and innovators for making major strides in developing the country's economy.

The annual event will take place at the city's Sonargaon Hotel in the evening, bringing together the country's business personalities, entrepreneurs, politicians, celebrities, civil society

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Niko admits it bribed Mosharraf

To pay \$9m fine

STAR REPORT

Niko Resources Ltd has been fined more than \$9 million after it admitted in a Canadian court that it had bribed former Bangladesh state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain with the use of a vehicle and a trip to North America.

The Canadian oil and gas company pleaded guilty yesterday to providing goods or services "to influence the acts or decisions of a foreign state," the Associated Press reports from Calgary, Canada.

The fines total 9,499,000 Canadian dollars (US\$9,750,794).

The value of access to the vehicle, a Toyota Land Cruiser, was 190,984 Canadian dollars (US\$196,046) and the value of travel was 5,000 Canadian dollars (US\$5,132).

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CARETAKER ROW Hope for talks fading away

Constitutional amendment bill to be placed in JS today

SHAKHAWAT LITON

As there is no worthwhile effort to reduce the widening gap between the opposition BNP and the ruling Awami League on the caretaker government issue, the chance for talks is dying away fast.

The recent political developments in many ways signal deepening of the political crisis in the coming days as perennial animosities between the two arch rivals are increasing, observed political analysts.

Some senior and mid-level leaders of Awami League and BNP told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity that they believe both parties should avoid doing anything right now that may contribute to closing of the door for talks.

The leaders said they feel the necessity for talks to

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CONVICTION OF KOKO BNP questions case's legality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition BNP yesterday questioned the legality of the money-laundering case against Arafat Rahman Koko, younger son of its Chairperson Khaleda Zia, and his conviction.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, the party's acting secretary general, said the filing of the case was illegal.

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It's a warning for politicians Says Syed Ashraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday said politicians have no reason to be happy with the jail sentence on Arafat Rahman Koko; rather they have something to learn from the judgement.

"We, the politicians, have to take lessons from the judgment," Ashraf said during a press briefing at party chief Sheikh Hasina's political office in Dhammandi.

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Robbers loot jewellery shop in broad daylight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted gold ornaments from a jewellery shop at the city's Banani yesterday.

A band of six posing as customers entered New Heera Jewellers Ltd on the ground floor of Iqbal Centre on Kamal Ataturk Avenue around 2:00pm, police said.

The shop staff said four of them were present during the robbery.

Holding them at

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A CID team collects evidence from a looted jewelry shop at the city's Iqbal Centre yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Samutang ready for gas exploration

Bss, Khagrachhari

Bapex yesterday successfully extracted gas from Samutang field in Manikchhari of Khagrachhari district almost 48 years after its discovery.

The experimental gas lifting was completed through igniting fire after successful rig walkover operation at the gas field in the morning, officials said.

The commercial distribution of gas will start from the field by the end of this December

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Limon protest programme attacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some unidentified youths yesterday attacked a protest programme against "the government's repression" on Rab victim Limon Hossain in front of the city's National Museum.

Prof Rahnuma Ahmed, an organiser of the programme, said 10-12 youths made the attack when Aranyak Theatre was staging a street drama named Kheksial.

At one stage of the drama, the youths came out of the crowd and kicked one of the

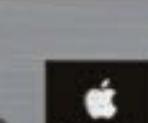
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