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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.

teachers, after calling him over to Gono Bhaban yesterday evening. However, the Buet Teachers'

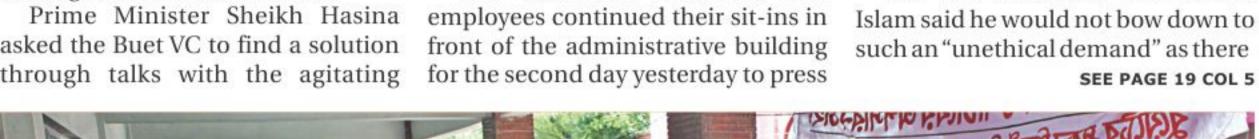
Association at a press briefing last night said the door was closed for

The teachers, students and through talks with the agitating 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

But Vice-Chancellor Prof Nazrul | The government has directed the SEE PAGE 19 COL 5





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

PHOTO:

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 SEE PAGE 19 COL 2 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. Thein Sein, who had previously struck

a more conciliatory tone during fighting

UNHCR wants their citizenship that left at least 80 people dead in Rakhine State last month, told the chief of the

Rohingya were not welcome.

Solution for Rohingyas

Myanmar president for deportation,

"We will take responsibility for our ethnic people but it is impossible to accept the illegally entered Rohingyas, who are not our ethnicity," he told UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres, according to the president's official website.

United Nations refugee agency the

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Same old

faces, again

Frustration grows as AL

old leadership

long-due council held yesterday.

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Mollah Md Abu Kawser.

retains associated body's

Anger and frustration ran deep among the rank and file of

associated bodies of the ruling Awami League as the

Swechchhasebak League retained the leadership in the

The previous council in 2003 chose AFM Bahauddin

Nasim as president and Pankaj Debnath as general secre-

tary for a three-year term. After Nasim became AL organ-

ising secretary in 2009, he handed over the charge to

general secretary for the next term, leaving the aspirants

Yesterday's council kept Kawser president and Pankaj

Avoid conflict, work together

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

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

Export, import

TRUCKERS' STRIKE

hampered

Bhuiyan told a news briefing on Secretariat yesterday

ions but did not complain against . At the conference of deputy commiswork in coordination with the : offences effectively. elected representatives, which: SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

DCs won't get judicial powers

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will not give executive conclusion of the three-day DC · powers to the DCs for holding summary conference at Bangladesh: trial of offences as there is no scope for : providing them with such powers in line He said the DCs raised the issue : with the Supreme Court directives, Law of conflict and difference of opin- : Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

the public representatives. They · sioners (DCs), they demanded the power made some suggestions on how to . to control law and order and other

Emerging from the meeting at the include lawmakers, upazila : Cabinet Division's conference room at the SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

REFAYET 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 ; strike was scheduled to end at SEE PAGE 6 COL 5 · 6:00am today. ended early in the

Robbers hijack van, kill fish trader's staff

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

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. The dead in yesterday's incident

is Md Hafiz, 40, and the injured driver is Md Yusuf. Yusuf was undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yester-Hafiz was an employee of "Dui

Bandhu Fish Enterprise" at Abdullahpur fish market.

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The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate and its equivalent examinations will be published on July 18.

HSC results on July 18

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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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