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BNP factions in Ctg sink difference

Unite to strengthen anti-govt agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Leaders of rival factions of Chittagong city unit BNP after a long time stood on the same platform yesterday to strengthen the ongoing anti-government agitation by the opposition.

At a rally held in front of the party office, Nasiman Bhaban, at Kazir Dewry in the city, they urged party activists to wage a movement in unison to bring down the government. The rally was organised under the banner "Save Bangladesh, Chittagong".

Activists of the factions-- one led by Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Chittagong city unit president, and the other by Shahadat Hossain, general secretary of the unit, joined the rally.

There has been a rift between Ameer Khasru and Shahadat Hossain over the formation of Jatiyatabadi Jubadal Committee, party sources said. However, on

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Leaders of rival groups within the Chittagong city BNP hold each other's hands during a rally on the port city's Noor Hossain Road yesterday to express unity on a tougher anti-government movement led by the party.

PHOTO: STAR

Indian Khasias shoot dead Bangladeshi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A group of Indian armed Khasias picked up and shot a Bangladeshi man dead yesterday near the zero line, close to the border pillar 1285 in Jaintapur upazila.

The deceased is Badsha Miah, 28, hailing from Dibir haor village of the upazila.

The Indian BSF at a meeting with the BGB in the afternoon admitted the incident. They would return the body today, Lt Col Md Shafiqul Azam, commanding officer of BGB 5 Battalion, Sylhet told The Daily Star.

There had been a long-standing dispute over the land and water body near the said border with the Indian Khasias.

Sources said Badsha

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SECRET KILLINGS AL blames BNP again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League (AL) yesterday once again blamed the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami for carrying out all recent secret killings in the country.

"BNP-Jamaat coalition has been involved in many conspiracies like recent murders and secret killings in the country," AL acting general secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif said yesterday at a press conference at the party president's political office in the capital's Dhanmondi.

It is the character of BNP to kill people and at the same time express sympathy to mislead the people, he observed.

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ONE-MONTH-OLD BOEING Faulty seats of Palki being replaced

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The economy-class seats of Palki, Biman's new Boeing 777-300ER that began commercial operation last month, are being replaced as their armrests started falling apart.

US company Weber had supplied the seats of the aircraft. It is now replacing the armrests in the economy class at its own cost during flight breaks at Shahjalal International Airport. The replacement will take a few more days.

Biman authorities said faulty design of the seats is causing the trouble. Sources said around 50 out of 384 seats in the economy class got broken. The seats in the business class are, however, in good shape.

Air Commodore (ret'd) Mohammad Zakiul Islam, managing director of

Bangladesh Biman, told The Daily Star last week that the seats were procured following a meeting of Biman, Boeing and Weber.

Asked if the US company was selected arbitrarily to save money, he said, "There was no scope for buying the seats from a company which is not approved by Boeing."

Meanwhile, some more complaints have also surfaced regarding the remote controls of movie screens and the galley of the \$ 152 million aircraft. The Biman MD, however, refuted the complaints.

ARUNALO

The other new Boeing 777-300ER named Arun Alo commenced its commercial flight on Dhaka-Kuala Lumpur course on December 5, almost 10 days after it had arrived in Shah Jalal airport.

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Prime suspect of Faridpur kidnapping arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Detectives in Faridpur yesterday evening arrested Syed Masum, the prime suspect in kidnapping five youths of the district.

Dadon Fakir, officer-in-charge of Bhanga Police Station, confirmed the arrest of Masum, member of a local crime gang known as Welcome Party.

The gang members phone people, introducing themselves as officials of mobile phone operators. The receivers then are told that they have won a lottery. But to get

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PHILIPPINES STORM Death toll 652

Rescuers struggling to find, help survivors

AFP, Cagayan De Oro

Philippine rescuers struggled against mud, fatigue and the stench of death yesterday to help the survivors of devastating flash floods that killed more than 650 people.

As bodies washed out to sea began rising to the surface, mortuaries were overwhelmed and emergency teams struggled to find survivors in cloying mud around the major port cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan on Mindanao island.

Entire villages were swept away by floodwaters as residents, normally spared from typhoons that devastate other parts of the Philippines every year, slept in the early hours of Saturday despite storm warnings.

The Red Cross said that 652 people had been confirmed dead and another 808 were currently listed as missing.

"I'm out here retrieving bodies that are starting to rise to the surface," Benito Ramos, head of the national disaster council, told AFP by mobile phone from a rescue boat off Cagayan de Oro.

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Bashundhara chairman sued for 'fraud'

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday summoned the chairman and managing director of East West Properties Development Ltd, a concern of Bashundhara Group, and three others to appear before it on February 20 on fraud charges.

Metropolitan Magistrate Hasibul Haque passed the order hours after North South University Chairman Mohammad Shahjahan filed a case accusing four including Ahmed Akbar Sobhan Shah Alam, chairman and MD of the housing company, of embezzling Tk 2.63 crore.

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Quader pledges short-term steps to check traffic jam

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday urged the officials and employees of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) to work for the country's development instead of giving lectures.

Referring to the city's severe traffic congestions, he said the government would take short-term steps on priority basis to ease traffic congestion.

"I urge RHD officials to talk less and work more for the country's development," Quader said while exchanging views with stakeholders in the transport sector at the RHD conference room in the city.

He said the countrymen dreamt of many things in the past but no dream came true. "We should not talk much and rather show some visible developments before the countrymen in the transport sector."

The minister also said the city roads would be freed from hawkers in phases adding that no step would be taken that might create public anger.

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A civet hunted by indigenous people in Gokunda village of Lalmonirhat being taken to a local bazaar for sale yesterday. According to law, killing, selling or trapping of wild animals is a punishable offence.

PHOTO: STAR

Last US troops leave Iraq

REUTERS, Baghdad

The last convoy of US soldiers pulled out of Iraq yesterday, ending nearly nine years of war that cost almost 4,500 American and tens of thousands of Iraqi lives and left a country grappling with political uncertainty.

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Do you think Jamaat-e-Islami's plea for forgiving them and forgetting what they did during the Liberation War is a new tactic to evade the war crimes trial?

Yes (62.2%)
No (33.2%)
No Comments (4.6%)

TOTAL VOTES: 611

TODAY'S POLL
How do you find the prime minister's remarks on secret killing and disappearance that opposition parties are resorting to the criminal acts in a bid to protect the war criminals?

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PRAYER TIMING December 19

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-20	5-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-22	5-25
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা

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নবসৃষ্ট ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্মানিত নাগরিকগণের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সম্পূর্ণ স্বচ্ছতা, দক্ষতা ও নিষ্ঠার সাথে নাগরিক সেবার মানোন্নয়নে ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন অঙ্গীকারবদ্ধ। সেবা প্রদানের সকল ক্ষেত্রে আপনাদের আন্তরিক সহযোগিতা কামনা করছি। ইতোমধ্যে উপর্যুক্ত লক্ষ্য অর্জনে নিম্নোক্ত পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ ও কার্যক্রম জোরদার করা হয়েছে।

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