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# Buet crisis deepens

*Teachers, students continue sit-in; VC declines to quit; PM asks syndicate to resolve standoff through discussion*

WASIM BIN HABIB and PALASH RAHMAN  
 The Buet crisis has deepened with the vice-chancellor and his deputy unwilling to step down while teachers, students and staff remain firm in their agitation for their removal. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asked the Buet VC to find a solution through talks with the agitating teachers, after calling him over to GonoBhaban yesterday evening. However, the Buet Teachers' Association at a press briefing last night said the door was closed for talks. The teachers, students and employees continued their sit-ins in front of the administrative building for the second day yesterday to press home their 16-point demand that include resignation of the two top administration bosses. They vowed to continue their agitation until the demands were met. But Vice-Chancellor Prof Nazrul Islam said he would not bow down to such an "unethical demand" as there



Students, teachers and staff stage a sit-in in front of the administrative building of Buet demanding resignation of the vice-chancellor. PHOTO: STAR

**Turn Padma bridge project into PLC**  
 Suggests ICB  
 GAZI TOWHID AHMED  
 The state-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has proposed the government to change the Padma bridge project into a public limited company. The proposal was sent to finance ministry on

# Solution for Rohingyas

*Myanmar president for deportation, UNHCR wants their citizenship*

AFP, Yangon  
 The Myanmar president told the UN yesterday that his government would send away the Rohingyas if any country accepted them. Refugee camps or deportation was the "solution" for nearly a million Rohingya Muslims in the wake of communal unrest in the west of the country, he added. Their Sein, who had previously struck a more conciliatory tone during fighting

# Avoid conflict, work together

*DCs asked to better coordination with elected representatives to continue development work*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 The government has directed the deputy commissioners (DC) to work in tandem with public representatives as the field-level administrators complained of conflict with the representatives hampering development work. "Conflict is not anything bad... the important thing is to work by resolving the conflict," Cabinet Secretary Mosharraf Hossain

# DCs won't get judicial powers

*Says law minister*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 The government will not give executive powers to the DCs for holding summary trial of offences as there is no scope for providing them with such powers in line with the Supreme Court directives, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday. At the conference of deputy commissioners (DCs), they demanded the power to control law and order and other offences effectively. Emerging from the meeting at the Cabinet Division's conference room at the

# TRUCKERS' STRIKE

*Export, import hampered*

REFAJET ULLAH MIRDHA  
 Business activities across the country were seriously hampered during the 48-hour countrywide strike enforced by truckers and covered van owners to press home their 14-point demand including an end to highway robbery. Export and import were also seriously hampered as no goods could be transported to the prime destinations. More than 80 percent of the country's export and import activities are carried out through the Chittagong Port. The transportation of goods between Dhaka and its adjacent industrial areas with the port city was snapped for the strike that ended early in the

# Robbers hijack van, kill fish trader's staff

*On May 22, a truck helper was killed and his two colleagues were injured as carjackers threw them from a running truck in the capital's Agargaon area, after hijacking the rod-laden truck from Savar.*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 Robbers hijacked a fish-laden pickup at Mohakhali in the capital early yesterday, killing an employee of a fish trading agency and injuring the pickup driver. This incident took place amid a 48-hour strike enforced by the owners of trucks, covered vans and pickups to press home their 14-point demand, including stopping highway robbery, extortion and police harassment. Beginning from 6:00am on Wednesday, the strike was scheduled to end at 6:00am today.

# HSC results on July 18

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# Same old faces, again

*Frustration grows as AL retains associated body's old leadership*

HASAN JAHID TUSHER  
 Anger and frustration ran deep among the rank and file of associated bodies of the ruling Awami League as the Swachhchasebak League retained the leadership in the long-due council held yesterday. The previous council in 2003 chose AFM Bahauddin Nasim as president and Pankaj Debnath as general secretary for a three-year term. After Nasim became AL organising secretary in 2009, he handed over the charge to Mollah Md Abu Kawser. Yesterday's council kept Kawser president and Pankaj general secretary for the next term, leaving the aspirants in despair. According to the constitution of the organisation, new leadership should be chosen in every three years through direct voting by the councillors but this is not the case in reality. The AL high command made the selections this time as it had done previously. The councillors from 74 district-level units of the

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